

# Minutes



## PUBLIC MEETING

### The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) 2790 Tims Street, Abbotsford, BC., V2T 4M7

**Date:** February 26, 2019  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Abbotsford School District Administration Office

#### TRUSTEES IN

ATTENDANCE: Stan Petersen, Chair  
Rhonda Pauls, Vice Chair  
Phil Anderson  
Freddy Latham  
Korky Neufeld  
Preet Rai  
Shirley Wilson

#### STAFF IN

ATTENDANCE: Kevin Godden, Superintendent  
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant  
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant  
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager

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### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

### **2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **2.1 Adoption of the Agenda**

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

### **3.0 SINGING OF 'O CANADA'**

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

#### **3.1 Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community**

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

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**4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held February 5, 2019

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held February 5, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**5.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the Consent Items as presented.

**CARRIED**

**A) For Approval**

5.2 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held February 5, 2019

5.3 Correspondence: Ministry of Children and Family Development – Request for Proposals for Early Years

**6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

6.1 Student Presentation: McMillan Elementary – Student Leadership Team

Superintendent Godden welcomed Principal Angela Wiebe, Vice-Principal Tara Plantinga and the Student Leadership Team from McMillan Elementary. The grade 5 leadership students spoke about their roles, what activities they help plan, take part in, help facilitate and why they like being part of the leadership team.

**7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS**

7.1 Human Resources Operational Plan – Progress Report

Superintendent Godden welcomed Michele Radomski, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources who reported on the progress of the department’s operational plans, strategic goals and objectives related to the Board’s Strategic Plan.

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District’s 2016-20 Strategic Plan Strategic Goal 4, Increase Employee Performance and Engagement and Strategic Goal 7, Improve Organizational Health:

- Objective 4.1: Increase engagement and retention of employees
- Objective 7.1: Increase the health and well-being of employees

the Board of Education finds that the school district is making reasonable progress toward achieving desired results.

**CARRIED**

### 7.2 Communications Operational Plan – Progress Report

Superintendent Godden welcomed Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager who reported on the progress of the department’s operational plans, strategic goals and objectives related to the Board’s Strategic Plan.

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District’s 2016-20 Strategic Plan Strategic Goal 4, Increase Employee Performance and Engagement and Strategic Goal 8, Increase Parent and Community Engagement:

- Objective 4.2: Improve Internal Communications
- Objective 8.1: Improve External Communications

the Board of Education finds that the school district is making reasonable progress toward achieving desired results.

### **CARRIED**

### 7.3 AP 210 – Learning Resources

The Board discussed AP 210. The Superintendent will make revisions to AP 210 to include the specific prohibited grounds outlined in the BC Human Rights Code, will reference the current Ministry policy on learning resources, and will outline parental roles relative to ministerial policy on alternative delivery.

### 7.4 Enrolment Management: Early and Late French Immersion

Superintendent Godden reported that the district’s ability to admit new students to the kindergarten and grade 6 Late French Immersion Programs is limited due to the national shortage of French Immersion Teachers. The Human Resources Department continues to be as aggressive as possible in recruitment of teachers. Unfortunately, in light of these challenges, all requests for French Immersion Kindergarten and Late French Immersion grade 6 have been placed on hold, pending the availability of qualified teachers. The Superintendent confirmed that communication will be sent to families and the Board will remain apprised of any new developments.

### Question Period

A question regarding how the Board represents the community and parents was asked and responded to. Questions regarding reasonable and appropriate notifications to parents were asked and responded to. A question regarding Thoughtexchange survey results was asked and responded to. Questions regarding Learning Resources and Out in Schools presentations were asked and responded to. A question regarding restructuring the French Immersion program was asked and responded to.

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7.5 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2018-2019

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the amended annual budget for approval. Director of Finance, Linda Peters reviewed the changes in revenues and expenditures from the preliminary budget.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in this one meeting.

**CARRIED**

7.6 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2018-2019 (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019 be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

7.7 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2018-2019 (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019 be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

7.8 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2018-2019 (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019, specifying an expenditure of \$222,799,288 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

**CARRIED**

7.9 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided the dates of the public budget consultation meetings – March 7 and April 16. Staff are currently forecasting for the 2019-2020 budget.

7.10 Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School: Seismic Project and Community Consultation

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk summarized that this seismic project has become more complex due to dealing with building envelope issues, along with declining enrolment numbers and capacity utilization. In order to develop a reasonable business case and submit a final Project Definition Report to the Ministry, feedback from the community is necessary.

A public consultation meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School.

7.11 Live Streaming Viewer Questions

The Board discussed having questions posed from the community via livestreaming of public meetings. Staff will add a comment to the livestream link that provides Board contact information for the community to ask questions directly to the Board.

7.12 Indigenous Representation on Naming Committees

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed Ministerial policy and reported that there is no Ministry policy requirement for school districts to make an amendment to naming committees.

7.13 BC Skills Competition Partners' Luncheon Sponsorship

The Board amended the motion to include the yearly sponsorship to extend for a period of three years commencing in 2019.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education approve the request from Skills Canada BC to co-sponsor the Partners' Luncheon to a maximum contribution amount of \$2,000 for a period of three years commencing in 2019.

**CARRIED**

**8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

**9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

9.1 BCSTA Correspondence: Draft 2019/2020 Budget

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education affirm its membership renewal to the BC School Trustees' Association for the 2019/2020 year.

**CARRIED**

**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 and upcoming events they will be attending.

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**12.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

A question regarding French Immersion funding was asked and responded to. A question regarding hiring of sexual education instructors was asked and responded to.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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Board Chair

*(Signed)*

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Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer