

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

Tuesday, September 29, 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:
	Mary Lalji, Trustee	Members of the Public
	Maya Russell, Trustee	

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

i. June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting

2020-050

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for the June 23, 2020 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Orange Shirt Week

Associate Superintendent Naser introduced NWSS Principal Murray McLeod and Vice Principal John Lekakis who presented on activities taking place during Reconciliation Week. A \$1,200 bursary has been set up in Chief Larrabee's honour.

b. 2020-21 Strategic Plan Review

Superintendent Hachlaf provided a brief overview and introduced the team leaders who provided highlights from their respective areas of focus: Learning, IT and Communications; Finance, Facilities and Capital Projects; and Human Resources.

Chair Ansari thanked everyone for their presentations.

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

Please note questions will be answered during Question Period near the end of the meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Ansari addressed the correspondence received by the Board. The importance of the Anti-Racism Policy Work, TransLink funding and the concerns expressed over the return to school will be discussed at future Board / Committee meetings when everyone can provide the appropriate amount of attention.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, September 15, 2020

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Beattie

Trustee Beattie thanked Trustee Dhaliwal for chairing the September 15 meeting.

ii. Approval of the September 15, 2020 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2020-051

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the September 15, 2020 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED

- iii. 2020-21 Board Annual Workplan - Board Policy 2 -

7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Superintendent Update (K. Hachlaf)

i. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Hachlaf provided highlights of the steps regarding communicating with families and staff around COVID-19 exposures.

- x It was confirmed that the notification letters to families are sent out the same day as communication with Fraser Health is completed. As school communities become more familiar with this process, there should be less confusion around COVID-19 exposure communication. The communication flowchart was reviewed.
- x Online professional development continues with staff throughout the year.
- x District COVID-

- Technology costs to support online learning options: \$289,946
  - COVID-19 school supplies: \$100,000
- Health and Safety: \$865,000 (in addition to the \$488,210 already received from provincial funding)
- PPE, plexi-glass, disinfection foggers and medical accommodation supplies: \$100,000
  - Increased electrical costs to run HVAC units longer to increase fresh air intake into schools: \$75,000
  - Touchless faucets and other capital upgrades: \$325,000
  - Outside learning spaces (3): \$365,000 - looking at obtaining these structures via Habitat; steel structure; looking at the larger more populated school sites, before making a decision, the school communities will be asked whether this will be suitable for the sites. Not every site will be conducive to these spaces.

Transportation: \$6,000

- Special needs students who have mobility challenges; additional cleaning measures.

Childcare: \$0

- At this time, had to prioritize dollars to support K-12 learners

Executive Director of Human Resources Weston indicated that the District is currently recruiting for TTOCs to augment the current number of TTOCs already in the District. This would help to limit the number of sites to which they are assigned and mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees shared

12. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

- a. Record of the June 23, 2020 In-Camera Board Meeting
- b. Record of the August 20, 2020 Special In-Camera Meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

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