

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: October 10, 2023
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Meeting held through on-line video conference

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent
Carla Danielsson, Assistant Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
Kelly Churchill, Manager, Capital Planning
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Corissa St. George, Executive Assistant

This meeting is a continuation from the disrupted September 26, 2023 Public Board meeting.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Neufeld called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 deferred 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 Kanda-Rajwan

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 September 26, 2023

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held September 26, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items presented for information or approval at this meeting.

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There were no delegations, presentations or acknowledgements at this meeting.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 2023-2024 School Start Up Report

Superintendent Nosek provided the 2023-24 School Start Up Report, which included a summary of recruitment and staffing updates, organizational health and safety initiatives, the Back to School Program, IT projects, and Facilities and Transportation Department projects, which were completed to prepare for students and staff returning to schools and district sites in September. Great appreciation was extended to all staff for work that has been completed for the upcoming year.

8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Report

Superintendent Nosek presented the district's *Measuring Up Report* which highlights the progress on goal areas, including literacy, numeracy, student well-being, careers and graduation rates. This report is a vital means through which the Board of Education conveys our accomplishments from the previous school year to the broader community and articulates our commitment to support the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, as issued by the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

In keeping with the Board's Strategic Plan Governance Cycle, senior staff will attend upcoming public board meetings to report on progress made in the 2022-23 school year and the plans for 2023-24 in their respective departments.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2023 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report in compliance with the Ministry policy.

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8.3 Accessible British Columbia Act – Implementation

Superintendent Nosek presented an update on the implementation of an accessibility committee, an accessibility plan and a mechanism for feedback on accessibility, which all have been established in the district in support of Bill 6 – 2021 Accessible British Columbia Act.

Question Period

There were no questions asked during the first question period.

8.4 Proposed Boundary Review - Cooper Meadows Development

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk welcomed Kelly Churchill, Manager, Capital Planning, who presented information about the Cooper Meadows Development and how it will affect catchment boundaries for schools in the area. Staff will analyze and seek feedback on the proposed boundary review utilizing the district’s online engagement tool. A final recommendation will be brought back to the Board before the end of the calendar year.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve a boundary review to the Margaret Stenersen Elementary/Prince Charles Elementary catchment boundary; and

THAT the Board of Education approve a boundary review to the Clayburn Middle/William A. Fraser Middle catchment boundary; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve a boundary review to the Robert Bateman Secondary/Yale Secondary catchment boundary.

CARRIED

8.5 Proposed Boundary Review - High Street Village Development

Kelly Churchill, Manager, Capital Planning, presented information about the High Street Development and how it will affect catchment boundaries for Dave Kandal and Blue Jay Elementary Schools. Staff will analyze and seek feedback on the proposed boundary review utilizing the district’s online engagement tool. A final recommendation will be brought back to the Board before the end of the calendar year.

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

THAT the Board of Education approve a boundary review of the Dave Kandal Elementary/Blue Jay Elementary catchment boundary.

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8.6 2022-2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed the 2022-2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements with the Board.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT the Board of Education approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 and approve any and all interfund transfers.

CARRIED

8.7 Capital Additions Update: Auguston Traditional and Margaret Stenersen Elementary Schools

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented project updates on the capital additions at Auguston Traditional and Margaret Stenersen Elementary Schools. Everything is on schedule and on budget at this time.

8.8 Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-02

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the bylaw for approval, which includes the School Food Infrastructure Program (FIP).

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-02 in this one meeting.

CARRIED

8.9 Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-02 (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-02 be given first reading.

CARRIED

8.10 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-02 (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-CPSD34-02 be given second reading.

CARRIED

8.11 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-02 (Third Reading)

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

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-02, be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 10th day of October, 2023.

CARRIED

8.12 Administrative Procedure 117: Whistleblower - Annual Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented that under Section 10.1 of AP 117, an annual report shall be prepared for the Board outlining the number of disclosures made, number of investigations required, and/or further action needed. For the period ending June 30, 2023, there have been no reports made.

8.13 Board Policy 6: Trustee Code of Conduct - Process to Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented recently released updated criteria from the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the BC School Trustees' Association for school trustee codes of conduct. To be compliant with these changes, Board Policy 6 – Trustee Code of Ethics would require updating and revisions to reflect the updated guidelines. Trustees agreed that the Ad-hoc Policy Committee will meet with the Secretary-Treasurer to make the revisions and then present them to the Board for consideration.

8.14 Revised Board Policy 20: Disposal of Real Property - Notice of Motion

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk proposed that a draft be posted on the School District's abbyschools.ca website for consultation purposes and then reviewed with the Ad-hoc Policy Committee prior to presenting to the Board for consideration.

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

There were no trustee announcements made.

13.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked during the second question period.

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14.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer