

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE, BOARD ROOM**

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Chair:

Michael Thomas

Vice-Chair

Craig Woods

Trustees:

Carol Brodie

Chuck Denison

Kerri Palmer Isaak

Lisa Park

Regrets:

Rosey Manhas

Christine Pollock

Administration:

Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Nadine Tambellini

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Randy Manhas

Assistant Superintendents

Anthony Ciolfitto

Jeremy Clarke

Andrea Hunter

Paul McNaughton

Nadine Tambellini

Ivano Cecchini

Executive Director, Facilities and Planning

Assistant Director of Communications and

Community Relations

Ken Hoff

Recording Secretary

Nicole Schenato

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

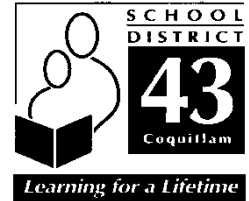
The Acknowledgement of Territory was expressed by Trustee Palmer Isaak.

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

WOODS/PALMER ISAAK moved acceptance of the agenda.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



*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**

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

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

Sabrina Driedger, a Registered Speech-Language Pathologist, presented to the Board of Education in recognition of Speech and Hearing Month, observed annually in May. The theme for this year is "Early Detection", emphasizing the importance of identifying disorders such as Developmental Language Disorders (DLD) as early as possible to support optimal outcomes for children.

Trustees thanked Ms. Driedger for her presentation and support of students, noting that increased awareness and the use of screening tools are essential steps toward fostering a more inclusive learning environment.

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 29, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Trustee Calendar Planning Report for Information
- c) Trustee Reports for Information
- d) Administrative Procedures Review Update
- e) Annual Facilities Grant Update
- f) Schedule of Board Meetings for 2025-2026

PALMER ISAAK/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.

There were no responses to previous delegations.

INTRODUCTIONS

a) Partner Groups

b) DLT

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

a) Speech Language Pathology Presentation

EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

Superintendent, Nadine Tambellini, presented a report on recent news and events, highlighting key activities from April and May 2025, and previewing upcoming events throughout the district in June.

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

Superintendent Nadine Tambellini provided an overview of a recent meeting of all Superintendents, which focused on key areas including budget efficiencies and priorities, a continued commitment to Indigenous learning, the Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools Framework, and core areas such as literacy, numeracy, and early learning.

Ms. Tambellini also noted that May is recognized as Speech-Language-Hearing Month. In addition, she highlighted ongoing planning for the upcoming school year and acknowledged end-of-year celebrations, including graduation ceremonies, retirement dinners, and school concerts.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Nita Mikl, provided an overview of the 3rd Quarter Financial reports referencing the financial impact of activities for the nine-month period ending March 31, 2025. From a financial reporting perspective, the 3rd quarter report is focused more on the analysis of revenue and expense trends to date, which forms the basis of the year-end outlook. Information was provided regarding the operating fund and special purpose funds.

Trustee questions and comments regarding the potential claw back from the Ministry of unspent special purpose and targeted funds, were responded to.

There was no unfinished business.

At 7:33 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

There were no trustee questions.

Ken Christensen, CTA President, sought clarification regarding funds received from the Ministry that are specifically targeted for professional learning for teachers and support staff.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

a) Superintendent Report

i) News & Events

ii) Superintendent Update

Secretary-Treasurer Report

i) 3rd Quarter Financial Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUESTION PERIOD

a) Trustees

b) Gallery

Darin Nielsen, CUPE 561 Vice President, sought clarification regarding the process of layoffs for EA's from Secondary to Elementary and the allocation of funding.

Mr. Nielsen also inquired whether a specific formula is used when assigning clerical secretaries to school sites.

There was no new business.

There were no Notices of Motion for discussion.

Chair Thomas reported that Trustee Royer, who has been on unpaid leave of absence since April 1, 2025, will be extending her leave until further notice.

WOODS/PALMER ISAAK moved that the Board of Education of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) to confirm Trustee Royer's unpaid leave of absence and extend it until further notice.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 7:40 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

There were no trustee questions.

There were no questions from the gallery.

PALMER ISAAK/BRODIE moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

- a) Trustee Leave of absence

QUESTION PERIOD

- a) Trustees
- b) Gallery

ADJOURNMENT

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer