

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: September 24, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Wilson, Chair
Preet Rai, Vice Chair
Rupi Kanda-Rajwan
Stan Petersen
Mike Rauch
Jared White

TRUSTEE REGRETS: Korky Neufeld

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
Kristi Ferguson, Senior Manager, Communications and Community Relations
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Beth Penney, Executive Assistant
Corissa St. George, Executive Assistant
Mike Sillery, Tech Support, IT

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2.0 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY**

2.1 Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

We acknowledge that the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Semá:th First Nation and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

3.0 **SINGING OF 'O CANADA'**

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

4.0 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as Presented.

CARRIED

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held June 18, 2024

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held June 18, 2024.

CARRIED

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee White

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

CARRIED

A) Information

6.2 Deputy Minister's Bulletin: Access Zones - August 27

6.3 Ministry of Education and Child Care - September 6, 2024

B) For Approval

6.4 2025-2030 Enhancement Agreement for Indigenous Students

6.5 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held April 9, 2024

6.6 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held June 18, 2024

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 School Presentations: Auguston Traditional Elementary and Colleen & Gordie Howe Middle

Colleen and Gordie Howe Middle School Principal Shawn Davids, WEB Coordinators and student leaders attended and shared about the reinstatement of the Where Everyone Belongs program and how the program has positively influenced the beginning of their school year. Auguston Traditional Elementary School Principal Kris Sward and students attended and highlighted daily and weekly routines that students participate in to contribute to a school community of kindness, meaningful connections and relations, and ensuring a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

7.2 Back to School Event

Andrea Senft provided information about the Back to School Event which was hosted for elementary students this year on August 28, 2024. The annual event, in its fifth year, aims to support families with elementary school-aged children with essential school supplies and more. Over 4000 children have participated and have been supported by this annual event.

7.3 The King Charles III Coronation Medal

The King Charles III Coronation Medal was created to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on May 6, 2023. Canada has issued 30,000 medals to select members of the Canadian Armed Forces and Public Service. Recipients of this medal must have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region or community of Canada or have made an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada. Superintendent Nosek announced that we have recently learned that Deputy Superintendent Nathan Ngieng had been nominated by the Minister of Education, Rachna Singh and has been awarded The King Charles III Coronation Medal.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 2024-25 School Start Up Report

Superintendent Nosek provided the 2024-25 School Start Up Report, which included an overview of the work from district departments summarizing recruitment and staffing updates, organizational health and safety initiatives, IT projects, and Facilities and Transportation Department projects, which were completed to prepare for students and staff returning to schools and district sites in September. Great appreciation was extended to all staff for work that has been completed for the upcoming year.

8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Report

Superintendent Nosek and Assistant Superintendent Cunnings presented the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report, which highlights the progress made in literacy, numeracy, student well-being, careers, and graduation rates in the 2023-24 school year. This report is a vital means through which the Board of Education conveys our accomplishments from the previous school year to the broader community. The report will be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by Tuesday, October 1, 2024. In keeping with the Board's Strategic Plan Governance Cycle, senior staff will attend upcoming public board meetings to report on progress made in the 2023-24 school year and the plans for 2024-25 in their respective departments. The annual Measuring Up report will be presented to the Board of Education in November 2024.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2024 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report in compliance with the Ministry policy.

CARRIED

8.3 2023-2024 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed the 2023-2024 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements with the Board. Highlights from the statements included the consolidation of the operating operations, special purpose operations and capital operations.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and approve any and all interfund transfers.

CARRIED

8.4 Property Disposition Bylaw 86: Margaret Stenersen Elementary - Statutory Right of Way

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented three readings at one meeting to approve the servicing of the Infiltration System at the site.

It was MOVED by Trustee White and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of Property Disposition Bylaw No. 86 in this one meeting.

CARRIED

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8.5 Property Disposition Bylaw 86: Margaret Stenersen Elementary - Statutory Right of Way (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 86 be given first reading.

CARRIED

8.6 Property Disposition Bylaw 86: Margaret Stenersen Elementary - Statutory Right of Way (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 86 be given second reading.

CARRIED

8.7 Property Disposition Bylaw 86: Margaret Stenersen Elementary - Statutory Right of Way (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 86 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 24th day of September, 2024.

CARRIED

8.8 Property Disposition Bylaw 87: Auguston Traditional Elementary - Statutory Right of Way
Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented three readings at one meeting to approve the servicing of the Detention Tank at the site.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of Property Disposition Bylaw No. 87 in this one meeting.

CARRIED

8.9 Property Disposition Bylaw 87: Auguston Traditional Elementary - Statutory Right of Way (First Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 87 be given first reading.

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8.10 Property Disposition Bylaw 87: Auguston Traditional Elementary - Statutory Right of Way (Second Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 87 be given second reading.

CARRIED

8.11 Property Disposition Bylaw 87: Auguston Traditional Elementary - Statutory Right of Way (Third Reading)

It was MOVED by Trustee Rauch and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Property Disposition Bylaw No. 87 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 24th day of September, 2024.

CARRIED

8.12 Character Abbotsford Sponsorship Request

Trustees discussed the request and suggested inviting Character Abbotsford to attend a future board meeting. They would like the organization to provide a presentation about how they work with our district and the value that the sponsorship of Character Abbotsford brings to the district.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan

THAT the Board of Education approve Gold Level Sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000, for upcoming Character Abbotsford events: Speaker Event in November; Champions Tour in January; and Character Action awards in May.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee White, Abstained: Trustee Wilson)

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no reports by representatives on external organizations at this meeting.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

12.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1 Trustee Meetings & Events: June-September 2024

Trustees reported on events, community activities, and meetings they had attended.

13.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about the ATU receiving more details around the employee engagement survey and responded to.

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14.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer