

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

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 7:00 PM
Via Webex Livestream**

PRESENT	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Vice-Chair	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
	Anita Ansari, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Guests:
	Mark Gifford, Trustee	Members of the Public
	Mary Lalji, Trustee	Dave Crowe, Director of Capital Projects
	Maya Russell, Trustee	Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminister Record
		Sarah Wethered, President, NWTU
		Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary

REGRETS Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources

The New Westminister School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2020-070

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the December 15, 2020 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

1. November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting

2020-071

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes as distributed for the November 24, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

3. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

Nil.

4. **REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

a. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Hachlaf provided an update:

i. COVID-19 Update:

The revised Fraser Health Early Notification process and New Westminster Schools' statistics were reviewed. Various school districts have provided feedback and suggestions to Fraser Health to help improve clarity around communication of the notification process:

The District's first self-isolation letter was sent to a class at NWSS and those students are being supported via online learning.

- Considerations in the event of Stage 3, schedules of instruction were reviewed, based on full-day models to allow for a more consistent schedule.
- Central Registration - Neighbourhood Learning Centre - within NWSS, there will be a Wellness Centre, which is being reviewed at the Advisory Committee level. The Welcome Centre has moved beyond the concept stage and is now being setup at NWSS. Centralized registration system will be implemented in January. This project has been years in the making and it is very exciting to see this come to fruition.
- K-8 Online Update - registration opportunities were opened up for families both to return to in-class learning; and online learning. 48 families applied to return to in-class instruction; 68 families applied to go to online learning.
- Discover New Westminster Schools - in early 2020, the first Discover New Westminster Schools was introduced and it was a massive success. The 2021 event will take place virtually in mid-January. Details will be available on the District website.

ii. NWSS Move/Transition

The new high school will open on Januar(c)-2.1 2 (o.007 Tw 3.26 1(s)-2 (w)15 (hi)2.7 (g

ThoughtExchange to review how the format for the 2021-22 Budget Cycle could be adjusted to the format more helpful to the District. Staff was asked to research other possible platforms with which to engage the public in a more meaningful and honest manner. It was asked what the cost is of using ThoughtExchange. Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham will bring this information to the next meeting.

2020-072

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2021-22 Budget Development Process and Timelines, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham provided highlights of the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for 2019-20. It was asked that any Administrative Procedures relating to procurement be reviewed to ensure that they are Living Wage Employers.

2020-073

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education School District No. 40 (New Westminster) acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- d. Bank Signing Authority

2020-074

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster)'s bank signing authorities Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal and Trustee Dee Beattie, Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent; and Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer be approved;

AND FURTHER that effective immediately, bank signing authority Trustee Anita Ansari former Board Chair, be removed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e. Student Withdrawal & New Registration Report

Associate Superintendent Naser provided highlights of the report:

48 students moved out of the District; 176 students left the District; 10

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