

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

Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 7:00 PM

Via Webex Livestream

PRESENT	Anita Ansari, Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Trustee	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Vice Chair	Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources
	Mark Gifford, Trustee	Guests:
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4. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Ansari acknowledged correspondence received and sent on behalf of the Board regarding TransLink advocacy; NWSS Auxiliary and a thank you letter from Game of Apps, which New Westminster Schools' won and congratulated all those involved.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. CANCELLED-Education Policy & Planning Committee, June 2, 2020

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, June 9, 2020

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly

Trustee Connelly thanked the Student Voice Student Trustees for sharing their survey on remote learning and thanked and wished them well in their future studies.

ii. Approval of the June 9, 2020 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2020-041

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. 2021-2022 Five-Year Capital Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham updated the Board regarding a change made to the Five-Year Capital Plan since the June 9, 2020 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting. Initially, the playground for Richard McBride Elementary was referenced as priority 1, however, since projects approved must be completed within one year, this is not possible as the location of the playground is part of the current construction site for the new school. Therefore, the priority was changed to 2.

2020-042

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2021-2022 Five-Year Capital Plan as outlined in the attached summary for submission, including the change to reflect that the Richard McBride Elementary School playground is a priority 2 project, to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iv. 2020-2021 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan

2020-043

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2020-2021 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan in the amount of \$1,141,892.00 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- v. Orange Shirt Week

2020-044

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) acknowledge Orange Shirt Week from September 28 - October 2, 2020 and encourage staff and student participation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- vi. 2020-2021 School Fees

It was asked whether school fees could be standardized across elementary and middle school levels. Fo.9 (di (Fo.9 (da)x17.6 (u013plhet)-2 (, Fo.9 (ds)-el 2020 D1 1 Tf 0 Tc 0 Tw 29.62 0 11-173

ii. Budget 2020-21 Summary Report

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham presented the budget summary document, which has been posted on the District's [website](#).

iii. Good things are happening 2019/2020 year in review

Superintendent Hachlaf highlighted several initiatives that were launched in 2019-20. The Strategic Plan themes will be aligned to the many

a plan for ongoing consultation and engagement with students, families, staff, teachers, Principals and Vice Principals to support implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Superintendent Hachlaf and Associate Superintendent Naser indicated that the proposed work in the second motion will be a multi-year initiative. A September / October 2020 timeline for capturing this plan in its entirety would not be possible. Director, Instruction, Learning Services Cunnings echoed those sentiments.

It was requested and confirmed that the second part of the motion would be deferred to the September 22, 2020 Open Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

MOTION POSTPONED

2020-047

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) postpone the second part of the motion for consideration to the September 22, 2020 Operations Policy & Planning Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. September 2020 Committee and Board Meetings' Format

Chair Ansari shared that a discussion was held in the June 23 In-Camera Board meeting. A decision was made to review and revise the 2020-21 Board and Committee meeting schedule due to the ongoing challenges posed by COVID-19, which continues to limit the number of in-person meetings. Perhaps, meetings will continue as a hybrid of in-person and virtual formats. An updated schedule will be made public when confirmed.

8. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees provided highlights of activities they participated in June.

Chair Ansari and the Trustees thanked the District for all their work this past year during these challenging times.

9. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the meeting.

Dave Bollen, Vice President CUPE Local 409, asked that the reduction of the administrative position at Hume Park Home Learners be reconsidered. Chair Ansari asked that he please send the Board an email with his questions/concerns as this topic was not part of the agenda.

10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

This schedule may change. The revised meeting schedule will be made public in mid-August, once it has been confirmed.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020: Education Policy & Planning Committee, 6:00pm - TBD
Tuesday, September 22, 2020: Operations Policy & Planning Committee, 7:00pm - TBD
Tuesday, September 29, 2020: School Board Meeting, 7:00pm - TBD

Reminder:
Orange Shirt Day, September 30

11. **REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING**

- a. Record of May 26, 2020 In-Camera Board Meeting

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer