

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 Burnaby was held via video conference at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Present

Trustees Jen Meze (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cecchi, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes, Ryan Stewart and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary/Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Jeannette Laursen, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Perle; Deputy Secretary/Treasurer Ishver Khungura and Executive Assistants Joanne Simpson and Deanna Azzara.

Ryan Stewart, Trustee, acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was submitted for confirmation.

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented, and that the agenda be published in the Burnaby Schools Bulletin.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Peter Cecchi.

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

Board Chair Report

Jen Mezei, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. A local media outlet, The Burnaby Beacon, has been spotlighting student achievement in an ongoing feature called “20 Under 20, where “amazing young people doing incredible things in Burnaby” are highlighted. Many Burnaby secondary and elementary students nominated by district and school staff, community organizations, and trustees, receiving recognition for their leadership and contributions.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Christine Cunningham.

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Superintendent Report

Youth Work in Trades Award

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools, presented information about the Youth Work in Trades Award. It is a pleasure to showcase these students and honour them in their success. Paul Arthur, District Program Consultant, Career Education and Transition Programs, along with Tracey Wispinski, District Youth Work in Trades Apprenticeship Advisor, acknowledged the successes of the program and the impressive achievements of the many award recipients.

Governor General Awards

The Governor General's Academic Medal is the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive. Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools, and Jeannette Laursoo, Assistant Superintendent, recognized and honoured the talents and achievements of the 2020 medal recipients: Emily Ma (Alpha), Grace Que (Burnaby Central), Oscar Lautsch (Burnaby Mountain), Ratana Wang (Burnaby North), Jamie Ma (Burnaby South), Jaehwan Seok (Byrne Creek), Davin Chikhliia (Cariboo Hill) and Samantha Ying Yi Li (Moscrop). Ms. Niccoli Moen wished the students all the best in their academic careers.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Gary Wong.

THAT the minutes of the public session of the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 12, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Business Services Report

Byrne Creek Community Secondary City of Burnaby Landscaping Right of Way

Russell Horswill, Secretary/Treasurer, presented information on the Byrne Creek Community Secondary City of Burnaby Landscaping Right of Way. The City of Burnaby has requested a Landscaping Right of Way on the Byrne Creek Community Secondary School site to support the development of the twin ice area adjacent to the school. The reason for the covenant is to provide for an integrated site development plan, which includes a retaining wall and stair access.

It was moved by Ryan Stewart and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT Byrne Creek Community Secondary School City of Burnaby Landscaping Right of Way Bylaw, 2021 receive three readings at this Board meeting held October 26, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Byrne Creek Community Secondary School City of Burnaby Landscaping Right of Way Bylaw, 2021 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

THAT Byrne Creek Community Secondary School City of Burnaby Landscaping Right of Way Bylaw, 2021 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

THAT Byrne Creek Community Secondary School City of Burnaby Landscaping Right of Way Bylaw, 2021 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Byrne Creek Community Secondary School City of Burnaby Landscaping Right of Way Bylaw, 2021 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

THAT Byrne Creek Community Secondary School City of Burnaby Landscaping Right of Way Bylaw, 2021 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted the 26th day of October, 2021; that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary Treasurer be authorized to sign the bylaw; and that the bylaw be sealed with the corporate seal of the Board.

Carried unanimously.

Duthie Union School Land Disposition

Mr. Horswill presented on the Duthie Union School Land Disposition. The Board identified in its Long Range Facility Plan that the Duthie Union School site is surplus to the district's current and future educational needs. Additionally, board direction was provided to engage in negotiations with the Conseil Scolaire Francophone School District (CSF) for their acquisition of the site to support their public education mandate. The Purchase and Sale Agreement executed with the CSF provides for a closing date of December 31, 2021 and a possession date of July 31, 2022 or earlier if the building is vacated.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Peter Cech.

THAT the Board of Education should consider and approve prior to the reading of the Land Disposition Bylaw Motions the following procedural motions:

THAT the Board of Education provide 1st and 2nd reading of the Duthie Union School Land Disposition Bylaw No. 2021 to the Conseil Scolaire

Francophone School District at the October 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

AND THAT the Board of Education place a notice on the district website of the intention to sell the Duthie Union School property.

AND THAT a public disposition information meeting be hosted through Zoom to provide interested residents an opportunity to learn more about the land disposition.

AND FINALLY, that the Board of Education consider the Duthie Union School Land Disposition Bylaw No. 2021 at the November 23, 2021 Regular Meeting for 3rd and Final reading.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Duthie Union School Land Disposition Bylaw No. 2021 receive two readings at this Board meeting held October 26, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

THAT Duthie Union School Land Disposition Bylaw No. 2021 be read a first time

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT Duthie Union School Land Disposition Bylaw No. 2021 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Peter Cech:

THAT Duthie Union School Land Disposition Bylaw No. 2021 be approved a second time, and that third and final reading be considered at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 23, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Mask Mandate Reporting

Ms. Niccoli-Moen reported that current health and safety practices are working well in schools and the district is continuing to support staff and families in a healthy way.

It was moved by Ryan Stewart and seconded by Larry Hayes.

THAT the Board of Education receive this information as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Mandatory Staff Vaccinations Update

The Ministry has released K-12 Sector guidelines for vaccination policies which outlines the steps and process boards should consider regarding mandatory staff vaccination policies. Ms. Mezei stated that the Board will continue to approach this highly complex process in a careful and thoughtful manner. The Board recognizes the importance of vaccines and will continue to encourage all eligible staff to be vaccinated against Covid-19, as it considers available information along with government, health officials, and partner groups consultation.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Gary Wong.

THAT the Board of Education receive this information as presented.

Carried unanimously.

New Business

Policy Update – Administrative Changes

Mr. Horswill presented information on the Policy Update Administrative Changes report. The intent of the changes is to address obvious errors (wrong positions, incorrect legal references, etc.) and to

THAT the Board of Education approve, without Notice of Motion policy circulation, the administrative changes contained herein, with amendments

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ryan Stewart and seconded by Gary Wong.

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 pm

Carried Unanimously.

Jen Mezei
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary/Treasurer