

# Minutes



## PUBLIC MEETING

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

**Date:** May 28, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

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

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

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.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held May 7, 2019

It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held May 7, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**5.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

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 May 7, 2019

5.3 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held March 5, 2019

5.4 Correspondence: Office of the Premier

5.5 Correspondence: BCPSEA Communications Advisory – May 15, 2019

**6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

6.1 Student Presentation: 2019 Verna J. Kirkness Program at UBC

Superintendent Godden welcomed Darlene MacDonald, District Principal, Aboriginal Education and students who attended the 2019 Verna J. Kirkness Program at UBC. The students shared their weeklong experience at UBC. They expressed that receiving a total immersion experience helped give a better understanding of the different programs at UBC and have highly recommended their peers apply for the 2020 program.

**7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS**

7.1 2019-2020 Local School Calendar Amendment

Superintendent Godden presented an amendment to the 2019-2020 Local School Calendar.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education amend the local school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year, to reschedule the non-instructional day in October 2019, from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**CARRIED**

Question Period

No questions were asked in this question period.

7.2 Carbon Neutral Action Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the highlights of the district's 2018 Carbon Neutral Action Report. The district is committed to reduce its energy consumption and its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG's). The district continues to teach our students the value of conservation and the positive impacts that each of them can have on the planet.

7.3 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that staff continues to prepare the final documents for approval at the June 18, 2019 public board meeting. A summary of the additional resources required to support the board's strategic plan were presented.

7.4 Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School Project Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed the seismic upgrade options for the Board. The Board discussed the invasiveness of the project and the options and agreed to pursue Option 6 with the Ministry of Education. Staff will submit the updated project plans to the Ministry of Education.

7.5 2019 BC School District Executive Assistants Conference

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk announced that the 2019 BC School District Executive Assistants Conference is being hosted and has been organized by Abbotsford School District Executive Assistants. The conference will take place from May 29-31 in Harrison Hot Springs.

7.6 New School on Eagle Mountain: Capital Project Funding Agreement

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Capital Project Funding Agreement for the new elementary school on Eagle Mountain for approval. Next steps will be to select a consultant.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Funding Agreement with the Ministry of Education as presented.

**CARRIED**

**8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

**9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no reports by representatives at this meeting.

**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 community and upcoming events they will be attending.

**12.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions related to the ATSS Seismic Project were asked and responded to.

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**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer