

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRE, ROOM 104**

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

Chair: Michael Thomas
Vice Chair: Craig Woods
Trustees: Carol Brodie
Chuck Denison
Rosey Manhas
Kerri Palmer Isaak
Lisa Park
Christine Pollock

Regrets: Zoë Royer

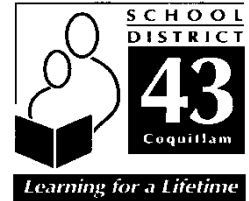
Administration:

Superintendent of Schools/CEO	Nadine Tambellini
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO	Randy Manhas
Assistant Superintendent	Anthony Ciofitto
	Jeremy Clarke
	Andrea Hunter
	Paul McNaughton
	Nadine Tambellini
	Stephen Whiffin
Executive Director, Facilities and Planning	Ivano Cecchini
Executive Director, Human Resources	Michelle Daycock
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Corporate and Financial Services	Nita Miki
Assistant Director, Communications & Community Relations	Ken Hoff
Recording Secretary	Colleen Stavert

Michael Thomas, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Acknowledgement of Territory was expressed by Trustee Denison.

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



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

PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
TERRITORY**

**ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA**

a) Acceptance of

Agenda

PALMER ISAAK/MANHAS moved acceptance of the agenda.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Representatives in attendance from the Coquitlam Teachers' Association (CTA), Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 561, Coquitlam Principals & Vice Principals Association (CPVPA), and the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) introduced themselves.

The District Leadership Team (DLT) members in attendance introduced themselves.

Chair Michael Thomas advised Trustee Zoe Royer is currently on leave pending finalized results of the federal election conducted on April 28, 2025. Chair Thomas thanked Bonita Zarillo for her years of service as a former Member of Parliament (MP) for the Port Moody-Coquitlam constituency.

Michael Viveiros, Vice-Principal, Dr. Charles Best Secondary, provided an update regarding the District Unified 3-on-3 Basketball District Championships held at Terry Fox Secondary School on April 11, 2025. The SD43 Unified 3-on-3 Basketball Program is an inclusive program created in partnership with Special Olympics BC, providing students with and without intellectual disabilities the opportunity to compete on the same team fostering connection, teamwork, and school spirit. This year's tournament included participation from all SD43 secondary schools. Congratulations to the Port Moody Secondary School Unified Basketball Team, who took home first place in the district championship. The Centennial team finished in second place. The athletes were individually introduced and thanks were expressed to the event sponsors, Special Olympics BC, MoreSports BC, lead organizer Michael Viveiros, and the district staff who made this event a huge success.

Trustees congratulated the athletes and expressed gratitude to the teachers, coaches, and all those involved in the creation of these successful opportunities for students. Trustee questions regarding the creation of the name Unified and details of the upcoming track and field event at Heritage Woods Secondary were responded to. The presentation concluded with a round of applause for the athletes.

INTRODUCTIONS

a) Partner Groups

b) DLT

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

a) SD43 Unified 3-on-3 Basketball

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 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of April 22, 2025, Special Board Meeting Minutes
- c) Trustee Calendar Planning Report for Information

PALMER ISAAK/PARK moved approval of the consent agenda.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no responses to previous delegations.

Nadine Tambellini, Superintendent, provided a report on news and events. The Superintendent elaborated on various events throughout the district including an event on April 22, 2025, to recognize Coast Salish Elementary as one of BC Hydro's Clean Energy Champions and the district's newest and first "green" school. Superintendent Tambellini also referenced the Banting Middle School Health & Wellness Conference held on April 10, 2025, and a series of district public speaking events currently happening titled "Mic'd Up!".

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

Nadine Tambellini, Superintendent, provided an overview of recent and upcoming events. The tragedy that occurred at the Lapu Lapu Festival in Vancouver was acknowledged and condolences were expressed to the Filipino community.

The Superintendent expressed gratitude to Secretary-Treasurer Randy Manhas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Nita Mikl, and the Finance team for the extraordinary amount of work that goes into the budget process.

EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

- a) Superintendent Report
- i) News & Events

- ii) Superintendent's Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) 2024/25 Surplus Allocation

Randy Manhas, Secretary-Treasurer spoke regarding the 2024/25 budget surplus allocation. The 2025/26 proposed budget faces significant challenges and uncertainties. It would be prudent to allocate Fiscal 2024/25 surplus funds to mitigate risks in staffing, benefits and maintenance.

WOODS/PALMER ISAAK moved to approve Fiscal 2024/25 surplus funds remaining after Policy 23 prescribed allocations be placed into staffing, maintenance, and benefits contingency funds as presented.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustees thanked the Finance team for the efforts made to maintain staffing while addressing a number of budgetary challenges.

A copy of the memo regarding the proposed 2024/25 Surplus Allocation are attached to the official minutes.

Randy Manhas, Secretary-Treasurer, and Nita Mikl, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided a summary of the 2025/26 annual budget bylaw in the required BC Ministry of Education format. On February 18, 2025, a Special Public meeting was held to provide partner groups and the public an opportunity to provide input to help shape the proposed budget. On April 15, 2025, management tabled the budget and on April 22, 2025, the Board received feedback from the partner groups and public on the proposed budget.

b) 2025/26 Annual Budget Bylaw

Key aspects of this budget incorporate decisions that:

- Considered the multiple interests of all interested parties with a need to maintain a financially healthy District and create budget certainty through the usage of accumulated reserves.
- Limit the impact of grant underfunding while continuing to provide support for vulnerable learners and maximize resources for student success.
- Provide financial transparency, governance and accountability in the budget process and making decisions within a framework that is guided by and aligned with Directions 2025.

Chair Thomas expressed thanks to all who attended previous meetings and provided feedback regarding the development of the preliminary budget. Chair Thomas also thanked Secretary-Treasurer Randy Manhas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Nita Mikl and the Finance team for their exceptional efforts in the preparation of the 2025/26 budget.

POLLOCK/MANHAS moved to hold all three readings and have the three readings, final passage and adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$521,925,027.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PALMER ISAAK/DENISON moved first reading of the 2025/26 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$521,925,027.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLLOCK/BRODIE moved second reading of the 2025/26 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$521,925,027.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANHAS/PARK moved third and final reading, final passage, and adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$521,925,027.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A copy of the 2025/26 Annual Budget Bylaw is attached to the official minutes.

At 8:00 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

There were no questions from trustees.

CTA President Ken Christensen's inquiries regarding teacher layoffs, Education Assistant (EA) schedules, and the Indigenous Education teacher surplus were responded to. Heritage Woods Secondary Teacher Kathy Fester inquired about 2025/26 funding for music programs.

QUESTION PERIOD

a) Trustees

b) Gallery

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no Notices of Motion for discussion.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Items of Trustee Business for discussion.

**ITEMS OF TRUSTEE
BUSINESS**

At 8:08 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no trustee questions.

a) Trustees

There were no questions from the gallery.

b) Gallery

PALMER ISAAK/POLLOCK moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

“Original Signed by”

Chair

“Original Signed by”

Secretary-Treasurer