

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: June 16, 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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 // #DifferentTogether Pledge

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

Trustees and staff in attendance recited the #DifferentTogether Pledge.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held May 26, 2020

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held May 26, 2020.

CARRIED

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

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 June 16, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

B) For Approval

5.2 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held May 26, 2020

5.3 General Record of the Special Extraordinary Closed Board Meeting held June 9, 2020

6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There were no delegations/presentation/acknowledgements at the June 16, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 2020-24 Strategic Plan and Budget for 2020-2021

Superintendent Godden and Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the refreshed 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and Budget for 2020-2021. The foundational pillars of the strategic plan will remain the same, but the goals of the plan have been amended to incorporate the feedback gathered during the consultation process. The Board's balanced scorecard strategic plan provides for each employee to have a line of sight in contributing to the District's mission, vision and values.

Staff have aligned the strategic plan consultation process with the process of the budget cycle. The 2020-21 budget was developed with the context of the Board's Strategic Plan and provides support for the programs and services currently in place throughout the District.

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED

7.2 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 in this one meeting.

CARRIED

7.3 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 be given first reading.

CARRIED

7.4 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 be given second reading.

CARRIED

7.5 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, specifying a total budget amount of \$228,416,890 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 16th day of June, 2020.

CARRIED

7.6 Toti:Itcha (Future Learning) Plan Overview

Superintendent Godden presented the Toti:Itcha plan, intended to be used as a framework for schools to ensure that learning environments are safe and engaging for students and staff beginning the 2020-2021 school year. The draft plan will be shared with internal and external stakeholders prior to publishing the final document.

7.7 Return to in-class instruction – attendance update

Superintendent Godden presented an attendance update, which summarizes the percentage of students who attended in-class instruction for the weeks of June 1-5 and June 8-12.

Question Period

There were no questions asked during the question period.

7.8 Five Year Capital Plan Submission 2021-2022

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the 2021-2022 Five Year Capital Plan Submission, which highlights the project priority for each project within the specific capital program.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed 2021/22 Five-Year Capital Plan in accordance with provisions under Section 142 (4) of the School Act, as presented.

CARRIED

7.9 Proposed Public Board Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed Public Board Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021 as presented.

CARRIED

7.10 Carbon Neutral Action Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Carbon Neutral Action Report for the period of January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. The report summarizes the District's emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions the District has taken to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and the plans to continue reducing emissions in 2020 and beyond.

7.11 Heritage Abbotsford Society

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the proposal from Heritage Abbotsford Society to restore the South Poplar one room school house. Funding for the project will be provided by Heritage Abbotsford Society, and the restoration work will be completed by UFV students.

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve a letter of support for Heritage Abbotsford Society granting permission to restore the South Poplar one room schoolhouse as part of a federally funded Applied Heritage Preservation Project;

AND THAT Heritage Abbotsford Society assumes all costs including all necessary insurance in order to conduct the restoration.

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 on external organizations at this meeting.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

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11.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appreciation was given to schools that made graduation celebrations as meaningful as possible in this unique graduation year. As events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, trustees did not have any announcements at this meeting.

12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked during the question period.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer