

**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 7:06 pm on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Present

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per 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

Larry Hayes presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of January 22, 2018 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Baljinder Narang, Vice-Chair, commented that February marks two important events – International Mother Language Day on February 21 and Pink Shirt Day on February 28. Over 90 languages are spoken in our students' homes and Burnaby

schools showcase linguistic diversity and multiculturalism every day. Ms. Narang thanked students and staff for their work and messages of hope.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

The Power of the Pink Shirt

Students from several elementary schools performed a flashmob performance for Trustees.

Suzanne Vardy, District Coordinator – Student Safety and Child Abuse Prevention, described how the district focusses not only on reducing acts of bullying, but also on promoting a positive school climate and teaching social emotional learning (SEL). Research shows that sustained, school-wide SEL programs are effective in building students' social competence.

Shahzyah Juma, Community School Coordinator at Lochdale and Windsor Elementary Schools, described how a partnership between Maywood Community School and Metrotown a few years ago to allow students to perform a flashmob on Pink Shirt Day had gradually developed every year to include other schools and other activities. This year ten elementary schools would participate in the flashmob and students would also be performing random acts of kindness by handing out gift cards donated by Metrotown, as well as random notes of kindness. The idea is to spread kindness in addition to taking part in anti-bullying activities.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

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

THAT the Education Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

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

THAT the Finance Committee Report of the January 30, 2018 meeting be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the Finance Committee Report of the February 20, 2018 meeting be received, and the recommendations contained therein be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Policy Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

THAT the Youth and Community Services Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Business Services Report

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal year 2017/2018

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, made a presentation on the amended annual budget and presented the amended annual budget bylaw in the amount of \$290,840,521.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/2018 receive three readings at this Board meeting held February 26, 2018.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/2018 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/2018 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/2018 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/2018 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/2018 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 26th day of February, 2018; 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 Larry Hayes and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Gary Wong
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer