

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

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Phone: 604.859.4891 Fax: 604.859.5898

Date: May 30, 2017

Time: 7:04 p.m. to 9:30 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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

R17-080 It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education approve the Agenda of the Public Meeting of May 30, 2017.

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 May 2, 2017

R17-081 It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held May 2, 2017.

CARRIED

4.2 General Record of the Closed Meeting held May 2, 2017

R17-082 It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the General Record of the Closed Meeting held May 2, 2017.

CARRIED

4.3 Enrolment Report – May 2017

R17-083 It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the Enrolment Report for May 2017.

CARRIED

5.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Student Presentation: Rick Hansen Secondary School – Senior Boys Basketball

Superintendent Godden welcomed Vice-Principal Bo Sidhu and the Rick Hansen Senior Secondary Boys Basketball Team. Mr. Sidhu shared the team's dedication the entire season including attending all practices to eventually clinch the provincial championship. The players noted that during some of the games, they had to adjust their mental focus which included 'left hands in', representing the only hand that leads to the heart. Mr. Sidhu acknowledged the team for playing in a higher tier even though they could have played in a lower tier.

6.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked in this question period.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Update

Superintendent Godden presented the progress with the FESL which the District Planning Team has completed after establishing the question of how to improve and clarify student progress. The committee has identified and suggested critical items the district should use when communicating school progress to the parent community. In September, six schools will pilot an online template and post their annual school plan with the flexibility to tell their own story. The goal being that all schools will have their annual school plans available online in December.

7.2 Learning Support Services Progress Report

Superintendent Godden welcomed Ms. Leigh Howard, Director, Learning Support Services and her team to share the progress that has taken place in the department in the last year. Ms. Howard reviewed the strategic priorities LSS has focused on and acknowledged that their department is looking forward to addressing the revised curriculum into their strategic priorities. Chair Wilson thanked Ms. Howard and her team and extended appreciation and congratulations for her contributions to the district as she prepares for her upcoming retirement in December.

7.3 Board/Authority Authorized Course (BAAC)

Superintendent Godden presented the BAA Veterinary Science 11 for the Board's approval.

R17-084 It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Veterinary Science 11 as a Board/Authority Authorized Course.

CARRIED

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7.4 Approval of the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018. It was emphasized that the Guiding Principles set by the Board, in relation to the district's Strategic Plan, have been implemented in the preparation of the 2017/2018 budget. The Board has ensured the district remains focused on the district's Strategic Plan.

The efforts this year to go through the process to identify additional costs in returning to the 2002 Collective Agreement language have been significant and have seen our district become more centralized to manage the level of compliance required by the Ministry. It was noted that most of the district spending is on salaries, the district remains below average in the Province for administrative costs. Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that budget measures from 2016/2017 remain in place leaving the district in a balanced budget. Chair Wilson acknowledged and thanked staff for their extra work in preparation for the 2017/2018 Budget.

R17-085 It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 in this one meeting.

CARRIED

7.5 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 (First Reading)

R17-086 It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 be given first reading.

CARRIED

7.6 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 (Second Reading)

R17-087 It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Schafer

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 be given second reading.

CARRIED

7.7 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 (Third Reading)

R17-088 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, specifying a total budget amount of \$214,880,375 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 30th day of May, 2017.

CARRIED

7.8 Long Term Facilities Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk shared that the Long Term Facilities Plan website is available for the community to access and provide feedback for each family of schools. Staff will prepare a report on progress made for the June 20 Public Board Meeting.

7.9 Policy 7 - Board Governance and Operations

Trustee Schafer reviewed the revisions to Policy 7. Chair Wilson confirmed that two Question Periods will still be available during a Public Board Meeting.

R17-089 It was MOVED by Trustee Schafer and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 7 – Board Governance and Operations as revised.

CARRIED

7.10 Policy 8 - Board Committees

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the revisions to Policy 8 including the establishment of an Audit Committee of the Whole which will meet approximately three times a year.

R17-090 It was MOVED by Trustee Schafer and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 8 – Board Committees as revised.

CARRIED

7.11 Request to the Board of Education to Change Administrative Procedure 336

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the request to the Board from the South Poplar delegation to change AP 336. Trustees discussed the submission and agreed that there may be a need to further clarify the Administrative Procedure including the registration priorities. The Superintendent will review the wording of AP 336 and provide any recommendations to the Board. The Board also requested a list of how many in catchment students are on a waiting list as well as the number of forced transferred students.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 The Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held February 28, 2017

R17-091 It was MOVED by Trustee Schafer and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the Minutes of the Education Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 28, 2017.

CARRIED

8.2 The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held April 18, 2017

R17-092 It was MOVED by Trustee Schafer and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education receive the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held April 18, 2017.

CARRIED

9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

9.1 Abbotsford Youth Commission

Vice-Chair Petersen acknowledged a number of district students and staff (names below) who received an award at the URoc Awards. Trustee Schafer will be the Board Representative for the Abbotsford Youth Commission.

- Mackenzie Byers: Student at Abbotsford Traditional Secondary – for incredible volunteer work
- Adam Jenson: Student at REACH – for giving back to the community
- Doug Primrose: Teacher at Yale Secondary – for dedication to coaching and youth leadership programs
- Melanie Trudeau: Teacher at Chief Dan George Middle – for caring and going above and beyond
- APD Youth Squad: for all they do in the community including the schools

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

11.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees reported on recent events they attended throughout the district.

12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Questions regarding the policy on inclusion of students and the type of data which exists in the district about students who have special needs were asked and responded to by staff.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer