

**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 Conference Centre at Burnaby Central Secondary School at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24, 2015.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, 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 Larry Hayes and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Katrina Chen presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Superintendent's Report

'Rhythms for Life' Drum-a-Thon

Eva Young, Vice-Principal of Ecole Marlborough Elementary School, and Geraldine Lazaruk, music teacher, outlined the drum-a-thon fundraiser being held in support of Syrian refugees at Marlborough the following evening. Students Manya Sharma and David He shared some of their thoughts on what the event meant to the school community. Accompanied by Martin Nemcovsky, music teacher, the students performed a group composition entitled "Dreamland".

Settlement Support in Burnaby Schools

Heather Hart, Assistant Superintendent, described the Settlement Workers in Schools (“SWIS”) program that has been in the district since 2007. The current program staff of 12, together with coordinator Natalya Khan, have refugee backgrounds and speak 15 languages between them. The district is prepared for and will welcome Syrian refugees; 47 per cent of Burnaby’s student population speak a language other than English and many will be able to welcome refugee students in their native language.

Ms Khan described how the SWIS program welcomes and processes refugee families and the programs that are available to them. Hafal Ahmad and Souad Hage-Hassam, settlement workers, helped the Jasim and Saela families and students Barfin, Adam Ahmah and Ojalan Zakaria share their experiences in coming to a new land.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Education Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Business Services

Capital Project Bylaws No. 127006 and 127007

Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the pro-forma Capital Project Bylaws for Phase 1 of the mechanical upgrade projects at Aubrey Elementary School and Stride Avenue Community School. Mr. Frank explained that in order to access this capital project funding the Board is required to adopt Capital Project Bylaw No. 127006 in the amount of \$205,800 for Aubrey Elementary School and Capital Project Bylaw No. 127007 in the amount of \$315,000 for Stride Avenue Community School.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaws No. 127006 and 127007 receive three readings at this Board meeting held November 24, 2015.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaws No. 127006 and 127007 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaws No. 127006 and 127007 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 Bylaws No. 127006 and 127007 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaws No. 127006 and 127007 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaws No. 127006 and 127007 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 24th day of November, 2015; 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.

New Business

Trustees were informed of the deadlines for the submission of motions to the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting to be held February 19-20, 2016 and the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting to be held January 29, 2016.

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of November 10, 2015 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer