

BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:05 pm

The meeting of the Board is being held in the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish peoples.

The Board of Trustees of Vancouver Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in the large gymnasium of Tupper Secondary School at 419 East 24th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:05 pm.

Trustees Present: M. Lombardi, in the Chair, J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, F. Ballantyne, J. Fraser, P. Noble, C. Richardson, S. Robertson, A. Wong, I. Preite (student trustee)

Also Present: S. Robinson, Superintendent of Schools
N. Brennan, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services
D. Nelson, Project Lead-Long Range Facilities Plan
J. Pearce, Associate Superintendent-Field Services
M. Doucette, Associate Superintendent-Employee Services
J. Meschino, Director of Facilities
L. Landry, Director of Finance
C. Jamieson, Director of Instruction-Learning Services
R. Schindel, Director of Instruction-Field Services
M. Kassis, Director of Instruction-Field Services
E. Roberts, Director of Instruction-Field Services
E. McKay, Manager-Strategic Communications and Public Affairs
C. Caparas, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

I. MOTION TO APPOINT ACTING SECRETARY TREASURER FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING

Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the Superintendent of Schools be appointed Acting Secretary Treasurer for the duration of this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

II. MOTION RE ORDER OF THE BOARD AGENDA

Moved by P. Noble, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the Board move item VI, Committee II/III: Planning & Facilities / Education & Student Services Committee up ahead to the front of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. COMMITTEE II/III: PLANNING & FACILITIES / EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 15, 2016

The Chairperson of the Committee, A. Wong, presented the report of the September 15, 2016 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following items from the report:

a. Administrative Report: Schools Considered for Potential Closure

(i) Champlain Heights Annex

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that Champlain Heights Annex be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(ii) McBride Annex

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by P. Bacchus, that McBride Annex be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(iii) Queen Elizabeth Annex

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by J. Alexander, that Queen Elizabeth Annex be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(iv) Tecumseh Annex

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Richardson, that Tecumseh Annex be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(v) Admiral Seymour Elementary

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by J. Alexander, that Admiral Seymour Elementary be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(vi) Dr. A. R. Lord Elementary

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by P. Bacchus, that Dr. A.R. Lord Elementary be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

III. COMMITTEE II/III: PLANNING & FACILITIES / EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 15, 2016

(vi) Dr. A. R. Lord Elementary (continued)

Moved by S. Robertson, seconded by P. Bacchus, that the motion be amended to add the following words after the main motion:

That Dr. A.R. Lord Elementary be considered for closure on the condition that it not be amalgamated with Begbie Elementary until Begbie Elementary is seismically upgraded.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A vote was taken on the amended motion which reads:

That Dr. A.R. Lord Elementary be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures; and

That Dr. A.R. Lord Elementary be considered for closure on the condition that it not be amalgamated with Begbie Elementary until Begbie Elementary is seismically upgraded.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(vii) Graham D. Bruce Elementary

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Richardson, that Graham D. Bruce Elementary be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(viii) Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by J. Alexander, that Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(ix) Queen Alexandra Elementary

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that Queen Alexandra Elementary be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(x) Sir Guy Carleton Elementary

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Richardson, that Sir Guy Carleton Elementary be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. COMMITTEE II/III: PLANNING & FACILITIES / EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 15, 2016 (continued)

(xi) Britannia Secondary

Moved by S. Robertson, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that Britannia Secondary School be considered for closure on the condition that it not be amalgamated with Templeton Secondary School until Templeton Secondary School is seismically upgraded; and

Further, that when Britannia Secondary School is closed that one million dollars annually from the closure cost savings be dedicated to support students through the objectives contained in the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement with such funding not to replace any existing funding provided to meet the objectives of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement with such additional funding to be reviewed bi-annually by the Board.

Discussion ensued on the rationale for and against the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion and it was declared

DEFEATED

For: F. Ballantyne, P. Noble, C. Richardson, S. Robertson

Against: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong

(xii) Gladstone Secondary

Main Motion

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by S. Robertson, that Gladstone Secondary be considered for closure and proceed to public consultation as outlined in Board Policy Regulation FL-R: School Closures.

