

**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, June 10, 2014.

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 Ron Burton:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Gary Wong presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of May 27, 2014 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang recognized the 61 district employees from all employee groups who are retiring this year. Ms Narang thanked them all for their passion

for public education and their dedication and commitment to students and to the district.

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

Odyssey of the Mind

Janice Nakatsu, Principal of South Slope Elementary School, provided an overview of the Odyssey of the Mind competition that promotes creative problem-solving for students from Kindergarten through College. Students at South Slope have been participating for about a decade and this year three teams made it to the world finals in Ames, Iowa.

Students Connor Strandberg, Catie Alvarez, Kaitlyn Schenkeveld and Antonina Stoicheva described some of the elements of the competition and showed Trustees the pins they had collected from participants from all over the world.

BCSD's Amazing Race

Lisa Meneian-Cecile, Principal of the BC School for the Deaf, described the second annual Amazing Race that is part of a three-day event hosted by the Provincial Outreach Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This year's event included 42 Deaf and Hard of Hearing students from across the province and its theme was careers.

Students Simran Kumar, Kayla Avena and Nina Ward provided highlights of their race through downtown Vancouver in search of participating businesses and the various job-related tasks they had to perform at each business.

City of Burnaby Environmental Awards

Burnaby School District, students and staff were recognized on June 8 at the 2014 City of Burnaby Environmental Awards. Director of Instruction Ron Hall introduced the award winners.

Environment awards were presented to Forest Grove Elementary School for the creation of a school garden and related programs and to Byrne Creek Secondary School Fine Arts Department for incorporating Byrne Creek ravine ecology into the curriculum.

Environmental Stars were presented to Carissa Konesky, a student at Burnaby North Secondary School, for her leadership and involvement in many environmental sustainability initiatives and Burnaby South Secondary School's Green Team for demonstrating leadership on environmental issues and creating an outdoor garden. Environmental stars were also presented to the Burnaby School District for implementing sustainability, energy efficiency and conservation measures and to Pablo Vimos for his ongoing work with the Stoney Creek Environment Committee and other community organizations at UniverCity.

2014/2015 Student Fees

In accordance with the School Act, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli outlined the district's schedule of student fees for the 2014/2015 school year.

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

THAT the Superintendent's report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Committees

Education Committee

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

THAT the Education Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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. 126757

Mr. Frank presented the pro-forma Capital Project Bylaw for the 2014/2015 Annual Facility Grant funding for the maintenance of school facilities. Total funding approved for the district is \$4,659,318, of which \$3,649,144 is to be funded through a capital grant. To access the capital grant funding the Board is required to adopt Capital Project Bylaw No. 126757 in the amount of \$3,649,144.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126757 receive three readings at this Board meeting held June 10, 2014.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126757 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126757 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126757 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126757 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126757 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 10th day of June, 2014; that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign the bylaws; and that the bylaws be sealed with the corporate seal of the Board.

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

Senior staff responded to a question from the floor.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer