

# Minutes



## PUBLIC MEETING

### The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)

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**Date:** April 11, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:33 p.m.  
**Location:** Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Wilson, Chair  
Stan Petersen, Vice Chair  
Phil Anderson  
Freddy Latham  
Rhonda Pauls  
Preet Rai  
Cindy Schafer

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Godden, Superintendent  
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Cheryl McLeod, Executive Assistant  
Corissa St.George, Recording Secretary

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### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#### 2.1 Approval of the Agenda

**R17-057** It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve the Agenda of the Public Meeting of April 11, 2017 as amended in agenda item 7.9.

**CARRIED**

### 3.0 O CANADA

The Board began the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

#### 3.1 Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

Chair Wilson acknowledged that we reside on the shared traditional ancestral territory of the Sumas and Matsqui First Nations.

**4.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held March 7, 2017

**R17-058** It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held March 7, 2017.

**CARRIED**

4.2 General Record of the Closed Meeting held March 7, 2017

**R17-059** It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the General Record of the Closed Meeting held March 7, 2017.

**CARRIED**

4.3 Minutes of the Public Meeting held March 28, 2017

**R17-060** It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held March 28, 2017.

**CARRIED**

4.4 General Record of the Closed Meeting held April 4, 2017

**R17-061** It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the General Record of the Closed Meeting held April 4, 2017.

**CARRIED**

4.5 Enrolment Reports – March 2017

**R17-062** It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education receive the Enrolment Reports for March 2017.

**CARRIED**

## **5.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **5.1 Acknowledgement of the Passing of George Ferguson**

Chair Wilson acknowledged the passing of George Ferguson on March 7, 2017 and extended condolences to his family. Mr. Ferguson provided tremendous service to the City of Abbotsford.

### **5.2 Student Presentation: Robert Bateman Secondary – Art Activism Blended Learning Course**

Superintendent Godden welcomed Principal Jinder Sarowa who introduced teacher Alexandra Blair and her students to present 'Strong and Free – A community initiative by the students of Robert Bateman Secondary'. Ms. Blair and her students shared information about the art exhibition they are working on through an Art Activism Course. This project celebrates the importance of immigration and cultural diversity in Canada. An art show at High Street Mall will take place the weekend of June 3 with a goal to raise \$15,000 for a student scholarship.

## **6.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions asked in this question period.

## **7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS**

### **7.1 Modern Languages Progress Report**

Superintendent Godden introduced Duncan Hazlewood, Modern Languages Helping Teacher who shared the progress report of the initiatives undertaken in the last year to support teaching and learning in the French, Punjabi, and other additional language programs.

### **7.2 Academy Fees – 2017/18**

Superintendent Godden presented the Academy Fees for 2017/18 for the Board's approval. All fees have been approved by the respective parents' advisory councils.

**R17-063** It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$750 per year for the Abbotsford Senior Secondary Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$600 per year for the Abbotsford Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$600 per year for the Eugene Reimer Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$1,600 per year for the Grade 6 and 7 Wm. A. Fraser Middle School Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$1,700 for the Grade 8 Wm. A. Fraser Middle School Hockey Academy; and

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THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$2,500 per year for the Yale Secondary Hockey Skills Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$13,500 for U15 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$13,000 for the U16 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$14,000 for the U18 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2017 school year in the amount of \$2,100 for the Yale Baseball Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$2,000 for the Yale Softball Academy; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2016/2017 school year in the amount of \$2,500 per year for the Robert Bateman Secondary Golf Academy.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 School Fees & Deposits – 2017/18**

Superintendent Godden presented the School Fees & Deposits for 2017/18 for the Board's approval.

**R17-064** It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the following school fees and deposits for the 2017/2018 school year:

- Student Activity Fees for middle and secondary schools of up to \$30 per student. The student activity fee covers costs such as student agendas, guest speakers, student identity cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, locks and locker rentals. Schools shall not charge for a student agenda if it is to be used as a learning resource or for assessment purposes;
- Parking permits of up to \$16 for the right to park as well as for administrative expenses at secondary schools where required;
- Graduation Fee of up to \$60 per student, the basic amount for the cost of the convocation ceremony (e.g. gown and stole rental, keeper cap and tassel, folder, diploma and tickets to convocation/venue, tea/reception);
- Personal supplies in accordance with the supply list approved by the district;
- Course Fee: \$550 for graduated adults taking non-funded courses;

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- Refunds for graduated adults paying \$550 course tuition will be handled as follows:  
For Bakerview Centre for Learning: Continuing Education, refunds for fee paying graduated adults will be granted up to 4 days of attendance after registration. There will be a 10% per day holdback to a maximum of 40%. Withdrawal after 4 days will result in no refund. Individuals wishing a refund due to hardship after registration will be considered on a case-by-case basis.  
For Abbotsford Virtual School, upon placement into a distributed learning course: refunds may be granted: 100% within two days, 75% within a week, and 50% within 30 days. Refunds will not be considered after 30 days.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Abbotsford Sports Hall of Fame Sponsorship Request**

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the request for sponsorship from the Abbotsford Sports Hall of Fame for consideration. The Board discussed the request and decided they would continue to provide sponsorship at the amount given in previous years.

**R17-065** It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve the sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 per year for three years to the Abbotsford Sports Hall of Fame.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Third Quarter Financial Report – 2016/17**

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided the Third Quarter Financial Report for information.

**7.6 2017-18 Budget Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented a 2017-18 Budget Update and noted that budget planning continues to be a work in progress, with staffing in schools as the biggest component. As staffing meetings conclude, finalization of the 2017-18 Budget will take place. The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the guiding principles, major budget assumptions, emerging issues and budget pressures. It was noted that budget measures from 2016-17 will remain in place.

**7.7 International Student Program**

Superintendent Godden provided budget and enrolment information from the International Student Program. The International Student Program Department will continue to work with staff to manage the enrolment of international students.

**7.8 Student Learning Grant**

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed the Student Learning Grant funding of \$991,000. A distribution mechanism was developed by staff with the requirement that principals consult with Parent Advisory Councils on the use of the funds. Funds are to be expensed by June 2017.

**7.9 School District Financial Reporting Information**

This agenda item was deferred to the next Finance and Facilities meeting.

7.10 Five-Year Capital Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided the letter from the Ministry specifying support for advancing project development or delivery of various projects.

7.11 Capital Bylaw 2017/18-CPSD34-01

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Capital Bylaw for approval and noted that the Ministry has altered their requirements. All projects are combined into one bylaw and project dollar values are no longer included in the bylaw.

**R17-066** It was MOVED by Trustee Schafer and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of Capital Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD34-01 in this one meeting.

**CARRIED**

7.12 Capital Bylaw 2017/18-CPSD34-01 – First Reading

**R17-067** It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD34-01 be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

7.13 Capital Bylaw 2017/18-CPSD34-01 – Second Reading

**R17-068** It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD34-01 be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

7.14 Capital Bylaw 2017/18-CPSD34-01 – Third Reading

**R17-069** It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD34-01 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally adopted and passed on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

**CARRIED**

7.15 Final Report – Water Quality Project

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that the Project Team to achieve safe water quality throughout the District was completed on time and on-budget. All of the Ministry funding for this project was spent. In accordance with Ministry reporting requirements, the test results were sent to the Ministry and to Fraser Health.

**8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 The Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held February 14, 2017

**R17-070** It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held February 14, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

9.1 BCSTA Presentation – Board Performance Reviews

Chair Wilson advised that three trustees will represent the district at the BCSTA AGM taking place from April 20-23. Chair Wilson will be presenting at the Board Performance Reviews session on Friday, April 21.

**10.0 NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 Protocol Committee

The Protocol Committee will have their first meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2017. The committee includes Trustees Anderson and Schafer, Communications Manager Kayla Stuckart and community members Christine Wiebe and Gerda Fandrich.

**11.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11.1 Update on Community Safety Forum

Trustees attended this Forum which took place on March 18, 2017 at W.J. Mouat Secondary School.

Trustees reported on recent events they attended including four school visits with the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the science fair awards ceremony at UFV, the Lion King production by Chief Dan George Middle School, the Skills Canada BC Luncheon, and an announcement about a new youth service centre in Abbotsford. It was confirmed that Character Abbotsford Conference will take place on October 20, 2017. Yale Secondary will be hosting the Canadian Student Leadership Conference in September, 2019.

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**12.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

A question regarding the Finance and Facilities report from February was asked and responded to.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer