

# Minutes



## PUBLIC MEETING

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

**Date:** November 7, 2023  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Meeting held through on-line video conference

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

TRUSTEE REGRETS: Rupi Kanda-Rajwan

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent  
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent  
Patricia LaFramboise-Lo, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources  
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager  
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant  
Corissa St. George, Executive Assistant

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#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Neufeld called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Rai and SECONDED by Trustee White

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 October 17, 2023

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held October 17, 2023 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee White and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

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

**CARRIED**

**A) Information**

6.2 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15 - Remembrance Day Wreath

**B) For Approval**

6.3 Minutes of the Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting held February 7, 2023

6.4 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held October 17, 2023

**7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement

Chair Neufeld acknowledged Hindu Heritage Month, Indigenous Veteran's Day, Remembrance Day, Diwali, World Kindness Day, Louis Riel Day, and World/National Child Day.

7.2 Student Presentation: Yale Secondary - Student Voice Inquiry

Superintendent Nosek welcomed Principal Rob Sloboda who introduced students and teacher James Maclaren. The students shared their experiences in taking part in their Student Voice inquiry journey over the last few years at Yale Secondary with students and staff. The students noted how it is so important to hear different perspectives from both students and staff.

7.3 2024 Community Matters Award

Chair Neufeld announced that nominations for the 2024 Community Matters Award are now open, with more details available at [abbyschools.ca](http://abbyschools.ca)

**8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS**

8.1 Communications Department Strategic Plan Report for 2022-23

Manager of Communications, Kayla Stuckart presented a progress report highlighting achievements related to Strategic Goal 3.1 and other cross-functional projects from the 2022-23 school year, as well as a look at the ongoing work taking place.

8.2 Human Resources Department Strategic Plan Report for 2022-23

Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, Patricia LaFramboise-Lo presented a progress report highlighting achievements related to Strategic Goals 4.1, 4.3, and 4.4 in the 2022-23 school year. The report outlined specific performance measures along with an update on the operations of the Human Resources Department and a look at the road ahead.

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Question Period

There were no questions asked during the first question period.

- 8.3 2024-25 Five-Year Minor Capital Plan Submission (School Enhancement Program) - AMENDED  
Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented a minor revision related to HVAC projects for approval.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education approve the Amended Minor Capital Projects for 2024-2025 as provided on the Five-Year Minor Capital Plan Summary for 2024-2025 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

**CARRIED**

- 8.4 Trustee Indemnity

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the revised Trustee Indemnities, which are determined by the Trustee Indemnity Report from June 2022, effective December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2026.

- 8.5 Budget Calendar 2024-2025

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Budget Calendar for 2024-2025 for approval.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar as presented.

**CARRIED**

- 8.6 Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards 2024

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented a request for sponsorship for the 2024 Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT the Board of Education approve the sponsorship amount of \$3,000, targeting youth award, to the 2023 Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards.

**CARRIED**

**9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

**10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no reports by representatives 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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer