

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

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 7:00 PM
In-Person and Via Zoom Link

PRESENT Maya Russell, Chair
Cheryl Sluis, Vice-Chair
Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee
Danielle Connelly, Trustee
Elliott Slinn, Trustee
Cheryl Sluis, Trustee
Kathleen Carlsen, Trustee

Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Julie Pearce, Interim Associate Superintendent
Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Weston, Executive Director, HR
Dave Crowe, Director of Capital Projects
Amy Grey, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Laura Goodman, Recording Secretary

Members of the Public
Laura Kwong, DPAC Chair
Dave Bollen, CUPE 409 President
Kristie Oxley, NWTU President

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

2024-008

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the agenda for the February 27, 2024, Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a. Minutes from the Open Meetings held:

i. Open Board Meeting held Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

2024-009

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve A1024 Distr.H

2024-010
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, Special Open School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY t]T-4.3

Questions were raised, and discussion ensued with Chair Russell providing answers to the questions posed above.

CUPE 409 Dave Bollen, President

- CUPE 409 AGM was held on Saturday, February 24th.
- CUPE 409 recently completed its bylaws which resulted in the new Indigenous Members Representative executive position. The name of the successful candidate will be stated at the next Board meeting.
- Bollen noted that CUPE was disappointed to learn that the Child Care program at Lord Tweedsmuir did not open as planned. He further stated that if the Board of Education is interested, CUPE National would like to invest in a cost share program with the District to help support the program for September 2024.

Chair Russell stated that the Tweedsmuir afterschool Child Care did not open as planned due to insufficient enrolment, and thanked CUPE for their offer regarding a cost-share program.

NWTU: Kristie Oxley, President

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2024-012

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for the Education Policy and Planning Committee held on February 13, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, January 16, 2024.

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly.

Trustee Connelly provided brief highlights of the meeting.

2024-013

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for the Operations Policy and Planning Committee held on February 13, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Superintendent Update (K. Hachlaf)

- Superintendent Hachlaf continues to participate in 'school learning plan visits and shared brief examples of goals put forward by Ecole Glenbrook Middle School (EGMS), and New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS). Highlights include a student-led technology club that assists students with digital safety presentations; qualitative student data collection to foster safe and inclusive spaces; communication bulletins to parents that contain safety initiatives and helpful resources; ongoing education re

- In the 2023–2024-year enrolment capacity was at 115%, and this number continues to increase as enrollment increases. The greatest need for space is in the Fraser River Zone, and the District continues to work on its submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC) on the Simcoe Elementary School project to create some relief by 2027-28. They also continue to work with the Ministry and the City on their proposed plans for the Fraser River Middle School (FRMS) to alleviate capacity at the Middle School level.
 - In the interim, the District will continue to create Short Term Capacity Strategies to navigate its current state until permanent facilities are built. The next steps include Board direction regarding the guiding principles, as they will help the District prioritize how they create space within all their school facilities. Ketcham and Pam Craven, Director of Instruction, Secondary Programs will provide an update regarding capacity strategies at the Open Board meeting on March 12, 2024.
- c. Approve Amended Budget for Current Fiscal Year (A. Grey)

i. Ministry Amended Budget Submission.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Grey provided a detailed walk through of the budget changes since the Board's passing of the preliminary budget in June 2023.

- 2024 Amended budget: \$109,902,065 consists of the Operating Budget (\$87M) along with capital assets, special purpose funds, and capital funds.
- The revised anticipated annual deficit by June 30, 2024, is \$39.2K (ur)-6 (er)2 (r)-51.152 Td(0

13. **REPORTING OUT FROM THE SPECIAL OPEN BOARD MEETING**

- a. Record of the February 13, 2024 Special Open Board Meeting.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer