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

REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRE, ROOM 104

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

Learning for a Lifetime

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

PRESENT

Chair:	Michael Thomas
Vice Chair:	Craig Woods
Trustees:	Carol Brodie
	Chuck Denison
	Kerri Palmer Isaak
	Lisa Park
	Christine Pollock
	Zoë Royer
Administration:	
Superintendent of Schools/CEO	Nadine Tambellini
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO	Randy Manhas
Assistant Superintendent	Carey Chute
	Anthony Ciolfitto
	Jeremy Clarke
	Andrea Hunter
	Paul McNaughton
	Stephen Whiffin
Executive Director, Facilities and Planning	Ivano Cecchini
Executive Director, Human Resources	Michelle Daycock
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Corporate and Financial Services	Nita Mikl
Assistant Director, Communications & Community Relations	Ken Hoff
Recording Secretary	Nicole Schenato

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORY

The Acknowledgment of Territory was expressed by Trustee Craig Woods.

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

Representatives in attendance from the Coquitlam Teachers' Association (CTA), and the Coquitlam Principals & Vice-Principals Association (CPVPA) introduced themselves. The DLT members in attendance introduced themselves.

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations or presentations.

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 February 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
b) Approval of February 18, 2025, Special Regular Board Meeting Minutes
c) Trustee Calendar Planning Report for Information
d) Trustee Reports for Information

ROYER/PARK 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

Nadine Tambellini, Superintendent, provided a report on news and events. Ms. Tambellini elaborated on various activities, including the recent Professional Development Day with this year's theme being "Empowered Educators: Compassion, Care & Curiosity." Ms. Tambellini also highlighted the Gleneagle Jazz Gala and the DPAC and School District Partnership Panel, which focused on student support and practices.

A Trustee praised the recent musical production of *Something Rotten* at Terry Fox Secondary and strongly encouraged others to attend the performance.

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

ii) Superintendent's Update

Nadine Tambellini, Superintendent, provided a district update, including information on the framework and timeline of Directions 2030. Ms. Tambellini expressed her gratitude to the District Leadership Team for their efforts, contributions, and collaborations on the preparations for the 2025-26 school year, particularly regarding the budget, program of choice, and enrolment projections.

There were no questions or comments from Trustees.

iii) Tech Twenty

Principal of Technology Implementation, Dave Sands and Steam Support Teacher, Gavin Hanna, provided the Board of Education with a presentation on current STEAM/Tech team activities and the contributions to STEAM related learning opportunities in schools throughout the district. The presentation highlighted how STEAM Support Teachers are collaborating with staff in schools to develop technical capacities and learn to engage in cross-curricular instruction through technology and STEAM.

Trustee questions and comments about the use of Talbot, its targeted age group, and the intuitiveness of coding and technology were responded to.

A copy of the Tech Twenty presentation is attached to the official minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

QUESTION PERIOD

At 7:46 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

a) Trustees

There were no trustee questions.

a) Gallery

There were no questions from the gallery.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Board/Authority Authorized Courses

Craig Mah, District Principal of School Services and Special Projects (Programs of Choice), provided background information on two BAA courses:

- Applications of learning 11
- Digital Technology Leadership 11

Trustee questions and comments about the current setting of learning centres, clarity on which students will utilize the course, support for students in need, and the eligibility of Indigenous credits with respect to Digital Technology Leadership were responded to.

POLLOCK/ROYER moved to approve the Board/Authority Authorized Courses, Applications of Learning 11 and Digital Technology Leadership 11, as presented.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

b) 2025/2026 Student Enrolment Projections

Anthony Ciolfitto, Assistant Superintendent, provided information regarding the 2025/2026 Student Enrolment Projections. Each year in February, the Ministry of Education and Child Care requires school districts to submit enrolment projections for the upcoming school year. Through our work with current enrolment, graduating students and Baragar projections, our 2025/2026 district projection for K-12 Standard School FTE (32,733). This is a decrease of approximately 123.5 FTE from our September 2024/25, 1701 enrolment claim.

Trustee questions and comments regarding and the variables around growth, overpopulation, migration and immigration were responded to.

A copy of the 2025/2026 Student Enrolment Projections memo is attached to the official minutes.

c) 2026-27 Eligible School Sites Proposal

Nita Mikl, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided an update regarding Eligible School Sites Proposal Resolution and identified that future school sites include the following:

1. Riverwalk – Elementary
2. Marigold – Elementary

3. Port Moody Centre – Elementary
4. Fraser Mills – Elementary
5. Coquitlam City Centre – Elementary
6. Hazel Coy – Elementary

These fees are collected from applicants for development permits in each municipality.

Trustee questions and comments regarding whether the district was already collecting the maximum rates, and if the sites selected were the same as previous years, were responded to.

PALMER ISAAK/POLLOCK moved to approve the 2026-27 Eligible School Sites (ESSP) Resolution.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A copy of the Eligible School Sites Proposal memo and report 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 8:24 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

a) Trustees

Trustee questions and comments about the status of all Board Authorized Courses and their relevance in the district were responded to.

b) Gallery

There were no questions from the gallery.

ADJOURNMENT

BRODIE/PALMER ISAAK moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer