

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: November 5, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
Kristi Ferguson, Senior Manager, Communications and Community Relations
Beth Penney, Executive Assistant
Corissa St. George, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 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 Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

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 October 22, 2024

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held October 22, 2024.

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 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15 – Remembrance Day Wreath

6.3 Pay Transparency Report

B) For Approval

6.4 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held October 22, 2024

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 School Presentations: Dave Kandal Elementary and Rick Hansen Secondary

Principal Baljit Sekhon, Grade 1 teacher Corinne Steffen, ELL teacher Veena Arora, along with Dave Kandal students and their parents, shared about the Parents as Partners program. The program helps build and strengthen the Parent-Child-Teacher connection, fostering collaboration and engagement. Rick Hansen Principal Jaimie Webster, Vice-Principal Brent Schroeder, Teacher Coordinator Trish Schubert, and grade 12 students shared the Schools' Business & Science Program and how the program creates opportunities for students and aligns with the district's strategic plan.

7.2 Abbotsford District Retired Teachers Association (ADRTA) Heritage Committee

Superintendent Nosek welcomed Gloria Adam, Linda Baynes and Madeleine Gravel from the ADRTA, who shared more about collecting informative historical stories that were collated for the What's in a Name project.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 Communications Department: Strategic Plan Progress Report

Kristi Ferguson, Senior Manager of Communications and Community Relations, shared an overview of the department's 2023-24 achievements and outlined current and future initiatives that support the strategic plan.

8.2 Human Resources Department: Strategic Plan Progress Report

Trish La Framboise-Lo, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources provided a progress report highlighting achievements related to Strategic Goals 4.1, 4.3, and 4.4 in the 2023-24 school year. The report included specific performance measures along with an update on the operations of the Human Resources Department and a look at the road ahead.

8.3 Motion RE: Student Assessment

Trustees discussed and voted on the motion regarding investigating the benefits and drawbacks of the K-9 proficiency scale with respect to student achievement.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rauch and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education approve asking staff to investigate and report to the Board on the benefits and drawbacks of the K-9 proficiency scale with respect to student achievement and that staff bring suggestions on how the proficiency scale could be supplemented to enhance parent understanding and student achievement.

DEFEATED (*In Favour*: Trustees Kanda-Rajwan, Rauch, White / *Opposed*: Trustees Neufeld, Petersen, Rai, Wilson)

8.4 Student Transportation Services Review

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported the Board's expression of interest in reviewing Student Transportation Services, which will be discussed at an upcoming Board Working Session. It is recommended that the review is held after a new Manager of Transportation has been hired.

8.5 Trustee Indemnity Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided the changes to Trustee Indemnities effective December 1, 2024. These changes are from the recommendations of the Trustee Indemnity Report from June 2022.

8.6 School Budget Calendar 2025-2026

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the school budget calendar for 2025-26 for review and approval.

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar as presented.

CARRIED

8.7 Update on Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Implementation

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided an update on the ERP implementation, including upcoming timelines for payroll and HR. The implementation costs have remained within the budget set aside in the 2022-23 budget, which was \$600,000.

8.8 Revised Board Policies

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that on a cycle, all board policies come up for review. Policies 8, 9 and 10 have come up for review, and staff do not recommend changes to these three policies at this time.

9.0 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

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10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

10.1 BCSTA Survey Item

Trustees discussed the motion put forward by the BCSTA: *That the BCSTA develop a process for the inclusion of non-voting student delegates at BCSTA AGMs and that a report on progress be provided by the 2025 Annual General Meeting.* Board Chair Wilson will complete the survey questions.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

12.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1 Trustee Meetings & Events: October-November 2024

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

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 9:14 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer