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

REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRE, ROOM 104

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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

PRESENT

Chair:	Michael Thomas
Vice Chair:	Craig Woods
Trustees:	Jennifer Blatherwick
	Carol Brodie
	Chuck Denison
	Kerri Palmer Isaak
	Lisa Park
	Christine Pollock
	Zoë Royer

Administration:

Superintendent of Schools/CEO	Patricia Gartland
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO	Randy Manhas
Assistant Superintendent	Carey Chute
	Paul McNaughton
	Gerald Shong
	Nadine Tambellini
	Stephen Whiffin
	Robert Zambrano
Executive Director, Facilities and Planning	Ivano Cecchini
Executive Director, Human Resources	Michelle Daycock
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Corporate and Financial Services	Nita Mikl
Assistant Director, Communication and Community Relations	Ken Hoff
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Toderas

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Thomas, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORY

The Acknowledgment of Territory was expressed by Trustee Blatherwick.

Truth & Reconciliation Day

Michael Thomas, Board Chair, acknowledged the upcoming National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on September 30, 2023. This day commemorates and honours those who were lost, the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve as a result of the residential school system in Canada.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Michael Thomas, Board Chair, acknowledged the achievement of Trustee Jennifer Blatherwick who has recently completed her Masters degree in Educational Leadership.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
a) Acceptance of Agenda

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

PALMER ISAAK/POLLOCK moved acceptance of the agenda.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

INTRODUCTIONS
a) Partner Groups
b) DLT

The SLC, DPAC, CTA and CPVPA representatives in attendance were recognized. The DLT members in attendance introduced themselves.

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS
a) World Teacher's Day Proclamation

Michael Thomas, Board Chair, acknowledged World Teacher's Day on October 5, 2022, with a proclamation. This special day is celebrated in Canada and more than 100 countries around the world to recognize all teachers for their outstanding work to teach and inspire over 32,000 students. Chair Thomas a certificate to Ken Christensen, President, Coquitlam Teachers' Association (CTA).

Mr. Christensen commented that this year's theme for World Teacher's Day is "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage". Mr. Christensen requested trustees and government officials work to encourage advocacy and support for teachers in an ever-changing world.

b) Canadian Association of Physicists Award for Excellence in Teaching High School Physics

Edward Csuka, teacher, Terry Fox Secondary School, presented to the Board of Education regarding his summer experience attending a trip to Switzerland and France, to participate in a program for high school physics teachers at CERN. Mr. Csuka spoke to the impact of his learning on the students he teaches, and his upcoming project “Solar Max”.

Trustee inquiries regarding the impact of teachers like Mr. Csuka on their students, gratitude for passionate teachers, and appreciation for Mr. Csuka’s ongoing work, and congratulations for his award, were responded to.

Further, a trustee inquired how cameras can capture particle collisions occurring at the speed of light, which was also responded to.

EDUCATION

There were no education matters to report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

a) Approval of June 20, 2020, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
b) Trustee Calendar Planning Report for Information
c) Trustee Reports for Information
d) Administrative Procedures Review Update

PALMER ISAAK/WOODS moved approval of the consent agenda.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

There were no responses to previous delegations.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS
a) Superintendent Report
i) News & Events

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent, provided a report on news and events. The Superintendent elaborated on the many events that have occurred in August and September 2023.

A trustee question regarding what the "Zen Den" at CABE Secondary is, was responded to.

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

ii) Superintendent's Update

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent, provided a district update including information about district staffing including the teacher shortage due to increased enrolment, upcoming FSA testing, and the World of Love Multicultural Carnival which was very successful.

There were no questions or comments from Trustees.

A copy of the Superintendent's Update is attached to the official minutes.

iii) Framework For Enhancing Student Learning & Action Plans for Learning

Craig Mah, District Principal, provided the Board of Education with a presentation on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report, and Action Plans for Learning.

Trustee questions and comments regarding how schools determine their goals for their Action Plans for Learning, measurables of those goals being achieved, how the Board can support the goal to provide clarity to the questions on the student learning survey regarding if students perceive that two adults at school care about them, whether the focus on that question is because we want to change the results on the survey or if there is an issue with students having that support, and if two adults that care is necessary, were responded to.

PALMER ISAAK/POLLOCK moved that the Board of Education approve the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report.

A question from the Superintendent regarding adding questions to the Student Learning Survey regarding anti-racism, was responded to.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BRODIE/WOODS moved that the Board of Education approve the School Action Plans for Learning.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A copy of the Framework For Enhancing Student Learning and Action Plans for Learning memo and documents are attached to the official minutes.

iv) International Education Summer Learning Report

Troy Cunningham, Principal, International Education Summer Learning, and Heidi Upton, Vice Principal, International Education Summer Learning, provided a report on International Education Summer Learning.

Trustee questions regarding the location of the summer learning program, if families travel with the students in the program, if International Education assists students in finding homestay families, how many students can be accommodated by the program and how this information is relayed to the municipalities, were responded to.

A copy of the International Education Summer Learning Report presentation is attached to the official minutes.

v) Summer Learning Report

Murray Peters, Principal, Summer Learning, provided a report on the Summer Learning program.

Trustee questions and comments regarding the provision of coverage for support staff absences, difficulty filling Education Assistant positions, if student attendance was consistent and if the produce grown in the Fresh Roots program is sold, were responded to.

A copy of the Summer Learning Report presentation is attached to the official minutes.

vi) Enrolment Update

Gerald Shong, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update regarding enrolment. Enrolment currently reflects a preliminary count of an additional 650 FTE students, over and above the elevated projection figures.

Trustee questions and comments regarding if those figures can be broken down between school levels, the geographic distribution of students across the district, if more students are anticipated to register in the next months, and the impact of these enrolment pressures on staffing, were responded to.

b) Secretary-Treasurer Report

i) Ioco Site (Land Disposition Process for SD43 Owned – Not for Profit Operated Childcare Centre)

Ivano Cecchini, Executive Director Facilities and Planning Services, presented to the Board of Education regarding the options available regarding the New Spaces funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide a SD43 owned, not for profit operated childcare centre.
Disposition process due to long-term lease – greater than 10 years

Trustee questions and comments regarding giving credit to staff for finding a creative use for the site, excitement for this project, and clarification that this disposition is not selling land, but preparing for an alternative use of the site, were responded to.

PALMER ISAAK/ROYER moved to hold all three readings and have all three readings, final passage and adoption of adopt Former Ioco Elementary School Site Disposal Bylaw 2023.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

POLLOCK/BRODIE moved first reading of adopt Former Ioco Elementary School Site Disposal Bylaw 2023.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ROYER/PARK moved second reading of adopt Former Ioco Elementary School Site Disposal Bylaw 2023.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

WOODS/DENISON moved third and final reading, final passage, and adoption of adopt Former Ioco Elementary School Site Disposal Bylaw 2023.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A copy of the Ioco Site (Land Disposition Process for SD43 Owned – Not for Profit Operated Childcare Centre memo and documents are attached to the official minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

QUESTION PERIOD

At 8:55 pm the Chair opened the floor to questions.

a) Trustees

There were no trustee questions.

b) Gallery

Ken Christensen, President, Coquitlam Teachers' Association, encouraged SD43 to sponsor a float in the pride parade, and additionally invited the Board of Education to attend the counter protest planned for September 20 at City Hall, during the 'Million March 4 Children".

NEW BUSINESS

a) Financial Statements Discussion & Analysis & Audited Financial Statements 2022-2023

Nita Mikl, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided an overview of the Audited Financial Statements which are filed with the Ministry of Education annually, by September 30.

There were no questions or comments from trustees.

POLLOCK/PALMER ISAAK moved that the Board of Education approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, for filing with the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2023.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b) School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw

Nita Mikl, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided an update regarding the school site acquisition charge bylaw.

There were no questions or comments from trustees.

BRODIE/WOODS moved to hold all three readings and have all three readings, final passage and adoption of Capital Bylaw No. 3, Amended Bylaw No. 2.2-2023 which sets the school site acquisition charge rates, at this meeting.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PARK/PALMER ISAAK moved first reading of Capital Bylaw No. 3, Amended Bylaw No. 2.2-2023 which sets the school site acquisition charge rates.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ROYER/POLLOCK moved second reading of Capital Bylaw No. 3, Amended Bylaw No. 2.2-2023 which sets the school site acquisition charge rates.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BRODIE/DENISON moved third and final reading, final passage, and adoption of Capital Bylaw No. 3, Amended Bylaw No. 2.2-2023 which sets the school site acquisition charge rates.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A copy of the School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw memo and documents are attached to the official minutes.

c) 2023-2024 Five Year Capital Plan Bylaw

Ivano Cecchini, Executive Director, Facilities and Planning Services, provided the Board of Education with an explanation of the necessity to pass another Capital Plan Bylaw, due to the Ministry of Education and Child Care's recent funding of the capital improvements to Como Lake Middle School under the School Food Infrastructure Program.

There were no questions or comments from trustees.

BLATHERWICK/ROYER moved to hold all three readings and have all three readings, final passage and adoption of Capital Bylaw No. 3, Amended Bylaw No. 2.2-2023 which sets the school site acquisition charge rates, at this meeting.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ROYER/BRODIE moved first reading of Capital Bylaw No. 3, Amended Bylaw No. 2.2-2023 which sets the school site acquisition charge rates.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PALMER ISAAK/POLLOCK moved second reading of Capital Bylaw No. 3, Amended Bylaw No. 2.2-2023 which sets the school site acquisition charge rates.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PARK/ROYER moved third and final reading, final passage, and adoption of Capital Bylaw No. 3, Amended Bylaw No. 2.2-2023 which sets the school site acquisition charge rates.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A copy of the School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw memo and documents are attached to the official minutes.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

ITEMS OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

There were no items of Trustee business.

QUESTION PERIOD

At 9:15 pm the Chair opened the floor to questions.

a) Trustees

There were no trustee questions.

b) Gallery

There were no questions from the gallery.

ADJOURNMENT

BRODIE/ROYER moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Chair	Secretary-Treasurer