

**School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)**

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held in the Mountain View Room of the Education Services Centre at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

**PRESENT:** A. Wilson, Vice Chair  
D. Anderson  
K. Mann  
G. Tsiakos  
L. Tumaneng

**REGRETS:** L. Munro, Chair  
C. Gerlach

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**A. Call to Order**

In the absence of Board Chair Munro, Vice Chair Antje Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**A.1. Acknowledgments**

Vice Chair Wilson acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

**A.2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by D. Anderson

that the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be adopted.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

**A.3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by D. Anderson

that the minutes of the public meeting of April 16, 2024, be approved as amended, to note that Trustee Gerlach left the meeting after item C.7.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

**A.4. Public Questions/Comments**

No public questions or comments were received.

**B.1. Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD44-02**

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart introduced Michael Chapman, Acting Director, Facilities and Planning, to present this item. The Ministry of Education and Child Care amended the Capital Plan Response Letter concerning the 2024/25 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission of June 2023. Capital Plan Bylaw (CPSD44-01) was approved at the April Public Board meeting and the list of approved capital projects has been amended to include approval of four prefabricated classrooms at Westview Elementary School.

Moved by D. Anderson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD44-02 be read a first time;

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Moved by K. Mann

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD44-02 be read a second time;

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

The Board unanimously agreed to proceed to a third reading of the bylaw.

Moved by L. Tumaneng

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD44-02 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

## **B.2. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2024/25**

In accordance with the *School Act*, boards of education must adopt its budget bylaw on or before June 30 for the next fiscal year. Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan introduced this agenda item and welcomed Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Arlene Martin, Executive Director of Human Resources Scott Stanley, and Director of Financial Services Helena Drury.

The presenters provided an overview of the budget development process and the preliminary planning assumptions, highlighting student enrolment projections, revenues, staffing, salaries and benefits. The presentation included specific impacts to the Board's Strategic Plan Goals for 2021-2031. Input received during the consultation was considered in the development of the 2024/25 preliminary budget.

Trustee Daniel Anderson, Chair of the Audit Committee provided comments concerning the deliberations at the recent Audit Committee meeting.

The presenters provided clarification and responded to Trustees' questions.

First Motion

Moved by K. Mann

That the board of education restrict use of \$2,072,966 from the accumulated operating surplus for the 2024/25 preliminary budget

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Second Motion – Bylaw Approval

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 be read a first time;

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

Moved by L. Tumaneng

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 be read a second time;

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

The Board unanimously agreed to proceed to a third reading of the bylaw.

Moved by D. Anderson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

## **B.3. Trustee Stipend for Fiscal Year 2024/25**

Secretary Treasurer Stewart highlighted requirements from the *School Act* and Policy 107: Board of Education: Trustee Stipend, Resources and Expenses specific to Trustee Stipends. The board

was asked to consider a proposed increase of 4.3% for Trustee Stipends, based on the annual change in the Vancouver CPI, effective July 1, 2024.

Secretary Treasurer Stewart responded to questions.

Moved by A. Wilson

that the Board adopt Trustee Stipends for the Chair at \$33,506; the Vice Chair at \$31,815; and Trustee at \$30,911 effective July 1, 2024.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Motion adopted by four votes in favour and one vote against.

A short break was observed.

#### **C.1. School Fees for 2024/25**

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, introduced Assistant Superintendent Atkinson to present this item. Assistant Superintendent Atkinson provided an overview of the school fees and consultation with the school community.

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson responded to questions.

#### **C.2. Committee Reports – Written Update**

Written updates on the Audit Committee, the Joint Job Evaluation Committee, the Occupational Health and Safety Committee and the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee were included in the Board Agenda Package, no questions were asked.

#### **C.3. Land Management – Written Update**

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Agenda Package, no questions were asked.

#### **C.4. Standing Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

Trustee Tumaneng reported on the meeting that discussed Artificial Intelligence in Education.

#### **C.5. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent provided an update on events, initiatives, and programming across the school district. The update focused on the theme of Connection, Community and Curiosity.

Dr. Ryan responded to Trustees' questions.

#### **C.6. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association and BC Public School Employers' Association**

Trustee Anderson provided an update on the BC School Trustee's Association AGM. No update was provided on the BC Public School Employers' Association.

#### **C.7. Trustees' Reports/Highlights**

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from April 17, 2024 to May 21, 2024 with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

Meetings attended by Trustees included:

- Public Board Meeting
- Standing Committee Meeting

- Trustee Seminar
- Audit Committee Meeting
- Inclusion Committee Meeting
- Dinner Meeting with Mayor and Council of the City of North Vancouver
- BCSTA Conference
- BCSTA Metro Branch AGM and General Meeting
- City of North Vancouver 2024 Youth Awards
- District of North Vancouver 2024 Youth Awards

Events attended by Trustees included:

- Battle of the Books at Braemar Elementary School and the Education Services Centre
- Career Fair at Handsworth Secondary School
- Community Initiatives Event at Carson Graham Secondary School
- Grade 7 IB Exhibition at Queen Mary Elementary School
- Mock Crash Event at Argyle Secondary School
- Moose Hide Campaign Awareness Event at Handsworth Secondary School
- Open House at Cheakamus Centre
- Parent Advisory Council Meetings at Argyle Secondary, Handsworth Secondary and Mountainside Secondary
- Safety Blitz's at Dorothy Lynas Elementary and Upper Lynn Elementary Schools
- School planning events at Argyle, Carson Graham and Windsor Families of Schools
- School visits to Argyle Secondary, Blueridge Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carisbrooke Elementary, Lynn Valley Elementary, Norgate Elementary and Seymour Heights Elementary Schools
- Science Fair at Braemar Elementary School
- Student's Short Film Festival at Argyle Secondary School

**D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver

**E. Public Question and Comment Period**

The Chair called for questions and/or comments from the public noting that in accordance with Board policy, questions relating to personnel, negotiations or litigation must not be dealt with in a public session. No questions or comments were brought forward.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, Vice Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart  
Jacqui Stewart  
Secretary Treasurer  
June 18, 2024  
Date

Original signed by L. Munro  
Linda Munro  
Chair, Board of Education  
June 18, 2024  
Date