

## PUBLIC MEETING

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

**Date:** February 11, 2020  
**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 7:02 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.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held January 14, 2020

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held January 14, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**5.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

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

**CARRIED**

**A) Information**

There were no items presented for information at the February 11, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

**B) For Approval**

5.2 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held January 14, 2020

5.3 General Record of the Special Extraordinary Closed Board Meeting held January 21, 2020

5.4 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held September 10, 2019

5.5 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held December 10, 2019

**6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

6.1 Student Presentation: Abbotsford Middle – International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program  
Superintendent Godden welcomed students and their teacher Graeme Kemp from Abbotsford Middle School. Mr. Kemp shared how the Middle Years Program projects allow students to think globally, yet act locally. The students shared their Middle Years Program projects with the Board.

**7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS**

**7.1 Communications – Progress Report from 2018-19**

Superintendent Godden welcomed Manager of Communications, Kayla Stuckart, who shared key achievements and projects, signs of success and progress and addressed the challenges to improving internal and external communications across the district.

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District’s 2016-20 Strategic Plan 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**

**7.2 Secondary – Progress Report from 2018-19**

Superintendent Godden welcomed Assistant Superintendent Gino Bondi, who highlighted key achievements, innovative projects, early signs of success, and challenges related to increasing student success and enhancing leadership excellence in the context of our secondary schools.

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District’s 2016-20 Strategic Plan Goal 3, Increase Graduation Success:

- Objective 3.1: Increase graduation rates
- Objective 3.2: Improve grade to grade transition rates

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

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Local School Calendar for 2020-2021 - Notice of Intent**

Superintendent Godden presented the proposed 2020-2021 calendar. The calendar will be available for employee groups and the community to provide feedback until March 5, 2020. The results will be available at the March 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education serve Notice of Intent that the 2020-2021 Local School Calendar will be presented for debate and vote at a regular meeting of the Board on March 10, 2020.

**CARRIED**

7.4 Strategic Plan Refresh

Superintendent Godden and Chair Petersen presented information regarding the consultation process for the Strategic Plan Refresh.

Question Period

A question about the IB Programme was asked and responded to.

7.5 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020

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 Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the 2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in this one meeting.

**CARRIED**

7.6 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2019/2020 (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020 be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

7.7 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2019/2020 (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020 be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

7.8 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2019/2020 (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020, specifying an expenditure of \$229,401,457 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 11th day of February 2020.

**CARRIED**

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7.9 Second Quarter Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the quarterly financial report and noted that the district is on target for budget.

7.10 Appointment of Auditors

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the appointment of KPMG as the auditors for Abbotsford School District for a three year period, commencing with the 2019/2020 school year, with two one-year renewal options.

**CARRIED**

7.11 Transportation Review

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented an update about the transportation review meetings. Trustees discussed a number of issues. An update will be provided at the March 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

7.12 King Traditional Elementary: Air Quality Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided an update of steps and actions which have been taken since the December 3, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

**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 on external organizations 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**

A question about the IB Programme was asked and responded to.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer