

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

Trustees: Kristin Schnider (Chair), Jen Mezei, Bill Brassington, Gary Wong, Larry Hayes, Mikelle Sasakamoose, Peter Cech

Staff: Superintendent Karim Hachlaf, Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray, Deputy Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendents Brandon Curr, Jeannette Laursoo, and Richard Per, Executive Director Human Resources Harpinder Hothi, Executive Assistants Deanna Azzara, Joanne Simpson

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 – Burnaby was held at the District Administration Office, Brentwood Room and via video conference,
at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Territory Acknowledgement

Jen Mezei, Vice-Chair, acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the District is located.

1. Confirmation of the Agenda

The agenda was submitted for confirmation.

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Bill Brassington

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

2. District Operations - Superintendent's Report

1. Fast Tracks, Bright Futures: Celebrating Our Young Athletes

Earlier this month, District Elementary Track Meets took place and as the culminating events of the elementary track and field season, student athletes competed in the north side and south side meets held at Swangard Stadium over two action packed days.

Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent, introduced Ces Martino, District Principal, Burnaby Community and Continuing Education, who introduced Mike Baldin, Acting Vice-Principal of Buckingham Elementary, who invited student athletes to share their experiences competing in this event.

Moved by: Peter Cech

Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

3. Delegations

1. Clint Morrison, Inductee, Special Olympics BC Hall of Fame

Clint Morrison spoke about his fundraising efforts for Burnaby student scholarships.

2. Paola Fairey, Parent, Burnaby School District

Paola Fairey, Burnaby School District parent, and Alpha Secondary School BETA Mini School Program students provided a presentation on the positive impacts of the BETA Mini School Program.

3. Alex Peters, President, Burnaby Teachers' Association

Alex Peters, President, Burnaby Teachers' Association and Burnaby School District elementary band and music teachers provided a presentation on the importance of elementary band, including proposals to explore future potential models for grade 7 band.

Motion to Extend Public Session

At 8:52 pm, Chair Schnider motioned to extend the public session meeting.

Moved by: Bill Brassington

Seconded by: Larry Hayes

Carried Unanimously

At 9:05 pm the public meeting recessed.

At 9:18 pm the public meeting reconvened.

4. Inside Burnaby Schools

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

5. Approval of Minutes

1. Public Session - April 29, 2025

Moved by: Larry Hayes

Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of April 29, 2025, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

6. Board Chair Report

Kristin Schnider, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the Board Chair Report.

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Peter Cech

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

7. Committee Reports

1. Committee of the Whole - May 12, 2025

Moved by: Bill Brassington

Seconded by: Larry Hayes

THAT the Board of Education receive the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Public meeting of May 12, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

8. District Operations - Administrative Services Report

1. School Fees 2025/2026

Superintendent Hachlaf introduced Brandon Curr, Assistant Superintendent, who presented information on School Fees 2025/2026.

Moved by: Peter Cech

Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the Board of Education approve the attached 2025/2026 fee schedule.

Carried Unanimously

9. District Operations - Business Services Report

1. Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2025/26

Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2025/26.

Moved by: Bill Brassington

Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 receive three readings at this Board meeting held May 27, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Mikelle Sasakamoose
Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 be read a first time.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Larry Hayes
Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Bill Brassington
Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Mikelle Sasakamoose
Seconded by: Larry Hayes

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 be approved a third time.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Bill Brassington
Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 having been read a first, second, and third time be finally passed and adopted the 27th day of May 2025, and 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

2. 2025/2026 Annual Facility Grant Expenditure Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Khunguray presented the 2025/2026 Annual Facility Grant Expenditure Plan.

Moved by: Peter Cech
Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the Board of Education receive the 2025/2026 Annual Facility Grant Expenditure Plan, as submitted.

Carried Unanimously

10. Unfinished Business

1. Policy Updates

Jen Mezei, Vice-Chair, provided a Policy update.

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Peter Cech

THAT the Board of Education receive this information, and that Policies 3, 15, 16, 18, and 19 as amended, be approved for insertion into the Policy Manual.

Carried Unanimously

At 10:11 pm Assistant Superintendent Curr left the meeting.

At 10:13 pm Assistant Superintendent Curr returned to the meeting.

11. New Business

Jen Mezei, Vice-Chair, opened the discussion regarding the music educators' proposals to explore future potential models for grade 7 band.

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Bill Brassington

THAT the Board of Education discuss the music educators' proposals presented at the May 27, 2025, public board meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Bill Brassington

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to investigate options for elementary band to be reported back at the next public Board meeting.

Carried Unanimously

12. Question Period (Timed Item)

Chair Schnider, along with senior staff, responded to one question that was submitted in advance and five questions from the floor.

13. Board Private Session Report

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Larry Hayes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:53 pm.

Carried Unanimously

Kristin Schnider, Chair

Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer