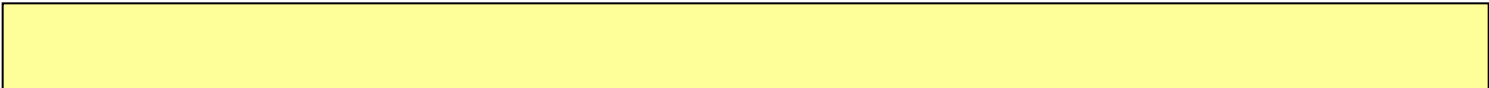


**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OPEN BOARD MEETING OF  
THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 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            Robert Weston, Executive Director – Human Resources  
                 Mark Gifford, Trustee                    Guests:  
                 Maya Russell, Trustee                   Members of the Public  
                 Mary Lalji, Trustee                    Will Shelling, Bakau  
                    Dave Crowe, Director - Capital Projects  
                    Bruce Cunnings, Director of Instruction-Learning Services  
                    Iain Lancaster, District Vice Principal-Programs & Planning  
                    Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director of Instruction-Learning &  
                    Innovations  
                    Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager  
                    Susana Quan, Vice Principal, NWSS  
                    Stacy Brine, Teacher, NWSS  
                    Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record  
                    Dave Bollen, Vice President – CUPE 409  
                    Kathleen Chad, Principal, Skwo:wech  
                    Sarah Wethered, President NWTU  
                    Kathleen Carlsen, DPAC Chair  
                    Janet Kinneard, CUPE  
                    Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary



**1.    ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**2021-080**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the agenda for the November 23, 2021 Regular School Board meeting as amended.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.    APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a.    Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

October 26, 2021 Regular Open Meeting

**2021-081**  
**Moved and Seconded**



**Trustee Ansari nominated Trustee Beattie as Vice-Chair** for the 2022 Board of Education.

**Trustee Beattie accepted the nomination.**

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for the 2022 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

**Trustee Lalji nominated herself as Vice-Chair** for the 2022 Board of Education.

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board a 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Trustee Connelly nominated herself as Vice-Chair** for the 2022 Board of Education

There being no further nominations a vote proceeded. **Trustee Beattie was declared Vice-Chair** for the 2022 Board of Education.

- d. **Election of BCSTA Provincial Council (nci) CID 9 y M3 1 Tf-0.002 Tc 0.007 Tw 0.8e(.7 (ncieg)10**

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2022 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

**Trustee Lalji nominated herself for BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate** for the 2022 Board of Education.

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2022 Board of Education a 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

There being no further nominations, a vote proceeded. Trustee Russell withdrew her nomination acceptance. **Trustee Ansari was declared BCSTA Provincial Delegate Alternate** for the 2022 Board of Education.

e. **BCPSEA Representative**

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the BCPSEA Representative for the 2022 Board of Education.

**Vice-Chair Beattie nominated Trustee Russell for BCPSEA Representative** for the 2022 Board of Education.

**Trustee Russell accepted the nomination.**

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of **BCPSEA Representative** for the 2022 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

**Trustee Lalji nominated herself for BCPSEA Representative** for the 2022 Board of Education.

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of **BCPSEA Representative** for the 2022 Board of Education a 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

There being no further nominations, a vote proceeded. **Trustee Russell was declared BCSTA Provincial Delegate Alternate** for the 2022 Board of Education

**BCPSEA Representative Alternate**

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the BCPSEA Representative Alternate for the 2022 Board of Education.

**Trustee Russell nominated Trustee Lalji for BCPSEA Representative Alternate** for the 2022 Board of Education.

**Trustee Lalji accepted the nomination.**

Chair Dhaliwal called for nominations for the position of **BCPSEA Representative Alternate** for the 2022 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Lalji was declared BCPSEA Representative Alternate** for the 2022 Board of Education (by acclamation).









Questions and discussion ensued.

Chair Dhaliwal put forth a motion:

**2021-087**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) extend the Regular Open Board meeting of November 23, 2021 past 9:30 pm.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-088**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) allocate up to \$500,000 for priority replacement staffing to address urgent staff replacement challenges that are impacting staff, students and families.***

**CARRIED  
1 Opposed**

- e. 2022-2023 Board Authority / Authorized (BAA) Courses (M. McRae-Stanger)

Director of Instruction-Learning & Innovations, McRae-Stanger provided background and process information on Board Authority/Authorized (BAA) courses before identifying this years' course for approval:

- ELL Cultural Identities 11: The aim of the course is to have students learn English by telling their own stories and comparing their experiences to other cultures including Canadian culture and Indigenous cultures, thereby developing their abilities in receptive and expressive language.

**2021-089**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the following Board Authority/Authorized Courses for the 2022/2023 school year.***

**BAA English Language Learning– Cultural Identities 11**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- f. Inclusive Education Review Update (B. Cunnings)

Director of Instruction-Learning Services, Cunnings highlighted the Inclusive Education Review, in particular, the Phase 2 Recommendations. Further updates will be provided in February 2022.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Nil.

**9. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)**

The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the meeting. For full comments please refer to the meeting video.

Trustee Lalji put forward a motion:

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the cost to place the blinds in all classrooms in our NWSS new school as per the plea of the students for their safety and their preferred learning environment to provide a distraction free environment.***

**MOTION NOT SECONDED**

**10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021: School Board Meeting, 7:00pm - via Webex

Tuesday, January 18, 2022: Education Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 5:00pm - via Webex

Tuesday, January 18, 2022: Operations Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - via Webex

Reminders:

BCSTA Trustee Academy - December 3 - 4, 2021

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - December 6, 2021

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

- a. Record of the October 26, 2021 In-Camera Meeting
- b. Record of the November 9, 2021 Special In-Camera Meeting

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer