

## PUBLIC MEETING

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

**Date:** May 26, 2020  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Meeting held through on-line video conference

### 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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*These minutes have been amended and were approved on June 16, 2020.*

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

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

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

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

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

Since the Board met through on-line video conferencing, the Board did not sing O Canada at this meeting.

##### **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 April 14, 2020

It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

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

**CARRIED**

**5.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

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

**CARRIED**

**A) Information**

5.2 Correspondence: BCPSEA News Release – May 1, 2020

**B) For Approval**

5.3 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held April 14, 2020

5.4 Minutes of the Education Committee held February 4, 2020

**6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

6.1 Heritage Abbotsford Society - Proposal: C. Reid, Executive Director

A video delegation message was prepared for the Board of Education asking to use the Abbotsford School District's South Poplar One Room School House as one of the sites to use for instruction purposes to teach applied heritage preservation in BC.

**7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS**

7.1 Strategic Plan and Budget

Superintendent Godden and Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk shared the guiding principles for the budget, the progress made in the refresh of the 2020-24 Strategic Plan and developing a budget that supports the district's Strategic Plan.

7.2 2019 Measuring Up Report

Superintendent Godden presented the 2019 Measuring Up Report.

7.3 Restart Plan for in-class instruction beginning June 1

Superintendent Godden reviewed the restart plan to move to voluntary in-class instruction (Stage 3) beginning June 1, 2020 as directed by the Ministry of Education. Schools look forward to welcoming children back while continuing to be creative and innovative and keeping within the safety guidelines.

7.4 School Fees and Deposits 2020/21

Superintendent Godden presented the School Fees and Deposits for 2020-2021. The district is preparing as if it will proceed with a regular school year in 2020-2021. The district will be in a position to refund fees if needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Superintendent clarified that a hardship clause remains in place for families who need to access it.

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve the following school fees and deposits for the 2020/2021 school year:

- Student Activity Fees for middle and secondary schools of up to \$30 per student. The student activity fee covers costs such as student agendas, guest speakers, student identity cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, locks and locker rentals. Schools shall not charge for a student agenda if it is to be used as a learning resource or for assessment purposes;
- Parking permits of up to \$16 for the right to park as well as for administrative expenses at secondary schools where required;
- Graduation Fee of up to \$60 per student, the basic amount for the cost of the convocation ceremony (e.g. gown and stole rental, keeper cap and tassel, folder, diploma and tickets to convocation/venue, tea/reception);
- Personal supplies in accordance with the supply list approved by the district;
- Course Fee: \$550 for graduated adults taking non-funded courses;
- Refunds for graduated adults paying \$550 course tuition will be handled as follows:
  - For Bakerview Centre for Learning: Continuing Education, refunds for fee paying graduated adults will be granted up to 4 days of attendance after registration. There will be a 10% per day holdback to a maximum of 40%. Withdrawal after four days will result in no refund. Individuals wishing a refund due to hardship after registration will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
  - For Abbotsford Virtual School, upon placement into a distributed learning course: refunds may be granted: 100% within two days, 75% within a week, and 50% within 30 days. Refunds will not be considered after 30 days.

**CARRIED**

7.5 Robert Bateman Golf Academy – High-Performance Program

Superintendent Godden presented a newly created tier to the current Robert Bateman Golf Academy. The hardship clause may apply to those who sign up and fall on hard times while enrolled in the program on a case by case basis.

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Robert Bateman Golf Academy High-Performance Program.

**CARRIED**

7.6 Academy Fees 2020/21

Superintendent Godden presented the Academy Fees for 2020-2021.

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$550 for the Abbotsford Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$750 for the Abbotsford Senior Secondary Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$399 for the Eugene Reimer Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$2,500 for the Robert Bateman Secondary Golf Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$5,000 for the Robert Bateman Secondary High-Performance Golf Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$850 for the Rick Hansen Secondary Human Performance Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$14,000 for the U15 Bantam Varsity Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$14,500 for the U15 Bantam Prep Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$14,500 for the U16 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$15,000 for the U18 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$2,350 for the Yale Softball Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$2,350 for the Yale Baseball Skills Academy; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2020/21 school year in the amount of \$8,500 for the Yale Baseball Elite Academy.

**CARRIED**

Question Period

Questions regarding a mandated amount of instruction time during the pandemic and concerns about the idea of removing PE teachers from schools were asked and responded to.

7.7 Transportation Review

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk advised the final Transportation Review report will be deferred to fall 2020 as a result of the impact of COVID-19 in the district. At this time, there will be no significant changes to routes and scheduling efficiencies for 2020-2021, but riders may see changes to transportation services resulting from managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

7.8 Third Quarter Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Third Quarter Financial Report.

7.9 Property Disposition Bylaw 81: Abbotsford Senior Secondary – Statutory Right of Ways

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented Property Disposition Bylaw 81.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of Property Disposition Bylaw No. 81 in this one meeting.

**CARRIED**

7.10 Property Disposition Bylaw 81: Abbotsford Senior Secondary – Statutory Right of Ways (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 81 be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

7.11 Property Disposition Bylaw 81: Abbotsford Senior Secondary – Statutory Right of Ways (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 81 be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

7.12 Property Disposition Bylaw 81: Abbotsford Senior Secondary – Statutory Right of Ways (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 81 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 26th day of May, 2020.

**CARRIED**

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**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**

As events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, trustees did not have any announcements at this meeting. Superintendent Godden commented that graduation committees have met and decided to have parents part of the graduation ceremony by having them distribute their graduate's diploma and move their tassels.

**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 7:44 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer