

# Minutes



## Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

**Date:** January 16, 2024  
**Time:** 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Abbotsford School District Administration Office

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

REGRETS: Mike Rauch

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent  
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Monica Schulte, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Greg Forbes-King, Director, Facilities and Transportation  
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant

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### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

### 2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

We acknowledge 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 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The committee adopted the agenda as presented.

### 4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 4.1 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held November 14, 2023

The Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held November 14, 2023, were approved and will be presented at the January 23, 2024, Public Board Meeting.

### 5.0 DELEGATIONS

### 6.0 FACILITIES UPDATE

#### 6.1 W.J. Mouat Secondary Artificial Turf Field Agreement

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the committee with proposed changes to the draft agreement with the City of Abbotsford and discussed the terms.

Trustee Wilson joined the meeting at 4:06 pm.

This agreement will serve as a master artificial turf field agreement for fields once existing agreements expire. The proposed draft will be sent to the City of Abbotsford.

## **7.0 FINANCE UPDATE**

### **7.1 Second Quarter Financial Report**

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the second quarter report noting the amended budget will be presented at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting. Highlighted was the reduction in classroom substitute costs reduced from the prior year, and effects of the 6.75% wage increases.

### **7.2 Operating Grants Funding Recalculation**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided an analysis of the impacts of the Ministry's operating grant announcement in December highlighting adjustments made to the budget based on revised enrolments. Discussion ensued on labour settlement funding and comments were made regarding unapproved new initiatives from June 30 to date versus cost pressure changes as will be outlined further in the amended annual budget which will be presented at the February 13<sup>th</sup> public board meeting.

## **8.0 MINISTRY INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 Bill 40 Amendment – 2023**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided highlights of Bill 40 – 2023, *School Amendment Act* including First nation schools of choice; local education agreements and purposes of Indigenous education councils. Two local education agreements will be presented at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Closed Board meeting.

## **9.0 BUDGET INFORMATION**

## **10.0 FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

## **11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

## **12.0 REPORTS**

## **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.