

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY**

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby was held in the Conference Centre at Burnaby Central Secondary School at 7:03 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell; and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment moved the Superintendent's Report to follow approval of the agenda.

Sound Wave – District Handbell Choir

Reg LaPlante, Program Consultant Visual and Performing Arts, introduced the District Handbell Choir. Under the direction of Janet Nordstrand, music teacher at Inman Elementary, the students performed two selections for Trustees – Allegro Spiritoso and Just Dance.

Brentwood Park Hip Hop Dancers

Each year, I-Vibe Entertainment hosts hip hop workshops in schools across the district, working with students for two weeks to hone their dance skills. The workshops culminate with a school-wide performance. Brentwood Park's hip hop

celebration on May 29 included a routine by staff. Students and staff from Brentwood Park performed a segment of their year-end finale for Trustees.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Superintendent's Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

Sion Lanini of DreamRider Productions made a presentation on the company's programs that use the power of theatre to engage and empower students in areas such as water conservation, anti-littering/anti-graffiti, climate change and energy conservation.

Good News

Baljinder Narang presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Board Chair Report

Ron Burton reflected on the past school year that had seen many challenges, including a protracted labour dispute at the start of the year and a recent change in leadership. The district has come together as a strong team. He thanked all staff and assured them they had the full support of the Board.

Vice-Chair Harman Pandher reflected on National Aboriginal Day, held on June 21. It had been a banner year for Aboriginal education in the district, including the signing of a new Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement and culminating in the Honouring our Youth ceremony. Mr. Pandher noted that education plays a key role in the process of true reconciliation based on mutual respect and understanding. Many of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, specifically recommendations 62 and 63, were focused on education and he hoped the Board would fully support them.

Trustee Larry Hayes spoke of the passing of Anita Hagen a former Minister of Education and a former school trustee. He also mentioned that the district had celebrated its retirees from all employee groups earlier in the month and owed a debt of gratitude to them all.

It was moved by Harman Pandher:

THAT the Burnaby Board of Education fully support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations that pertain to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 public school system and future directions for Aboriginal Education in the Burnaby School District.

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the following motion:

THAT the Burnaby Board of Education fully support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations that pertain to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 public school system and future directions for Aboriginal Education in the Burnaby School District, be referred to the Education Committee.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the Board Chair Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the letter from Syd Cleave, Deputy City Clerk, confirming the City of Burnaby's contribution of \$460,656 towards the funding of the district's Community School Program, be received.

Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of June 9, 2015 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations Administrative Services

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Katrina Chen:

THAT the Board receive and approve the Superintendent's District Operations – Administrative Services Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations Business Services

SchoolCash Online

Roy Uyeno, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer introduced Lynda Kerr, Accounting and Audit Officer. Ms Kerr outlined the SchoolCash Online e-payment system that permits students, staff and parents to make payments online. This easy-to-use and secure system has eliminated a significant amount of cash and cheques from the district's accounting processes and integrates seamlessly with the district's school-based accounting system.

Marlene Ciaburri, secretary at Armstrong Elementary, and Dave MacLean, Principal of Westridge Elementary School, shared their experience of the system and the impact it has had on their schools.

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126895

Mr. Frank presented the pro-forma Capital Project Bylaw for the 2015/2016 Annual Facility Grant funding for the maintenance of school facilities. Total funding approved for the district is \$4,809,484, of which \$3,799,310 is to be funded through a capital grant. To access the capital grant funding the Board is required to adopt Capital Project Bylaw No. 126895 in the amount of \$3,799,310.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126895 receive three readings at this Board meeting held June 23, 2015.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126895 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Katrina Chen:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126895 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126895 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Larry Hayes:

~~THAT~~ *Capital Project Bylaw No. 126895 be approved a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126895 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 23rd day of June, 2015; that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to

New Business

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by