

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, September 24, 2024.

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

REGRETS: C. Gerlach

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Linda Munro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Chair Munro acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliilwətaʔt̓ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by G. Tsiakos

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

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public board meeting of June 18, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

A.4. Public Question/Comment Period

There were no public questions or comments received by the Board.

A.5. Educational Presentation: Summer Learning

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Greg Hockley, District Principal of Curriculum, Assessment Secondary and Career Education, and Jeeniece Chand, District Principal of Curriculum, Assessment Elementary and Early Learning, to provide an update on the various programs included in the 2024 Summer Learning Program.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

B.1. Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Capital Programs) for 2025/26

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart noted that the Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Programs) submission was approved in the Public Board Meeting of June 18, 2024, and that the Minor Capital Programs of the Five-Year Capital Plan will now be considered.

Michael Chapman, Acting Director, Facilities and Planning, provided an overview of the different programs included in the plan and responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board approve the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Capital Programs) for 2025/26 as attached to this administrative memorandum of September 24, 2024.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

B.2. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Secretary Treasurer Stewart introduced Helena Drury, Director of Financial Services, and Lenora Lee, Audit Partner at KPMG. Helena Drury provided highlights of the financial statements including total operating revenues from all sources of \$243.5 million and total expenses of \$248.4 million, resulting in a deficit of \$4.9 million. Operating fund revenues were \$197.7 million and operating fund expenses were \$198.9 million, resulting in an operating deficit of \$1.19 million before transfers to other funds for the purchase of capital assets. After recognition of all transfers, the accumulated operating surplus is \$7.1 million.

Lenora Lee, Partner at KPMG presented highlights from the Auditor's Report. Ms. Lee noted that the auditor's work is completed and resulted in a clean and unqualified audit opinion on the draft financial statements, which means that there are no material errors in the financial statements and that they present fairly.

Staff responded to Trustee's questions.

Moved by A. Wilson

that the Board approve the Internal Restrictions of Accumulated Surplus included within the Draft Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2024; and,

that the Board approve the Draft Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2024, as attached to this administrative memorandum of September 24, 2024.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

B.3. Corporate Banking Services - Toronto Dominion Borrowing Resolution

Secretary Treasurer Stewart introduced Helena Drury who provided an overview of the requirement for an update to the borrowing resolution, which was adopted on September 4, 2013. This is required to increase the School District's current borrowing amount to match the level of credit the bank is willing to extend to the School District.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education authorizes School District 44 (North Vancouver) to borrow from the Toronto-Dominion Bank up to a maximum of \$17,850,000 for payroll services, employee expenses reimbursements, school funds transfers, vendor payments letters of credit and a line of credit.

and repeal the following resolution adopted September 24, 2013:

that the Board authorizes School District 44 (North Vancouver) to borrow from the Toronto-Dominion Bank up to a maximum of \$8,350,000 for payroll services, employee expenses reimbursements, petty cash reimbursements, school funds transfers, vendor payments letters of credit and a line of credit.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

B.4. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent, introduced Arlene Martin, Assistant Superintendent to provide a summary of the 2024 report on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning . Ms. Martin provided context for the report and explained that it is part of the continuous improvement cycle of the school district, aimed at meeting the aspirational goals of the 10 year strategic plan. The presentation builds upon the discussions and feedback from the Standing Committee meeting on September 17, 2024.

Ms. Martin responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve the North Vancouver School District Enhancing Student Learning Report as attached to this administrative memorandum of September 24, 2024.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

A short break was observed

C.1. Notice of Motion – Elected Trustee Positions – Term Limits

Chair Munro introduced Trustee George Tsiakos to speak to this motion. Under the authority of the *School Act*, and pursuant to Policy 101: Board of Education, the Board is required to elect one of its members to be Chair of the Board and one member to be Vice Chair. The Board is also required to elect two Trustees to the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council, one Trustee serves as the Board's representative, and one Trustee is required to serve as an alternate. Additionally, the Board is required to elect two Trustees to the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA), one Trustee serves as the Board's representative, and one Trustee is required to serve as an alternate. Currently, there is no Board policy or administrative procedure that limits the number of consecutive terms that a Trustee may be elected to and serve in any one of these positions.

It is recommended that the Board amend its policies and administrative procedures to include consecutive terms limitations regarding Trustees elected to any of the above noted positions. The notice of motion will be brought forward at a future Public Board Meeting for approval.

C.2. Committee Reports – Written Update

Written updates on the Audit Committee, Capital Planning Committee and Information Communication Technology (ICT) Committee were included in the Board Agenda Package.

Dr. Ryan and Teodora Dotzeva, Director of Information and Communication Technology responded to questions about the ICT Committee Report.

C.3. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Agenda Package. Dr. Ryan responded to Trustees' questions.

C.4. Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Standing Committee Meeting

A written update on Standing Committee Meeting was included in the Board Agenda Package for information.

C.5. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent provided an update to Trustees on events, initiatives, and programming across the school district.

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 regarding the BC School Trustees Association.

Trustee Tumaneng had no updates regarding the BC Public School Employers' Association.

C.7. Trustees' Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from June 19 to September 24, 2024, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Trustee Seminars and Retreat
 - Audit Committee Meeting
 - North Vancouver School District Year End Gratitude Event
 - District Student Leadership Council Committee Meeting
 - BCPSEA Roundtable Accessibility Standards Meeting
 - BCSTA Workshop on BC Accessibility Standards
 - BCSTA Inclusive Education and Accessibility Working Group
 - BCSTA Metro Branch General Meeting
 - Canadian School Board Congress and National Gathering
 - Meeting with City of North Vancouver Mayor Linda Buchanan
 - Meeting with District of North Vancouver Mayor Mike Little
 - North Shore Congress Meetings
 - North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Use Meeting
 - North Shore Table Matters Network Meeting

- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - AFK Gordon Smith Gallery – “Playhouse” Exhibit Opening Celebration
 - Concerts, graduation ceremonies and school visits at various schools
 - Ministry Announcement - Lynn Valley Elementary School Expansion
 - Presentation of King Charles III Coronation Medal Ceremony
 - Parent Advisory Council Meetings
 - Superintendent’s Celebration of Learning Luncheon

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver

E. Public Question/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, Board Chair Munro adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart
Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

October 22, 2024
Date

Original signed by L. Munro
Linda Munro
Chair, Board of Education

October 22, 2024
Date