

**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 District Conference Centre at 7:04 pm on Monday, April 25, 2016.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell, and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Katrina Chen:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of April 11, 2016 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Ron Burton presented the Board's condolences to Baljinder Narang and her family on the death of her father at the age of 91. Dr. Ranjit Singh was born in

Pakistan, lived in India, Uganda and the United Kingdom before moving to Canada in 2000 to be closer to his family.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

District Grade 7 Public Speaking Challenge

The District's Public Speaking Challenge for grade 7 students began in 1983. This year's finals were held on March 9 and the theme was "What If". The Provincial Outreach Program: Deaf & Hard of Hearing recently launched their first Deaf Connections Week Celebration with students from across the province. One of the events was the Optimist Speech Competition, now in its 21st year, where 24 students presented on how their optimism has influenced others.

Deborah Simak, Director of Instruction, introduced Kai Bhardwaj, Grade 7, Capitol Hill and Nina Ward, grade 9, BC School for the Deaf. Kai shared his winning speech from the District Public Speaking Challenge and Nina presented her winning speech from the Optimist Speech Competition using American Sign Language.

Burnaby's Got Talent

Serene Carter, President of the District Student Advisory Council, gave an overview of this year's talent competition that had raised \$4,500 for the district's YouthHub program. Ms Carter introduced sisters Avery and Veronica Amores from Byrne Creek, winners of the overall title. The sisters performed their winning duet.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the letter from Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson, regarding files closed from January 1 to March 31, 2016, be received.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the letter from Paul Simpson, President, CUPE Local 379, regarding sanctuary schools, be received and referred to the Policy Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Report

Policy Committee

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

THAT the Policy Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Katrina Chen:

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

Carried unanimously.

Business Services Report

Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal year 2016/2017

Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the annual budget bylaw in the amount of \$269,280,291. The budget was finalized based on the recommendations of the Board's Finance Committee and following an extensive and

transparent budget process. Roy Uyeno, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, made a presentation on the annual budget.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017 receive three readings at this Board meeting held April 25, 2016.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Katrina Chen and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Katrina Chen:

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 25th day of April, 2016; 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.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer