

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: February 13, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Rai called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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 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.

3.1 Statement on the Passing of Former School Trustee

With profound sadness, we acknowledge the passing of Phil Anderson, a former member of our school district who served with unwavering dedication on the Abbotsford Board of Education from 2014 to 2022. Phil's passion for public education and his commitment to supporting Abbotsford School District students will not be forgotten. As we reflect on Phil's service, we are reminded of the impact one individual can have on the lives of many. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts are with Phil's family, friends, and loved ones. Many throughout our community were touched by his kindness

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4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as Presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Nominations for Position of Board Chairperson

On January 30, 2024, Trustee Neufeld thanked the Board for entrusting him with the role of Board Chair and advised the Board of Education that he would be stepping aside from Board Chair for personal reasons.

Vice-Chair Rai called for nominations for the position of Board Chairperson.

Trustee Petersen nominated Trustee Wilson, who accepted the nomination.

Trustee White nominated Trustee Rauch, who accepted the nomination.

After three calls and with no further nominations, the Secretary-Treasurer handed out ballots and a vote was conducted.

Trustee Wilson was declared Board Chairperson for the remainder of the year until the next election in November 2024.

4.3 Destruction of Ballots for Election of Board Chairperson

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the destruction of the ballots for election of the Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held January 23, 2024

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held January 23, 2024.

CARRIED

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6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

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

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee White)

A) Information

6.2 Ministry of Education and Child Care Announcement: January 26, 2024 - Restricting Use of Cell Phones

6.3 Communication of Board Statements/Motions

B) For Approval

6.4 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held January 23, 2024

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement

Chair Wilson acknowledged Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, Family Day, Heritage Week, and Pink Shirt Day.

7.2 School Presentations – Aberdeen Elementary and Chief Dan George Middle

Aberdeen Elementary and Chief Dan George Middle School Students attended and shared innovative work and events happening in their schools. Aberdeen Elementary students provided information about the WITS Program which has been implemented to enhance student well-being through targeted teaching methods and positive behaviour supports. Chief Dan George Middle students who are part of the upcoming production of their school play, Aladdin, shared their passion about joining the cast and performed a brief skit from the play.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 Superintendent's Mid-Year Report

Superintendent Nosek provided a mid-year report on the activities related to the strategic plan and also shared information regarding the next strategic plan cycle to ensure our students continue to be prepared for a lifetime of success.

8.2 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2023-2024

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Schulte provided a summary of changes from when the Board of Education approved the 2023-24 Annual Budget Bylaw based on preliminary estimates of enrolment, funding, and expenditures. Since approval in June 2023, the July and September actual enrolments have resulted in recalculated operating grants for the 2023-2024 year.

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

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

CARRIED

8.3 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2023/2024 (First Reading)

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

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 be given first reading.

CARRIED

8.4 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2023/2024 (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee White and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 be given second reading.

CARRIED

8.5 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2023/2024 (Third Reading)

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

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024, specifying an expenditure of \$275,265,482 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 13th day of February, 2024.

CARRIED

8.6 Proposed Boundary Review - Cooper Meadows Development

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the revised boundaries after consulting with the affected communities utilizing the board's online engagement tool.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised boundaries for the Margaret Stenersen Elementary and Prince Charles Elementary catchments; and

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised boundaries for the Clayburn Middle and William A. Fraser Middle catchments; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve the revised boundaries for the Robert Bateman Secondary and Yale Secondary catchments, as presented.

CARRIED

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8.7 Proposed Boundary Review - High Street Village Development

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the revised boundaries after consulting with the affected communities utilizing the board's online engagement tool.

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised boundaries for the Dave Kandal Elementary and Blue Jay Elementary catchments as presented.

CARRIED

8.8 Skills Canada Provincial Competition Partners' Luncheon Sponsorship

Trustees commented that this is a great opportunity for our students to attend.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve the request from Skills Canada BC to co-sponsor the 2024 Skills Canada BC Competition Partners' Luncheon to a maximum amount of \$2,500.

CARRIED

9.0 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports at this meeting

10.0 **REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

10.1 Correspondence: BC Public School Employers' Association - January 25, 2024

Trustee Neufeld provided a few comments about the BCPSEA AGM he attended.

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.

13.0 **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions asked during the question period.

14.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer