

**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, December 10, 2019.

Present

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

Elections

Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill assumed the chair.

Election of Chair

Mr. Horswill called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2019/20.

Jen Mezei nominated Gary Wong. Mr. Wong accepted the nomination.

Mr. Horswill called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, he declared Mr. Wong elected by acclamation Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2019/20.

Mr. Wong assumed the chair.

Election of Vice-Chair

Mr. Wong called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2019/20.

Bill Brassington nominated Jen Mezei. Ms. Mezei accepted the nomination.

Mr. Wong called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, he declared Ms. Mezei elected by acclamation Vice-Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2019/20.

Election of BCSTA Provincial Councillor

Mr. Wong called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Ryan Stewart nominated Jen Mezei. Ms. Mezei accepted the nomination.

Mr. Wong called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, he declared Ms. Mezei elected by acclamation BCSTA Provincial Councillor for 2019/20.

Election of BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate

Mr. Wong called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate.

Ryan Stewart nominated Peter Cech. Mr. Cech accepted the nomination.

Mr. Wong called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, he declared Mr. Cech elected by acclamation BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate for 2019/20.

Election of BCPSEA Trustee Representative

Mr. Wong called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Trustee Representative.

Ryan Stewart nominated Gary Wong. Mr. Wong accepted the nomination.

Mr. Wong called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, he declared himself elected by acclamation BCPSEA Trustee Representative for 2019/20.

Election of BCPSEA Trustee Representative Alternate

Mr. Wong called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Trustee Representative Alternate.

Peter Cech nominated Larry Hayes. Mr. Hayes accepted the nomination.

Mr. Wong called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, he declared Mr. Hayes elected by acclamation BCPSEA Trustee Representative Alternate for 2019/20.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Inside Burnaby Schools

Jen Mezei outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of November 26, 2019 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Gary Wong reflected on the many theatre productions and concerts that were being performed across the district prior to the holidays. He thanked staff and parent volunteers who worked behind the scenes to ensure the success of these performances. He also thanked community partners such as the Burnaby Firefighters and parent advisory councils who hosted many annual pancake breakfasts.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent`s Report

Buckingham School Choir,
Burnaby Central Chamber A Choir

Bryn A. Williams, Program Consultant, Visual and Performing Arts, introduced two choirs who would be performing for Trustees. He thanked the Visual and Performing Arts teachers throughout the district who volunteered so much of their own time to the VPA program.

The Buckingham Elementary School Choir, under the direction of music teacher Faith Veikle, performed two songs: Angels Lullaby and Canon of the Bells. The Burnaby Central Chamber A Choir, under the direction of music teacher Carrie Taylor, presented several songs from their repertoire.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

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, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Business Services Report

Budget Process 2020/21

Mr. Horswill outlined the provincial timeline for the 2020/2021 budget process and the proposed schedule of Finance Committee meetings. The district would follow its established budget process, including meetings with partner groups and a public budget meeting to receive input from the community.

Schou Education Centre Development Covenants Bylaw, 2019

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Schou Education Centre Development Covenants Bylaw, 2019. The bylaw is required by the City of Burnaby and is part of the building permit process for the construction of the new board office on the former Schou Education Centre site at 4041 Canada Way. The Board had previously approved the land consolidation bylaw and is now required to register heritage and stormwater covenants on title.

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

THAT Schou Education Centre Development Covenants Bylaw, 2019 receive three readings at this Board meeting held December 10, 2019.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

THAT Schou Education Centre Development Covenants Bylaw, 2019 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Schou Education Centre Development Covenants Bylaw, 2019 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

THAT Schou Education Centre Development Covenants Bylaw, 2019 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

THAT Schou Education Centre Development Covenants Bylaw, 2019 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Schou Education Centre Development Covenants Bylaw, 2019 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 10th day of December, 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.

New Business

I Read Canadian Day

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by Peter Cech:

THAT the Board of Education endorse the participation of Burnaby schools in I Read Canadian Day on February 19, 2020.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Gary Wong
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer