

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: January 23, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Gehring, Acting Director of Instruction, Learning Support Services
Donna Wright, Acting Director of Instruction, Elementary/Early Learning
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Neufeld called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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 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 Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as Presented.

CARRIED

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5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held December 5, 2023

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held December 5, 2023.

CARRIED

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

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

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

CARRIED

A) Information

There were no items for information.

B) For Approval

6.2 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held September 12, 2023

6.3 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held November 14, 2023

6.4 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held November 28, 2023

6.5 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held December 1, 2023

6.6 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held December 5, 2023

6.7 General Record of the Special Extraordinary Closed Board Meeting held January 9, 2024

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement

Chair Neufeld acknowledged New Year's Day, International World Braille Day, Black Excellence Day, International Day of Education, International Holocaust Remembrance Day and National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia.

7.2 School Presentations – Abbotsford Middle School and ASIA North Poplar

ASIA North Poplar students and Abbotsford Middle School Students attended and shared innovative work happening in their schools. ASIA North Poplar students shared what they loved about their school and the importance of their Integrated Arts school. Abbotsford Middle students who are part of the Rock Band music program shared three songs.

7.3 Community Partner Presentation: Fraser Valley Child Development Centre (FV CDC)

Superintendent Nosek welcomed the team from Fraser Valley Child Development Centre, who provided an overview of the services provided to students in the district.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 Early Learning Strategic Plan Report for 2022-23

Acting Director of Instruction for Elementary/Early Learning Donna Wright provided an update highlighting special projects, early signs of success and next steps in the elementary and early learning strategic plan portfolio.

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8.2 Middle Strategic Plan Report for 2022-23

Deputy Superintendent Nathan Ngieng provided an update to the Board on progress made in areas of the District's Strategic Plan related to strategic goals for 'Student Success,' with a focus on middle schools. Key achievements and projects that support the middle level's strategies from the 2022-23 school year, as well as a look at the ongoing work in 2023-24 were highlighted.

8.3 Secondary Strategic Plan Report for 2022-23

Assistant Superintendent Jay Pankratz provided an update to the Board highlighting the work done in secondary schools and the plans underway to continue support to students by engaging, preparing, and challenging them in their school communities.

8.4 2024-2027 Local Education Agreements with Mathxwí First Nation and Semá:th First Nation

Superintendent Nosek presented that with the support of our Knowledge Keeper, Dr. Gwendolyn Point, meetings were held with leaders from both Mathxwí First Nation and Semá:th First Nation to review previous LEAs, and the agreements were renewed for an additional three years until 2027. These agreements are now signed and in effect. Having active and signed LEAs demonstrates the School Districts' commitment to the Nations and these students and points to a healthy working relationship between all parties.

8.5 Local School Calendars for 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 - Notice of Intent

Superintendent Nosek presented the proposed calendars for 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27. The calendars will be available for employee groups and the community to provide feedback until February 9, 2024. The survey results will be presented at the March 12, 2024 Public Board Meeting, where the Board will debate and vote on all three Local School Calendars.

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

THAT the Board of Education serve Notice of Intent that the Local School Calendars for 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 will be presented for debate and vote at a regular meeting of the Board on March 12, 2024.

CARRIED

8.6 Second Quarter Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the second quarter financial report for the period ending December 2023. It was noted that the amended budget will come to the February 2024 Public Board Meeting.

8.7 Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-03

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented an amended Capital Plan Response Letter which included additional funding for the School Enhancement Program (SEP).

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-03 in this one meeting.

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8.8 Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-03 (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-03 be given first reading.

CARRIED

8.9 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-03 (Second Reading)

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

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-03 be given second reading.

CARRIED

8.10 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-03 (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD34-03, be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 23rd day of January, 2024.

CARRIED

8.11 Board Policy 6 - Trustee Code of Ethics

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the revised Board Policy 6 for approval.

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

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 6 - Trustee Code of Ethics with Appendix 1, as presented.

CARRIED

8.12 Board Policy 18 - School Catchment Areas

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the draft Board Policy 18 which will be posted for feedback and brought to the March 2024 Public Board Meeting for approval.

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

11.1 Board Correspondence – Request for Use of Facilities

The Secretary-Treasurer recommended that the Facilities Department follow up to the request.

12.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees reported on events, community activities, and meetings they had attended.

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13.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked during the question period.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer