

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY**

A Public Session meeting of the Burnaby Board of Education was held in the Board Room at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Present

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Larry Hayes presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of February 12, 2013 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang commented on the Board's disappointment that the 2013 provincial budget did not include any increase in funding for school districts. The BC Association of School Business Officials estimates the total cost pressures being faced by districts for the 2013/2014 school year amount to \$134 million.

Ms Narang stated that the Board is facing significantly increased costs and without increased funding the district will have to make reductions that impact services to students and result in staff reductions. The Board's goal is to minimize the impact these reductions will have in the classroom; however, all areas of district operations will be impacted.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Board receive and approve the Board Chair Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Gilmore Community School - True Colours

Gilmore Community School Principal Sheilagh Pace outlined the background to Pink Shirt Day. For Pink Shirt Day 2013 students have chosen to recognize their own individual strengths and positive characteristics. Gilmore Community School Coordinator Lawrence Ryan showed a video *I am* that he had produced and members of the Gilmore choir, under the direction of music and choir teacher Patti Fletcher, performed the song *True Colours*.

James Wang and Gary Wong left the meeting at 7: 25 p.m.

Class Size and Composition

In accordance with Section 76 of the School Act, Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal presented a report on changes to date in class size and composition for the 2012/2013 school year.

James Wang returned to the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Gary Wong returned to the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Superintendent's report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

It was moved by James Wang and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report be received, and the recommendation contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the Board receive and approve the Superintendent's District Operations – Administrative Services Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations Business Services

Capital Project Bylaw No. 115857

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank presented Capital Project Bylaw No. 115857 in the amount of \$97,272. The Ministry of Education recently announced funding for necessary seismic structural upgrades at fourteen schools, including preliminary support for the seismic upgrade of Alpha Secondary School. The district will now be reimbursed for the funds spent on the Seismic Project Identification Reports for Alpha Secondary School which are part of the seismic upgrade process.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115857 receive three readings at this Board meeting held February 26, 2013.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115857 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115857 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115857 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115857 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115857 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 26th day of February, 2013; that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign the bylaw; and that the bylaw be sealed with the corporate seal of the Board.

Carried unanimously.

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Mr. Greg Frank made a presentation on the amended annual budget for the fiscal year 2012/2013 and presented the amended annual budget bylaw in the amount of \$249,527,727.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2012/2013 receive three readings at this Board meeting held February 26, 2013.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2012/2013 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2012/2013 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by James Wang:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2012/2013 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2012/2013 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2012/2013 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 26th day of February, 2013; that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign the bylaw; and that the by-law be sealed with the corporate seal of the Board.

Carried unanimously.

New Business

Larry Hayes welcomed newly-appointed Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli to the senior management team.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

D. Greg Frank, C.A.
Secretary-Treasurer