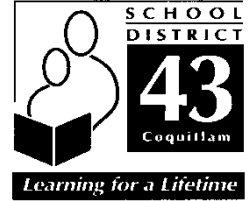


SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022



*Our mission is to ensure
quality learning opportunities
for all students of all ages*

Chair:

Michael Thomas

Vice-Chair

Carol Cahoon

Trustees:

Jennifer Blatherwick

Barb Hobson

Kerri Palmer Isaak

Lisa Park

Christine Pollock

Keith Watkins

Craig Woods

PRESENT

Administration:

Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Patricia Gartland

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Mohammed Azim

Assistant Superintendents

Carey Chute

Reno Ciolfi

Gerald Shong

Robert Zambrano

Executive Director, Facilities & Planning Services

Ivano Cecchini

Executive Director, Human Resources

Randy Manhas

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer,

Nita Mikl

Corporate and Financial Services

Director of Instruction

Paul McNaughton

Director of Instruction

Stephen Whiffin

Assistant Director of Communications and

Community Relations

Ken Hoff

Executive Assistant

Jennifer Toderas

Colleen Stavert

Recording Secretary

Nicole Schenato

Michael Thomas, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Acknowledgement of Territory was expressed by Trustee Woods.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF TERRITORY**

The Chair asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.

CAHOON/BLATHERWICK moved acceptance of the agenda.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As the meeting was virtual introductions were not made.

There were no delegations or presentations.

There were no education matters to report.

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to the consent agenda, which included the following items:

- a) Approval of April 19, 2022, Special Public Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of April 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- c) Trustee Calendar Planning Report for Information
- d) Trustee Reports for Information
- e) Schedule of Board Meetings for 2022-2023

PALMER ISAAK/WATKINS moved approval of the consent agenda.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A copy of the Trustee Reports is attached to the official minutes.

There were no responses to previous delegations.

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent provided a report on news and events.

A copy of the Superintendent's News & Events report is attached to the official minutes.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

- a) Superintendent Report
- i) News & Events

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent provided a superintendent's update regarding:

- BC Ministry of Education & Child Care announcement on April 29, 2022, announcing children and families will benefit from more funding for accessible school playgrounds.
- Budgetary promise was unveiled to fund 30 new playgrounds in 24 school districts across BC during a playground opening ceremony at R.C. Macdonald Elementary.
- May 2, 2022, the BC Office of the Premier announced a new anti-racism data act to help fight systemic racism.

A trustee question regarding collecting data in relation to the new anti-racism data act was responded to.

The Board directed staff to draft a letter regarding data collection and the implications around the anti-racism data act, for discussion at the June meeting.

Nita Mikl, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer provided an overview of the 2021/22 3rd Quarter Financial Report, and reviewed the summary, Operating Fund, Special Purpose Fund, and Capital Fund. The financial outlook for the 2021/22 school year has improved from our previous quarter reporting an excess of revenues to expenditures.

Mohammed Azim, Secretary-Treasurer provided comments regarding the Burke Mountain project and the timing of approval from the Ministry of Education. We had anticipated hearing from the provincial Treasury Board in April/May and currently we are anticipating a decision in June or after the summer. Every delay results in the estimated school completion date being pushed further.

Trustee questions and comments regarding the recent change to the Employment Standards Act (ESA) which allows for five paid sick days for all casual staff, including TTOC's and CUPE casual staff, the revenues generated from facilities rentals, and the expected completion of the Burke Mountain project, were responded to.

A copy of the 3rd Quarter Financial Report memo is attached to the official minutes.

ii) Superintendent's Update

b) Secretary-Treasurer ii) 3rd Quarter Financial Report

There was no unfinished business discussed.

At 7:51 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

There were no trustee questions.

There were no questions from the gallery.

Ivano Cecchini, Executive Director, Facilities and Planning Services and Megan MacDonald, Acting Assistant Director, Maintenance Operations provided background information identifying the areas for use of the Annual Facilities Grant funds for the 2022/2023 school year.

Trustee questions and comments regarding contracting out of AFG projects, the process to determine which projects are undertaken and the labour shortage, were responded to.

CAHOON/BLATHERWICK moved to approve the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Funding Capital expenditures in the amount of \$5,747,689.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A copy of the Annual Facilities Grant memo is attached to the official minutes.

Reno Ciolfi, Assistant Superintendent and Craig Mah, District Principal of School Services and Special Projects (Programs of Choice) provided background information on three BAA courses:

- Chess 10
- Chess 11
- Critical Thinking 12

A trustee question regarding whether or not BAA courses contribute to student's graduation requirements was responded to.

PALMER ISAAK/BLATHERWICK moved to approve the Board/Authority Authorized Courses, Chess 10, Chess 11, and Critical Thinking 12, as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUESTION PERIOD

a) Trustees

b) Gallery

New Business

a) Annual Facilities Grant Update

b) Board/Authority Authorized Courses

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A copy of the Board/Authority Authorized Courses memo is attached to the official minutes.

Reno Ciolfi, Assistant Superintendent, presented findings and supporting documentation regarding the development of the Farsi language curriculum Integrated Resource Package (IRP), for use in BC schools. The goal of this process was to enable secondary students to access provincial challenge examinations and earn graduation credits for Farsi language.

Trustee questions and comments regarding provincial use of the curriculum, if a course would be offered, and how students are evaluated for this course, were responded to.

BLATHERWICK/HOBSON moved to approve the Farsi Language Curriculum IRP (for grades 5 to 12).

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A copy of the Farsi Language Curriculum memo is attached to the official minutes.

Mohammed Azim, Secretary-Treasurer provided background information regarding the Trustee Election Bylaw No. 2022.

Trustee questions and comments regarding the threshold for adding an additional trustee in a growing community, and the redaction of sensitive information from nomination documents prior to posting to the web, were responded to.

POLLOCK/PALMER ISAAK moved to hold three readings, passage, and adoption of Trustee Election Bylaw No. 2022 at this meeting.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOBSON/POLLOCK moved first reading of Trustee Election Bylaw No. 2022.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Farsi Language Curriculum

d) Trustee Election Update

CAHOON/BLATHERWICK moved second reading of Trustee Election Bylaw No. 2022.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PARK/PALMER ISAAK moved third reading, passage, and adoption of Trustee Election Bylaw No. 2022.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A copy of the Trustee Election Bylaw No. 2022 is attached to the official minutes.

There were no notices of motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no items of Trustee Business.

ITEMS OF TRUSTEE
BUSINESS

At 8:25 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Craig Woods inquired about hiring apprentices into trades positions that are unable to be filled.

a) Trustees

Marissa Tiel, Tri-Cities dispatch reporter, asked about Farsi being taught as a course within the district in the future, as opposed to just being a challenge course.

b) Gallery

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

"Original Signed by"

Chair

"Original Signed by"

Secretary-Treasurer