

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

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby was held in the Board Room at 7:08 pm on Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

**Present**

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, Baljinder Narang, and Harman Pandher; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart, Kevin Kaardal and Gina Niccoli-Moen, and Executive Assistant Diana Sturhahn.

**Agenda**

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Ron Burton:

*THAT the agenda be approved as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Delegation**

Janice Beecroft – Armstrong Elementary School – District Hot Meal Program

Janice Beecroft, a parent from Armstrong Elementary School presented to the Board regarding a proposed District Hot Meal Program at Armstrong.

**Good News**

Harman Pandher presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

## **Minutes**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session of March 13, 2012 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Larry Hayes referred to the issue of class size and composition and the importance of this issue in the current round of BCTF negotiations. He shared a news story from 100 years ago when class size was an issue back then. Chair Hayes noted that although times have changed in one hundred years, this is once again a major issue that needs to be addressed and resolved.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

*THAT the Board Chair Report be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Immigrant Parents as Literacy Supporters (IPALS)

Doreen George, Coordinator of Community Services, provided an overview of the IPALS program. This program provides assistance and strategies for families to support learning for their young children.

Evonne Penit a parent in the program assisted by Maria Pinto, cultural interpreter shared her own experiences in the program, and how beneficial the new skills and tools have been for her and her son.

### Engaging Students in Learning Mathematics

Jen Griffin, Vice-Principal at Stride Avenue Community School, provided an overview of a unique personalized instruction program in mathematics. She showed videos of students participating in math projects, who shared their experiences and successes in the program.

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

*THAT the Superintendent's Report be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

Baljinder Narang left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

## **Correspondence**

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

*THAT the letter from Councilor P. Calendino, City of Burnaby regarding the grant request #12/13 Words Writing Project, be received.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT the letter from Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, Local Government Program Services, regarding the project funding for Windsor Neighbourhood Learning Centre 2010 School Community (Round 2), be received.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT the letter from George Abbott, Minister of Education, regarding shared delivery opportunities and priorities, be received and referred to the Finance Committee.*

Carried unanimously.

Baljinder Narang returned to the meeting at 8:07 pm.

## **Committee Reports**

### Finance Committee

Trustee Ron Burton presented the Finance Committee report of the meeting of March 13, 2012.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

*THAT the Finance Committee Report be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### **District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

*THAT the Board receive and approve the Superintendent's District Operations – Field Experiences Report, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### **Business Services**

#### Capital Project Bylaw No. 126394

Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer presented the pro-forma Capital Project Bylaw No. 126394 in the amount of \$3,263,604 representing the capital portion of the 2012/2013 Annual Facility Grant from the Ministry of Education.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

*THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126394 receives three readings at this Board meeting held March 27, 2012.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Harman Pandher:

*THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126394 be read a first time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Harman Pandher:

*THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126394 be approved a first time and read a second time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

*THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126394 be approved a second time and read a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126394 be approved a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Harman Pandher:

*THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126394 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012; 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.

### **New Business**

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

*THAT the delegation item, Armstrong Elementary School – District Hot Meal Program be referred to staff and reported back to the board at a future meeting.*

Carried unanimously

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.*

Carried unanimously

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes  
Chair

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