

**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 7:10 pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

Present

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, 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 Gary Wong and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegation

Mr. James Sanyshyn, President of the Burnaby Teachers' Association made a presentation on the district's 2013/2014 budget.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of April 9, 2013 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang noted that Friday, April 25 is Public Education Day in BC. Burnaby's public school system has supported the learning needs of generations of families for 107 years. The district has been fortunate to have had leaders with vision and passion, including Vice-Chair Ron Burton who has been a Burnaby trustee for 25 years. Ms Narang highlighted some of the changes that had taken place in the district during that time and thanked Mr. Burton for his commitment and dedication to Burnaby's public schools.

Superintendent's Report

Burnaby's Got Talent

Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal outlined the history of the competition that had been organized by the District Student Advisory Committee for the last ten years.

Director of Instruction Ron Hall introduced DSAC Co-Presidents Allie Graham and Kieren Gadhia who informed Trustees that this year's competition had sponsored the Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness and had raised \$5,508.92 – the highest amount in its ten-year history. This year's winner, Byrne Creek International Education Student Huahaohao Zhang, performed her winning aria *o mio babbino caro*.

French Immersion Public Speaking Contest

Mr. Kaardal outlined the background to the district's French Public Speaking Contest, *Concours d'art oratoire*, a collaboration between Canadian Parents for French and the school district. Students in grades 6 to 12 in Francophone, French as a Second Language and both early and late French Immersion programs participate in the *Concours*.

Director of Instruction Ron Hall introduced Cascade Heights teacher Heidi Wilson and participants Maddy Gomes (Cascade Heights, grade 6 early French Immersion) and Hamish Clinton (Alpha, grade 9, French Immersion). Maddy and Hamish, winners in their categories, repeated their speeches for trustees.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the following letters be received:

- 1. Kim S. Carter, Ombudsman, Province of BC: Closed files*
- 2. Don McRae, Minister of Education: Seismic Mitigation Program projects*
- 3. Hon. Jason Kenny, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism: Reply to a letter written by the Board on immigrant settlement support services.*

Carried unanimously.

Committees

Buildings and Grounds Committee

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

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Education Committee

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

THAT the Education Committee Report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Finance

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank made a presentation on the 2013/2014 annual operating budget.

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

THAT the Finance Committee Report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Business Services

Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014

Mr. Frank presented the annual budget bylaw in the amount of \$250,817,870.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2013/2014 receive three readings at this Board meeting held April 23, 2013.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by James Wang:

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2013/2014 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by James Wang and seconded by Ron Burton:

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

Carried unanimously.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2013/2014 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2013/2013 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 23rd day of April, 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.

Committee Reports (contd.)

Policy Committee

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

THAT the Policy Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

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