

**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 7:01 pm on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Present

Trustees Jen Mezei (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes, Ryan Stewart and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Jeannette Laursoo, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray and Executive Assistant Charran Millsip.

Ryan Stewart, Trustee acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located.

Confirmation of Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Inside Burnaby Schools

Trustees outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as per the Inside Burnaby Schools bulletin.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of January 26, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Jen Mezei, Chair advised that February has been a busy month with several important initiatives and events underway. The district continues its engagement with stakeholders on the Sustainability Strategic Plan as well as the work being carried out to address bullying and systemic racism - showcased at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Mezei noted the value of authentic listening in our engagement with our partners and the community, and thanked everyone for their input and commitment to these important topics.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Gary Wong:

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations - Superintendent's Report

Pink Shirt Day

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent advised that the goal of February 24th Pink Shirt Day is to raise awareness of bullying in schools, workplaces and communities, in person and online. Ms. Niccoli-Moen introduced guests from Alpha Secondary School: Tim Wozney, Principal, Cristina McAllister, Visual and Performing Arts Department Head and Drama Teacher, and students Sage Fleming, Emma Torrao and Danika Jones from Alpha's Theatre Production class. Sage, Emma and Danika shared the 'public service announcements' they had created to spread awareness of the subtle side of bullying and the importance of embracing kindness and compassion.

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Youth Conference – Raising Black Voices

Ms. Niccoli-Moen advised that students from Metro Vancouver were invited to attend a virtual youth conference on February 17th in honour of Black History Month. This was the first of its kind symposium for youth on this topic and was

hosted by the Burnaby School District and included students from Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Vancouver and Surrey school districts. Beth Applewhite, District Vice-Principal of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion presented an overview of the event that included a heartfelt video of the student panelists sharing their experiences.

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

THAT the Board of Education receive this information, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the minutes of the public session of the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 8, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

It was moved by Ryan Stewart and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

THAT the Finance Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Business Services Report

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer made a presentation on the amended annual budget for the fiscal year 2020/2021 and presented the amended annual budget bylaw in the amount of \$321,412,792.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020/2021 receive three readings at this Board meeting held February 23, 2021.

Carried Unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020/2021 be read a first time.

Carried Unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020/2021 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried Unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020/2021 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried Unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020/2021 be approved a third time.

Carried Unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020/2021 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 23rd day of February, 2021; 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 Board Office Video Surveillance

Mr. Horswill presented a Board Report on the location of the CCTV video surveillance devices at the new Board Office in accordance with Board Policy #7.80.00 – Surveillance.

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

THAT the Board of Education authorize the video monitoring and building security/alarm systems at the new Board Office as provided for in Policy #7.80.00 – Surveillance.

Carried.
Abstained by Christine Cunningham.

Correspondence

Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson – Quarterly Reports: October 1 – December 31, 2020

Ms. Niccoli-Moen referred to the report from the Ombudsperson and advised that there are no notable changes in information from the previous quarter.

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

THAT the Board of Education receive this information, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Carried Unanimously.

Original Signed

Jen Mezei
Chair

Original Signed

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer