

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

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

Danielle Connelly, Trustee  
Mark Gifford, Trustee  
Maya Russell, Trustee  
Mary Lalji, Trustee

Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent  
Robert Weston, Executive Director – Human Resources  
Guests:  
Members of the Public  
Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminister Record  
Peter Leblanc, Massey Board  
Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager  
Sarah Wethered, President NWTU  
Dave Crowe, Director - Capital Projects  
Kathleen Carlsen, DPAC Chair  
Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Connelly added an item and motion under New Business – extending mask mandate to include K to Grade 3 students. Trustee Dhaliwal noted it would be added as agenda item 8b.

**2021-057**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the September 28, 2021 Regular School Board meeting as amended.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

1. June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting

**2021-058**

**Moved and Seconded**

b. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

4. **COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS**

iii. 2021-22 Board Annual Workplan - Board Policy 2 - Appendix A

**2021-060**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the School District No. 40 (New Westminster) revised Board Policy 2 - Appendix A: Board Annual Workplan for 2021-2022.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, September 14, 2021

iv. 5 Year Capital Plan - Minor Capital Projects

**2021-064**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2022-23 Minor Capital Plan as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

a. Superintendent Update (K. Hachlaf)

Superintendent Hachlaf provided highlights:

- Attended DPAC virtually and engaged with parents
- Recognition of Orange Shirt week
- Moose Hyde Campaign - grassroots campaign against violence towards women and children
- Attended first assembly in a year and a half -Connaught Heights
- Official NWSS opening October 14 with a celebration and video in the Grand Commons

b. Massey Theatre Transfer (B. Ketcham)

Chair Dhaliwal on behalf of the Board extended thanks to Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham through all the work and negotiations.

The full bylaw was read.

**2021-065**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve THIRD, reconsideration and final reading of the Disposal of Real Property bylaw No. 21-01.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

c. 5 Year Capital Plan - Major Capital Projects Amendment (B. Ketcham)

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham provided her thanks to Director - Capital Projects Crowe, Superintendent Hachlaf and the entire team on the Massey Theatre transfer – it was a team effort. Highlights were provided on the major capital plan



b. Mask Mandate K - 3 (Trustee Connelly)

Superintendent Hachlaf shared that mask wearing is not the highest measure with respect to prevention - daily health checks, cleaning and hand hygiene remain paramount. When looking at the Communicable Disease Plan, a regional approach may be required.

Trustees shared the New Westminster community is one of the most highly vaccinated, and that there was no interest in undermining the Provincial Health Officer orders given the Board of Education are not the health or epidemiology experts. Advocacy discussions occurred.

**2021-069**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) extend the current grade 4 to 12 mask mandate to include kindergarten – grade 3 students.***

Vice-Chair Beattie

Questions and discussion followed.

9. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**