

# Minutes



## PUBLIC MEETING

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

**Date:** April 11, 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 (via teleconference)  
Jared White  
Shirley Wilson

**REGRETS:** Gino Bondi, Assistant Superintendent  
Carla Danielsson, Assistant Superintendent  
Perry Smith, Assistant Superintendent  
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager

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

---

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Neufeld called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Petersen 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 March 7, 2023**

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held March 7, 2023 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

**6.1 Approval of Consent Items**

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

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 January 24, 2023

6.3 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held March 7, 2023

**7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement**

Chair Neufeld acknowledged Sikh Heritage Month, World Autism Month, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Vaisakhi, Eid Mubarak, Earth Day, and National Day of Mourning.

**7.2 Student Presentation: Abbotsford Senior Secondary – Senior Girls Basketball Team AAA Provincial Champions**

Superintendent Godden welcomed Acting Principal Carla Campbell, Vice-Principal Bo Sidhu, Coach, and players. The team shared their experiences about their season and clinching the AAA Provincial Championship.

**7.3 Community Partner Presentation: Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)**

Superintendent Godden welcomed Eric Van Egmond and Paul Enns, both Directors of Operations for MCFD Abbotsford. The presentation included the collaboration which MCFD has with the district, strategic initiatives moving forward, and how MCFD works to support families within the Abbotsford community.

## **8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS**

### **8.1 Strategic Plan and Preliminary Budget for 2023-2024**

Superintendent Godden and Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented preliminary budget estimates and where the district is at in the strategic plan process for 2023-2024. The board will complete the 2023-24 Strategic Priority Worksheet using information from internal and external analysis, emerging areas of need, and the scorecard, which includes goals, measures, and targets.

### **8.2 District Planning Team: Update on Progress from February 13 & March 6 Meetings**

Superintendent Godden presented a summary of the February and March District Planning Team meetings. At the meetings, the committee continued to learn about the Ministry Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Policy and its connection to the Board Strategic Plan. Committee members also discussed data from the Youth Development Instrument (YDI) and actions through a consensus building protocol and surfaced eight themes from the process.

### **8.3 2022/23 Special Education Enrolment Compliance Audit Final Report**

Superintendent Godden presented the 2022/23 Special Education Enrolment Compliance Audit Final Report. The Learning Support Services team was diligent and professional through the audit process and will work collaboratively with school district staff and Ministry-sanctioned experts to ensure that we continue to meet all Ministry mandates identified in the Ministry policy.

### **8.4 School Fees and Deposits for 2023-2024**

Superintendent Godden presented the School Fees and Deposits for 2023-2024. The fees increased slightly to pre-pandemic levels as activities have returned.

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the following school fees and deposits for the 2023-24 school year:

- Student Activity Fees for middle and secondary schools of up to \$30 per student. The student activity fee covers costs such as student agendas, guest speakers, student identity cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, locks and locker rentals. Schools shall not charge for a student agenda if it is to be used as a learning resource or for assessment purposes;
- Parking permits of up to \$16 for the right to park as well as for administrative expenses at secondary schools where required;
- Graduation Fee of up to \$60 per student, the basic amount for the cost of the convocation ceremony (e.g., gown and stole rental, keeper cap and tassel, folder, diploma and tickets to convocation/venue, tea/reception);
- Personal supplies in accordance with the supply list approved by the district;
- Course Fee: \$550 for graduated adults taking non-funded courses;

- Refunds for graduated adults paying \$550 course tuition will be handled as follows:
  - For Bakerview Centre for Learning: Continuing Education, refunds for fee paying graduated adults will be granted up to 4 days of attendance after registration. There will be a 10% per day holdback to a maximum of 40%. Withdrawal after four days will result in no refund. Individuals wishing a refund due to hardship after registration will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
  - For Abbotsford Virtual School, upon placement into a distributed learning course: refunds may be granted: 100% within two days, 75% within a week, and 50% within 30 days. Refunds will not be considered after 30 days.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Academy Fees for 2023-2024**

Superintendent Godden presented the Academy Fees for 2023-2024, noting that the district does not profit from the academies as there is a requirement for the district to break even and refund any remaining fees unspent.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$500 for the Abbotsford Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$750 for the Abbotsford Senior Secondary Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$850 for the Abbotsford Traditional School Human Performance Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$399 for the Eugene Reimer Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$2,800 for the Robert Bateman Secondary Golf Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$5,000 for the Robert Bateman Secondary High-Performance Golf Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$850 for the Rick Hansen Secondary Human Performance Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$2,500 for the Yale Softball Academy; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$2,500 for the Yale Baseball Skills Academy.

**CARRIED**

Question Period

There were no questions asked during the first question period.

8.6 Student Transportation Fees

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the proposed school transportation fees for 2023-2024. There has been an increase of 6.75% in school transportation fees related to increased costs of wages/benefits.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed school transportation fees as presented.

**CARRIED**

8.7 Abbotsford Arts Centre - Rental Fees

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the proposed increase in rental fees at Abbotsford Arts Centre. Fees have not increased since 2015. The increase in fees is intended to cover recent costs of labour settlements and to ease other increased operating costs.

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed increase in rental fees for the Abbotsford Arts Centre as presented.

**CARRIED**

8.8 Feed Futures School Food Programs

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided information about the Feeding Futures School Food Programs Fund, which aims to increase food security for students. The district will receive \$2.24M in 2023-24 and free up district operating funding previously dedicated to school food program budgets for other purposes.

8.9 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-01

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Bylaw for approval. Approval will allow the district to proceed with major and minor capital projects.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-01 in this one meeting.

**CARRIED**

8.10 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-01 (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-01 be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

8.11 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-01 (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-01 be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

8.12 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-01 (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rauch and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-01 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 11th day of April, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 Naming of School District Fields (Colleen and Gordie Howe / W.J. Mouat) - Committee Update

Trustee Wilson commented that the committee continues to work through the process of choosing the names for the fields. The committee is hopeful to provide potential names at the Public Board Meeting in May 2023.

**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**

Chair Neufeld acknowledged Trustee Wilson sharing Jacob's Story.

**13.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions asked during the second question period.

Minutes: Public Meeting

Date: April 11, 2023

---

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

---

Board Chair

---

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer