

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: May 9, 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
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 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 April 11, 2023

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held April 11, 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 Audit Committee Meeting held January 24, 2023

6.3 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held February 28, 2023

6.4 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held April 4, 2023

6.5 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held April 11, 2023

6.6 General Record of the Special Extraordinary Closed Board Meeting held April 24, 2023

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement

Chair Neufeld acknowledged Asian Heritage Month, National Mental Health Week, Mother's Day, and Victoria Day. International Bereaved Mother's Day was also recognized.

7.2 Student Presentation: École Sandy Hill Elementary – Community Service Project

Superintendent Godden welcomed vice-principal Andrea Wildeman, who introduced teacher Dana Fetterly, who had students share details about the community service project grade 5 students had been working on. Partnering with Archway Community Services and supporting their *Move Ahead Program*, students at the school have been developing various fundraisers to raise donations for the organization's program, which provides one-to-one support for immigrants or refugees facing multiple barriers to successful settlement in Canada. On May 17, the Sandy Hill Book Bonanza will take place, with proceeds going to Archway.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 Strategic Plan and Preliminary Budget for 2023-2024

Superintendent Godden and Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented an update about where the district is at in the strategic plan and budget process for 2023-2024. Feedback from parents/guardians, employees, students and community members on the work the district is doing has been gathered, as well as suggestions for prioritizing of goals in each pillar. The next steps for senior staff and the Board is to analyze the survey results and identify some things we may stop doing to create space for new priorities.

8.2 District Planning Team Report

Superintendent Godden presented the eight themes (prioritized) identified at the final District Planning Team meeting of the school year. The priorities include counselling supports in schools, indigenous support, flexible and differentiated learning experiences, preparation for life, a need to focus on and address youth and adult mental health, safe spaces for all students to address sensitive topics, creating a connection point in schools for all students and the importance of social-emotional learning. For the 2023-24 school year, the District Planning Team will continue to meet and identify ways to advance the goals of the Board's strategic plan.

Question Period

There were no questions asked during the first question period.

8.3 Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

Board Chair Neufeld welcomed and congratulated Sean Nosek, the new Superintendent of Schools who will begin in his new role on July 1, 2023.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT the Board of Education appoint Sean Nosek Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2023.

CARRIED

8.4 Third Quarter Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the third quarter financial update for information.

8.5 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission 2024-2025 (Major Capital Projects)

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the proposed Major Capital Projects for 2024-25.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

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

CARRIED

8.6 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission 2024-2025 (Minor Capital Projects)

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the proposed Minor Capital Projects for 2024-25.

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

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

CARRIED

8.7 Food Infrastructure Program (FIP) Submission (2023-2024)

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented information about the new annual program intended to assist Boards of Education with creating, improving or expanding infrastructure to feed students.

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed Minor Capital Projects – Food Infrastructure Program for 2023-2024 as provided on the Food Infrastructure Program Summary for 2023-2024 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

8.8 Feed Futures School Food Programs

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided a more fulsome report about the Feeding Futures School Food Programs Fund, which aims to increase food security for students. The first year of funding is flexible to provide districts with time to develop a longer-term approach to delivering school food programs and includes the ability to hire up to one School Food Coordinator, if needed.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

10.1 BC School Trustees Association - Annual General Meeting

Trustees provided a summary of the BCSTA AGM including the sessions offered, the student voice delegation from W.J. Mouat Secondary and the motions which were voted on.

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

A question about how W.J. Mouat Secondary students were chosen to participate as delegates at the BCSTA AGM was asked and responded to.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer