

**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, June 25, 2013.

Present

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Acting Secretary-Treasurer 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 Meiling Chia:

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 Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of June 11, 2013 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang dedicated her report to all Burnaby graduates: those graduating from secondary schools, district Alternate programs, International Education and Community and Continuing Education. Ms Narang extended the Board's congratulations on their achievements and wished all students well in their future endeavours.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Celebrating the Graduation Class of 2013

Burnaby North Principal Gordon Li introduced Burnaby North student Danitza Garate Cubillos and Burnaby South Student Agnes Mei. Danitza is a passionate and talented artist and Michal J. Fox scholarship winner. Agnes has been accepted at every post secondary school she has applied to and has been offered full scholarships at three Ivy League universities.

Danitza, who will study visual arts and psychology at SFU, described how her interest and skills in art had developed and her aim to be an art therapist working with children with terminal illness. Agnes, who will study business at the University of Pennsylvania, described the challenges she faced after enrolling at Burnaby South as an ESL student in 2010 and her metamorphosis thanks to the kindness and dedication of her teachers, classmates and friends.

Burnaby Central physical education department head Gianni Buono, introduced Amar Dhesi. Amar, who is a talented wrestler and has won many awards, is heading to Oregon State University on a full athletic scholarship. Amar thanked the administration and teaching staff at Burnaby Central who have helped him achieve his dreams.

Burnaby Central Chamber Choir A

Program Coordinator Lisa Parsonson introduced Burnaby Central's Choir A, an auditioned group of students from grades 9-12 who have had a very rewarding year that included winning a gold medal at the Heritage Festival in Seattle (as

well as the Adjudicator's Choice Award) and the Kiwanis Festival in the Fraser Valley. Conducted by teacher Carrie Taylor, members of the choir performed *The Prayer* by Rene Claussen, a song that honours Mother Theresa winning the Nobel peace prize.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the following letters be received:

- 1. BCSTA President, Teresa Rezansoff: Appreciation for the Board's participation in BCSTA committee work*
- 2. Acting City of Burnaby Clerk Maryann Manual: Sixth Street Community Plan*

Carried unanimously.

Committees

Policy Committee

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

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.

New Business

School-Trustee Liaison Program

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

THAT the Board receive and approve the School/Trustee Liaison Program assignments for the 2013-2014 school year, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks and Good Wishes

Chair Baljinder Narang thanked the staff of Shaw Cable, the Burnaby Now and the Burnaby News Leader for sharing board news with the community. She also thanked Chef Wade and his Burnaby Central Chefs' Training students for providing refreshments for board meetings.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Baljinder Narang
Chair

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