

# Minutes



## PUBLIC MEETING

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

**Date:** February 14, 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

REGRETS: Gino Bondi, Assistant Superintendent  
Dale Churchill, Director, Facilities & Transportation  
Karman O'Brien, Director, Information Technology  
Perry Smith, Assistant Superintendent

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Kevin Godden, Superintendent  
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Carla Danielsson, Assistant Superintendent  
Nathan Ngieng, Assistant Superintendent  
Michele Radomski, Associate Superintendent, HR  
Linda Peters, Director, Finance  
Monica Schulte, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Kat Hannah, Director, Learning Support Services  
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant  
Corissa St. George, Executive Assistant  
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager

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#### 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.

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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 Rai

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 January 17, 2023**

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee White

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

**CARRIED**

**6.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

**6.1 Approval of Consent Items**

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

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

**CARRIED**

**A) Information**

6.2 Correspondence: Ministry of Education and Child Care Audit Notification re FTE enrolment data and service provision of the special education claims

**B) For Approval**

6.3 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held May 31, 2022

6.4 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held September 13, 2022

6.5 Minutes of the Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting held January 10, 2023

6.6 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held January 17, 2023

**7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement**

Chair Neufeld acknowledged Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, Family Day, and Pink Shirt Day. Ash Wednesday and International Day of Women and Girls in Science were also acknowledged.

**7.2 Student Presentation: Eugene Reimer Middle School – Black History Month**

Superintendent Godden welcomed Principal Levings & Vice-principal Myers who introduced the grade 7 students who participated in the virtual Black Excellence Day event hosted by the Ninandotoo Society and the Burnaby School District. The students shared who they chose to study for Black History Month as they learned about people who were of African Ancestry.

7.3 Dean Dahl, Run for Water

Dean Dahl provided information about Run for Water.

**8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS**

8.1 Superintendent's Annual Report on Progress

Superintendent Kevin Godden presented the 2021-22 Annual Report on Progress. The report was a high-level summary of the strategic plan progress reports that the Board has received from September to January. The report supports the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Policy which formalizes the planning and reporting requirements within school districts to enhance student success, specifically in the intellectual, human and social, and career development domains. The information from this report will form the Measuring Up Report, which will be distributed in the spring.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Annual Report on Progress for the 2021/22 school year.

**CARRIED**

8.2 Local School Calendar for 2023-2024 – Notice of Intent

Superintendent Godden presented the proposed calendar for 2023-2024. The calendar will be available for employee groups and the community to provide feedback until February 28, 2023. The survey results will be presented at the March 7, 2023 Public Board Meeting, where the Board will debate and vote on the 2023-2024 Local School Calendar.

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

THAT the Board of Education serve Notice of Intent that the 2023-24 Local School Calendar will be presented for debate and vote at a regular meeting of the Board on March 7, 2023.

**CARRIED**

Question Period

There were no questions asked during the first question period.

*Trustee Wilson requested moving agenda item 8.8 prior to 8.3.*

8.8 Student Transportation Services

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk advised that three additional floater positions will be included in the amended budget. The transportation department will continue to consider combining routes into existing routes and cancelling routes the evening prior when a driver absence is imminent.

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8.3 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022-2023

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Schulte provided a summary that the majority of the changes came from July and September actual enrolments have resulted in recalculated operating grants plus four new special purpose fund grants have been announced resulting in an additional \$2.3M for the 2022-23 year.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in this one meeting.

**CARRIED**

8.4 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022/2023 (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/2023 be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

8.5 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022/2023 (Second Reading)

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

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/2023 be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

8.6 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022/2023 (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/2023, specifying an expenditure of \$246,801,092 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 14th day of February, 2023.

**CARRIED**

8.7 Winter Preparedness Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Winter Preparedness Plan which included how the Facilities and Transportation prepares for winter and storm season.

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**8.9 Archway Community Services - 2023 Golf Tournament**

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the request from Archway Community Services to sponsor a hole at the annual charity golf tournament. Discussion around violating AP 525 Donations/Sponsorships to External Organizations/Third Parties took place. The Board requested that the superintendent review the AP wording regarding the number of donations/sponsorships to external organizations/third parties.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the amount of \$500 representing hole sponsorship in support of the 2023 Archway Community Services Charity Golf Tournament.

**CARRIED** (Opposed: Trustee White and Trustee Wilson)

**9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 Field Naming Committee Update**

Trustee Wilson provided an update that the recommendation for fielding naming is in the works. A workshop with students is being organized for March regarding Indigenous names for the field.

**10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**10.1 BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch Meeting**

Trustee Wilson provided an update that Trustee David Swankey from Chilliwack School District is now the BCSTA Fraser Valley President, taking over from Shelley Carter. Congratulations were given to Trustee Kanda-Rajwan for her election to Vice-President. Appreciation was given to Tracy Orobko and Pam Alzona who organized the meeting at Irene Kelleher Toti:Itawtxw

**11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Rauch inquired if correspondence received re AP Honours should be discussed at a public meeting or an Education Committee Meeting. Chair Neufeld confirmed that it should be brought forward to an Education Committee 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 second question period.

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer