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

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022

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

PRESENT

Chair:	Michael Thomas
Vice-Chair	Carol Cahoon
Trustees:	Jennifer Blatherwick
	Barb Hobson
	Kerri Palmer Isaak
	Lisa Park
	Christine Pollock
	Craig Woods

Administration:

Superintendent of Schools/CEO	Patricia Gartland
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO	Mohammed Azim
Assistant Superintendents	Reno Ciolfi
	Gerald Shong
Executive Director, Facilities & Planning Services	Ivano Cecchini
Executive Director, Human Resources	Randy Manhas
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Corporate and Financial Services	Nita Mikl
Director of Instruction	Paul McNaughton
Assistant Director of Communications and Community Relations	Ken Hoff
Recording Secretary	Colleen Stavert

External Guests:

Cheryl D.
Lori Noble
Laura Code
Wendy Meston
Rosey Manhas
Nevin Manhas

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Thomas, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORY

The Acknowledgment of Territory was expressed by Trustee Pollock.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

PALMER ISAAK/PARK moved acceptance of the agenda.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INTRODUCTIONS

As the meeting was virtual introductions were not made.

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations/presentations.

EDUCATION

There were no education matters to report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

There were no responses to previous delegations.

STATUTORY RIGHT OF WAY

Ivano Cecchini, Executive Director, Facilities & Planning Services, provided a report on the Seaview Community School Elementary Encumbrance Bylaw 2022. As a condition of new development in the neighborhood surrounding Seaview Elementary, BC Hydro service connection must be rerouted through another location of the property. As a result, a new Statutory Right of Way (SRW) will be required for BC Hydro to service the school.

It is recommended that the Board of Education pass a motion to hold all three readings and have all three readings, final passage, and adoption of the Seaview Community School Utility SRW Bylaw 2022.

A copy of the Seaview Community School Utility SRW Bylaw 2022 is attached to the official minutes.

A Trustee question regarding the level of disruption to school activities was responded to. This work is intended to be completed this summer to minimize disruption to the school.

POLLOCK/PALMER ISAAK moved to hold all three readings.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOBSON/PARK moved to approve the proposed Seaview Community School Utility SRW Bylaw 2022.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BLATHERWICK/CAHOON moved to approve the proposed Seaview Community School Utility SRW Bylaw 2022.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

POLLOCK/WOODS moved to approve the proposed Seaview Community School Utility SRW Bylaw 2022.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upon unanimous agreement of the Trustees of the Board in attendance, this Bylaw was read a third time on July 19, 2022, and finally passed and adopted this 19th day of July, 2022.

MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE UPDATE

Mohammed Azim, Secretary-Treasurer, and Trustee Kerri Palmer Isaak, Chair – Mental Health Task Force, provided an update regarding the Mental Health Task Force. The six main goals of the task force were reviewed including the need to strengthen access to appropriate supports in the community, secure a one-stop drop-in service, promotion of mental health self-awareness, support resources for diverse communities, inclusion of families in the awareness of supports available, and the future role of the task force. The Task force identified that we are one of the first districts to initiate a task force.

Trustee Palmer Isaak referred to the announcement of a new Tri-City Foundry. BC Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Sheila Malcolmson made this announcement on July 19, 2022, before a crowd of municipal politicians, social service agency representatives, and school Trustees. Foundry Tri-Cities will offer people between the ages of 12 and 24 multiple services, including drop-in counselling, physical and sexual health care, as well as youth and family peer support. One time funding of $1 million toward the establishment of the centre and $200,000 in operational funding was promised. In addition, BC will be providing annual funding towards operations and services ($500,000 in year 2 and $800,000 in year 3). Operated by SHARE Family and Community Services Society, Foundry Tri-Cities will be a one-stop-shop where youth can get services in one location without a referral.

Trustee questions regarding the cost of a helpline, access for all youth (both phone and text contact options), additional staffing for the Foundry, and the urgency to locate a united space for the Foundry were responded to.

The Board of Education presented a motion to authorize the Chair and members of the Mental Health Task Force to request a presentation to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions at the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) in coordination with a municipal partner.

PALMER ISAAK/CAHOON moved to approve the motion.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A copy of the Mental Health Task Force goals are attached to the official minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business discussed.

QUESTION PERIOD

At 7:04 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

a) Trustees

There were no trustee questions.

b) Gallery

There were no questions from the gallery.

New Business

There was no new business.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

ITEMS OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

There were no items of Trustee Business.

POLLOCK/BLATHERWICK moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer