

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY**

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 – Burnaby was held via video conference at 5:08 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

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 Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart, Wanda Mitchell 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.

Inside Burnaby Schools

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

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of March 10, 2020 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Gary Wong acknowledged that April 28 is a National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job. The meeting observed a moment of silence in recognition of all workers killed or injured in workplace accidents and recent tragedies.

Mr. Wong also expressed the Board's gratitude for all district staff. In a very short time they had created an entirely new way of delivering public education in response to the pandemic.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Burnaby School District Acknowledgement

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of all district employees who had come together with dedication and grace to provide a very different model of a critical public service in a short period of time.

Pandemic Update

Ms. Niccoli-Moen gave an overview of the work undertaken by district staff to continue to provide educational services to students while ensuring the safety of staff in accordance with public health guidelines. Staff were also going to extraordinary lengths to continue the provision of meals and other supports to vulnerable students and their families.

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

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

Carried unanimously.

Business Services Report

Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD41-01

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, presented Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD41-01. The Ministry of Education approved the district's five-year capital plan submission on March 5 and in order to proceed with the approved projects the Board is required to approve the capital plan bylaw.

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

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD41-01 receive three readings at this Board meeting held April 28, 2020.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD41-01 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD41-01 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. 2020/21-CPSD41-01 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD41-01 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Jen Mezei

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD41-01 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 28th day of April, 2020; 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.

Operating Budget Timeline

Mr. Horswill presented a revised timeline for approval of the district's 2020/21 annual operating budget. As usual, the Board would seek input from partner groups as well as the Burnaby community and the proposed budget would be submitted to the May 26 meeting for approval.

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

THAT the proposed timeline be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Burnaby North Secondary Tender Report

Mr. Horswill informed Trustees that the Ministry had approved proceeding to tender and Yellowridge Construction was the successful bidder. The Ministry had then given approval to proceed with the project. Funding would be provided by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry for Children and Family Development and the City of Burnaby. Preliminary site work was proceeding. The new school was expected to open in September 2022 and the project would conclude in 2023 with the demolition of the old school.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Gary Wong
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer