

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) 2790 Tims Street, Abbotsford, BC V2T 4M7

Date: June 13, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Korky Neufeld, Chair
Mike Rauch, Vice Chair
Rupi Kanda-Rajwan
Stan Petersen
Preet Rai
Jared White
Shirley Wilson

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Kevin Godden, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Ngieng, Assistant Superintendent
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Neufeld called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY**

2.1 Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

We acknowledge that the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th First Nation and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

3.0 **SINGING OF 'O CANADA'**

The Board began the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

4.0 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee White and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as Presented.

CARRIED

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held May 9, 2023

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held May 9, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the Consent Items as presented.

CARRIED

A) Information

There were no items presented for information at this meeting.

B) For Approval

6.2 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held April 25, 2023

6.3 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held May 9, 2023

6.4 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held May 30, 2023

6.5 General Record of the Special Extraordinary Closed Board Meeting held June 6, 2023

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement

Chair Neufeld acknowledged National Indigenous History Month, Pride Month, Instructional Support Staff Appreciation Day, Father's Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day, and Canadian Multiculturalism Day. Trustee Neufeld also noted June 6 was the 79th anniversary of D Day.

7.2 Student Presentation: National Skills Canada Competition

Superintendent Godden welcomed District Vice-principal Michael Pearson, who introduced Gabriella Neufeld from Yale Secondary, who placed first at the Provincial Skills Competition earlier in the spring and had the opportunity to attend the National Skills Canada Competition in Winnipeg, MB in May 2023. Gabriella shared her experiences in both competitions.

7.3 Student Presentation: Yale Secondary – Girls Rugby Provincial Champions

Superintendent Godden welcomed Principal Rob Sloboda, who also welcomed coaches and players. Doug Primrose introduced the players in attendance, and the team captain shared how the team clicked and had great opportunities to travel and play the game together.

7.4 2023 Community Matters Award Presentation: Tanya Coghill

Chair Neufeld congratulated Tanya Coghill, the 2023 Community Matters Award recipient. Mrs. Coghill was nominated three times, all highlighting her significant contributions to student success through her involvement in DPAC and numerous school PACs.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 Strategic Plan and Preliminary Budget for 2023-2024

Superintendent Godden and Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the final update about the strategic plan and budget process for 2023-2024. Information presented included new initiatives, the consolidated budget, assumptions, budget drivers, the operating budget, the preliminary budget, and risks. Trustees shared their thoughts on the budget process. The Annual Budget Bylaw for 2023-24 was then presented for approval.

8.2 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in this one meeting.

CARRIED

8.3 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 be given first reading.

CARRIED

8.4 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 be given second reading.

CARRIED

8.5 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT the School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, specifying a total budget amount of \$269,343,271 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 13th day of June, 2023.

CARRIED

8.6 New Administrative Procedures (APs)

Superintendent Godden presented six new Administrative Procedures: 302, 343, 344, 422, 527, 528.

8.7 Accessible British Columbia Act - Progress Report

Superintendent Godden presented a progress report for the 2021 Accessible British Columbia Act, which requires districts to develop an accessibility committee, plan and mechanism for feedback on accessibility to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to the full and equal participation of people with disabilities in B.C. by September 1, 2023. Staff are currently building the committee and will ensure that the work completed will be done thoughtfully.

Question Period

A question about a budget slide was asked and responded to.

8.8 Property Disposition Bylaw 85: Margaret Stenersen Elementary - Statutory Right of Ways FortisBC)

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Property Disposition Bylaw 85, where to provide natural gas service to the properties, FortisBC is legally required to secure their works through a standard distribution statutory right of way agreement.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of Property Disposition Bylaw No. 85 in this one meeting.

CARRIED

8.9 Property Disposition Bylaw 85: Margaret Stenersen Elementary - Statutory Right of Ways FortisBC) (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 85 be given first reading.

CARRIED

8.10 Property Disposition Bylaw 85: Margaret Stenersen Elementary - Statutory Right of Ways FortisBC) (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 85 be given second reading.

CARRIED

8.11 Property Disposition Bylaw 85: Margaret Stenersen Elementary - Statutory Right of Ways FortisBC) (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee White and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 85 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 13th day of June, 2023.

CARRIED

8.12 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report 2022

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for 2022, which summarized the School District's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions taken in 2022 to reduce our GHG emissions, and the district's plans to continue reducing emissions in 2023 and beyond.

8.13 Board Policy 15 - Student Code of Conduct - Revised

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan

THAT the Board of Education approve revised Board Policy 15 - Student Code of Conduct, as amended.

CARRIED

8.14 Proposed Public Board Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Proposed Public Board Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed Public Board Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024 as presented.

CARRIED

Encourage trustees to keep Tuesday nights free.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports by representatives on external organizations at this meeting.

10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no reports by representative on external organizations at this meeting.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

12.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees reported on events, community activities, and meetings they had attended.

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13.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked during the second question period.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning the meeting, the Board made acknowledged Superintendent Godden's upcoming retirement after 26 years with the district. Trustees thanked him for always making it about the kids and wished him well in his upcoming retirement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer