

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OPEN MEETING
OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 7:00 PM
School Board Office
811 Ontario Street, New Westminster**

PRESENT	Anita Ansari, Chair Dee Beattie, Trustee Danielle Connelly, Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal, Vice-Chair Mark Gifford, Trustee Maya Russell, Trustee	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary Guests: Bruce Cummings, Director of Instruction, Learning Services Karen Catherwood, Principal, Qayqayt Elementary Stephen Inniss, District Vice Principal, Pearson Adult Learning Centre Janaya Fuller Evans, Reporter, New Westminster Record Sarah Wethered, Teacher Librarian, NWSS
REGRETS	Mary Lalji, Trustee	

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2020-007

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the agenda for the February 25, 2020 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

i. January 28, 2020 Red:

3. PRESENTATION

a. Qayqayt Elementary School Presentation

Qayqayt Principal Karen Catherwood introduced a video they created to feature their school growth plan.

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received.

Further follow-up was requested regarding the letter of response from Minister Fleming regarding counsellors to student ratio.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, February 11, 2020

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Beattie

Trustee Beattie indicated that the Padlet feedback tool used at the Education meeting was very helpful. It was requested to bring back the questions posed to a future meeting for further discussion.

ii. Approval of the February 11, 2020 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2020-009

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the February 11, 2020 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, February 11, 2020

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly
Trustee Connelly

- iii. 2019-2020 Amended Budget
- 2020-011**
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve that \$1,000,000 of surplus be appropriated and transferred to local capital for the contribution related to the Richard McBride Elementary seismic replacement project.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2020-012**
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the three readings of the amended budget bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2020-013**
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the first and second reading of the amended budget bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2020-014**
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the third reading, reconsideration and final adopt the amended budget bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- iv. Continuing Education
- Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham will present a detailed report structural surplus/deficit, which will include Continuing Education Analysis at the March 3, 2020 Combined Education and Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting, as such, the Board may wish to postpone their decision until they have had an opportunity to review that information. The report will include data cost analysis for each of the day/afternoon/evening Continuing Education program and reinforces information already shared. A decision regarding the program would be made at the March 10, 2020 Regular Open Board meeting.

for students in extra-curricular activities; relationships –