

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

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 7:00 PM
Via Zoom Link**

PRESENT Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair ~~Ph~~annelly, Trustee

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

Guests:

Members of the Public
Dave Crowe, Director Capital Projects
Amy Grey – Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager
Dan Healy, KPMG
Dave Bollen, CUPE President
Kristie Oxley, NWTU President
Cyrus Sy, DPAC
Laura Goodman, Recording Secretary

The New Westminster 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 Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2022-060

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the agenda for the September 27, 2022, Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meetings held:

1. i. June 21, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

2022-061

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for June 21, 2022, Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. 2021-2022 Audit Findings Report (Dan Healy, KPMG)
Dan Healy presented his executiveent FiD UNAt Findien

Vice-Chair Beattie put forth a call for comments and questions, and discussion followed.

2022-062
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) recommend the approval of the 2021-2022 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

NWTU: New NWTU president Kristie Oxley, shared her gratitude for the funds that were set aside to hire additional replacements including the hiring of priority TTOC's to deal with the teacher absences. Mentorship event held was well attended. Orange Shirt Day, and the Day for National Truth and Reconciliation - good to see teachers and students wearing orange shirts.

CUPE 409: Dave Bollen – CUPE national has concluded its negotiations for a provincial framework agreement. Dave stated that he was pleased with the district's decision to hire 10 priority E.A. positions, including extra support at NWSS to offset the workload.

DPAC: Cyrus Sy - reported on an advocacy around the Ministry Area Standards document. The first DPAC meeting of the school year was a success. Guest speakers from the district will also attend future DPAC meetings and will present on a variety of topics. Caregiver & Parent Survey: working on finalizing the content and format of our caregiver parent survey. DPAC is hosting an all candidates meeting at the NWSS grand commons and candidates will be asked to complete questions. DPAC shared their opinion on a missed communication opportunity following the passing of the Queen. Members of the public also shared their experiences and concerns.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Superintendent Update (K. Hachlaf)

Welcome Back Message, and kick off to the school year - Good things are happening!

- Superintendent Hachlaf recognized the end of term for our Board of Education and thanked the entire team for their efforts during a number of challenging years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Student & Family Affordability Fund Update (B. Ketcham)

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham provided an update on the Student Family Affordability Fund, a one-time investment of \$60 million province-wide which is intended to directly support students and families who have been affected by the effects of global inflation and cost of living challenges. New West Schools will be working to distribute and invest almost \$700K across the community. A significant amount of consultation with PACs on how best to utilize this funding to support families was completed. The approach was shared on the 3 tiers of funding allocation created – universal funding, funding for nutrition and funding for local customized supports. Priority of funding: to expand meal programs, ensure students have school supplies, and to cover additional student fees e.g., field trips.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

a. Chair Report (Chair Dhaliwal)

Nil.

Trustees provided highlights of the events they attended in September.

10. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

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

11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 4, 2022: Education Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 3:30pm - Herbert Spencer Elementary.

Tuesday, October 4, 2022: Operations Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - via MS Teams.

Tuesday, October 25, 2022: Board Meetings (In-Camera & Open) - (SBO)

12. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

a. i. Record of the June 21, 2022, In-Camera Meeting

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer