

**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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

**Present**

Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Larry Hayes, Jen Mezei and Ryan Stewart; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Richard Per and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

**Agenda**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Bill Brassington:

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Delegations**

Ingrid Ericson, representative of the New Westminster & District Labour Council, made a presentation on the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job.

**Inside Burnaby Schools**

Peter Cech outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as attached.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Ryan Stewart and seconded by Jen Mezei:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of March 12, 2019 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Gary Wong stated that far too many individuals continue to lose their lives in work-place accidents. He was proud that Burnaby schools continue to share initiatives and support students in learning about health and safety for workers. The district valued its work as a caring employer.

At Mr. Wong's request Trustees, staff and members of the audience stood and observed a moment of silence in honour and recognition of those injured or killed in the workplace.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### The Spoken Word

Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction, introduced the three finalists in this year's district-wide public speaking challenge for elementary students. Started in 1983 by then Principal Dave Carter, hundreds of students have participated in the competition since then and have developed confidence and improved their public speaking skills. Mr. Carter was in the audience to hear this year's winners share their winning speeches on the theme of "I may be young, but...".

Elizabeth Woods, grade 7, Secondary Street Community School, who placed third spoke about inequality, hate and discrimination based on things like skin colour and religion. She believes these are often learned behaviours and that at no-one should be judged in this way.

Thomas Einstein, grade 7, Capitol Hill Elementary, who placed second does not believe you need to take courses to be good at something; research, dedication and determination can get you far at no cost as a lot can be learned from books.

Vivian Yang, grade 7, Capitol Hill Elementary, the winner of the competition believes in the cognitive benefits of play – something the young can teach adults who are sometimes so caught up pursuing their life's plan they forget how to play and be happy.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

Gary Wong recognized Peter Julian, MP for New Westminster-Burnaby, who joined the meeting at 7:35 pm.

## **New Business**

Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart made a presentation on Settlement Workers in Burnaby Schools and the difficulties the district was facing in staffing the program given the increase in requests for service and the lack of increased, predictable, long-term and stable federal funding.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*That the information be received as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

Trustees and senior staff responded to questions from Mr. Julian on the Settlement Workers in Schools program.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Jen Mezei:

*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 Jan Mezei and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

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

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT the Finance Committee Report of the April 9 meeting be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Bill Brassington:

*THAT the Finance Committee Report of the April 17 meeting be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

Policy Committee

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*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 Bill Brassington and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Bill Brassington:

*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 2019/2020

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, made a presentation on the annual budget for the fiscal year 2019/2020.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Bill Brassington:

*THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019/2020 receive three readings at this Board meeting held April 23, 2019.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019/2020 be read a first time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Bill Brassington:

*THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019/2020 be approved a first time and read a second time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019/2020 be approved a second time and read a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by Bill Brassington:

*THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019/2020 be approved a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Jen Mezei seconded by Larry Hayes:

*THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019/2020 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2019; 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.

Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD41-01

Mr. Horswill gave an overview of the district's annual five-year capital plan for 2019/2020. The Ministry of Education approved the district's capital plan submission on February 28 and in order to proceed with the approved projects, the Board is now required to approve Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD41-01.

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD41-01 receive three readings at this Board meeting held April 23, 2019.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD41-01 be read a first time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Jen Mezei:

*THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD41-01 be approved a first time and read a second time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Jen Mezei

*THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD41-01 be approved a second time and read a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD41-01 be approved a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD41-01 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2019; 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.

BC Hydro Statutory Right of Way Bylaw, Montecito

Mr. Horswill presented the BC Hydro Statutory Right of Way Bylaw, Montecito. The bylaw had been requested by BC Hydro to allow them access to their equipment that was situated on the Montecito Elementary School site.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Bill Brassington:

*THAT BC Hydro Statutory Right of Way Bylaw, Montecito receive three readings at this Board meeting held April 23, 2019.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT BC Hydro Statutory Right of Way Bylaw, Montecito be read a first time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Jen Mezei:

*THAT BC Hydro Statutory Right of Way Bylaw, Montecito be approved a first time and read a second time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Jen Mezei:

*THAT BC Hydro Statutory Right of Way Bylaw, Montecito be approved a second time and read a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ryan Stuart and seconded by Peter Cech:

*THAT BC Hydro Statutory Right of Way Bylaw, Montecito be approved a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Bill Brassington:

*THAT BC Hydro Statutory Right of Way Bylaw, Montecito having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2019; 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 Bill Brassington and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:53 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

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Gary Wong  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer