

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

Tuesday , June 21 , 2022, 7:00 PM

Via Webex Livestream

- PRESENT    Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair      Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent  
              Dee Beattie, Vice-Chair     Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer  
              Danielle Connelly, Trustee     Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent  
   Robert Weston, Executive Director Human Resources
- Mark Gifford, Trustee            Guests:  
              Mary Lalji, Trustee          Members of the Public  
              Maya Russell, Trustee        Dave Crowe, Director Capital Projects  
   Bruce Cunnings, Director, Instruction, Learning Services  
   Tammy Dewar, Curriculum Facilitator  
   Amy Grey – Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
   Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager  
   Sarah Lynes, Curriculum Facilitator  
   Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record  
   Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director Instruction, Learning  
   & Innovations  
   Ria Renouf, Reporter, New West Anchor  
   Cyrus Sy, DPAC  
   Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary
- REGRETS    Anita Ansari, Trustee  
              Robert Weston, Executive Director Human Resources

1.    ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Chair Dhaliwal added an item and motion under Superintendent Update: Short-Term Capacity Review.

2022-049

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the agenda for the June 21, 2022, Regular School Board meeting as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.    APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a.    Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

    i.    May 24, 2022, Regular Open 3279.6



THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the June 7, 2022 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. 2023-24 Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Projects) Submission

2022-053

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2023- 24 Major Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iv. Trustee Elections Bylaw

2022-054

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve THIRD reading, reconsideration and final adoption of Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2022 -TE-SD40-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

v. Board Annual Workplan

2022-055

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the Board Annual Workplan for the 2022 -23 school year.

CARRIED  
1 Opposed

vi. Healthy School Food Funding

2022-056

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) write letters to our local MLA, Minister Jennifer Whiteside and the Minister of Finance, Honourable Selina Robinson, to support the BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food's recommendations to the Government of British Columbia urging that they build on existing commitments and allocate funding and resources to create more local school meal programs for K -12 students in BC by:

1. Committing to securing \$50 million/year for three years, to design, implement and evaluate research -based school program pilots in a minimum of six school districts across the province;
2. Allocating an additional \$3 million in funding so that every school district in BC can hire a dedicated School Meal Program Coordinator, to build capacity for school food programs, and;
3. Assembling an internal and external provincial school food task forces to advise and support the development of un/P </MCID 1 >>2eye5a-olooi ad\*10..

- ii. Good things are happening 2021/2022 year in review (K. Hachlaf & K. Keighley-Wight)

Superintendent Hachlaf and Communications Manager Keighley-Wight highlighted District successes from the 2021-22 school year:

- Welcome Centre
- Sanctuary School Policy
- Indigenous Education
- Opening of Skwo:wech Elementary School
- Learning outside the classroom – a return to field trips
- Transforming the student experience
- Climate action
- Building meaningful relationships

- iii. Short-Term Capacity Review

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham highlighted the immense capacity pressures that exists between now and construction completion of the new Fraser River Elementary School no earlier than January 2027 and the need for an immediate action plan to address the 5-year gap. Guiding Principles were identified for the difficult choices that lie ahead. She highlighted the Board's deep commitment to offering childcare spaces.

Guiding Principle #1 – Prioritize the utilization of space within our schools to support K-12 in-catchment regular enrolment while also ensuring sufficient play and outdoor learning space.

Guiding Principle #2 – Programs of choice, community partnerships (including infant/toddler childcare), and non-instructional uses of space will be operated, when necessary, relocated to school facilities where space permits.

Questions and discussion followed.

*Trustee Lalji brought forward the following motion:*

Moved

CARRIED  
1 Opposed

- b. Administrative Procedure 300 - Student Admissions, Catchment Areas and Placement (M. Naser)

Associate Superintendent Naser identified proposed changes,