Motion to Call the Question

Moved by F. Ballantyne, seconded by S. Robertson, to Call the Question.

DEFEATED

For: F. Ballantyne, P. Nobel, C. Richardson, S. Robertson

Against: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong

Further discussions ensued on the main motion.

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was declared

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Richardson, that the report of the September 15, 2016 meeting be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. COMMITTEE II/III: PLANNING & FACILITIES / EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

B. Matters Arising from the September 15, 2016 Report

1. Administrative Report: Schools Considered for Potential Closure

Moved by P. Bacchus, seconded A. Wong, that the board request staff prepare a revised set of proposals utilizing the board-approved level-one criteria, specifically based on in-catchment-only enrollment and projections.

The revised proposals should:

- Utilize the board-approved level-two factors, in particular giving full consideration of the impact on closing schools in relation to their specific community and social impacts to ensure schools with higher concentrations of vulnerable students and families are not disproportionately targeted for closure, as they are in the September 2016 report.
- Be developed with the understanding that 95% average capacity utilization is no longer a goal of the LRFP and incorporate any other new information that has become available since the report was adopted by the VSB in May 2016.
- Explore split swing sites for secondary schools in lieu of closing entire schools, similar to what is currently being proposed for Kingsford-Smith.
- Contemplate the educational and social impacts of proposing large combined school populations and will ensure there is a process for consulting with proposed “receiving” schools.

A Trustee noted that the motion is out of order.

The Chairperson ruled that the motion should be considered.

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by P. Bacchus, that the ruling of the chair be sustained.

CARRIED

For: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong
Against: F. Ballantyne, P. Noble, C. Richardson, S. Robertson

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by J. Alexander, that the motion be referred to the October 3rd meeting.

CARRIED

For: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong
Against: F. Ballantyne, P. Noble, C. Richardson, S. Robertson

IV. QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairperson and staff members answered questions on the following issues:

- Goals of the School Board
- Schools identified to be considered for potential closure
- Sharing of space for child care programs
- Proposed closure of Henderson Annex and Laurier Annex
- Analysis respecting capacity utilization
- Government funding for the BC Teachers contract

V. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

A. Meeting of September 12, 2016

Moved by P. Bacchus, seconded by J. Alexander, that the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. COMMITTEE I: MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 14, 2016

Deferred to the October 3, 2016 Meeting

VII. COMMITTEE II: PLANNING & FACILITIES

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 22, 2016

The Chairperson of the Committee, A. Wong, presented the report of the September 22, 2016 meeting. The Board considered the following items from the report:

a. L'Ecole Bilingue Hydro Right-of-Way Bylaw

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by J. Fraser, that that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) L'Ecole Bilingue BC Hydro Right-of-Way Bylaw 2016 be approved; and

That School District No. 39 (Vancouver) L'Ecole Bilingue BC Hydro Right-of-Way Bylaw 2016 be given all three readings at the Board meeting on 2016 September 26th.

VII. COMMITTEE II: PLANNING & FACILITIES

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 22, 2016

a. L'Ecole Bilingue Hydro Right of Way Bylaw (continued)

That School District No. 39 (Vancouver) L'Ecole Bilingue BC Hydro Right-of-Way Bylaw 2016 be:

Read a first time the 26th day of September, 2016;
Read a second time the 26th day of September, 2016;
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 26th day of September, 2016;

and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and register School District No. 39 (Vancouver) L'Ecole Bilingue BC Hydro Right-of-Way Bylaw 2016;

and that the signed and sealed School District No. 39 (Vancouver) L'Ecole Bilingue BC Hydro Right-of-Way Bylaw 2016 be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Funding Department, for registration and certification, and to BC Hydro for registration at Land Titles office as required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. 2017/2018 Annual Capital Plan

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by J. Fraser, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approve by resolution the 2017/18 Capital Plan attached to the Committee report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VIII. COMMITTEE III: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 21, 2016

Deferred to the October 3, 2016 Meeting

IX. COMMITTEE IV: PERSONNEL & STAFF SERVICES

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 14, 2016

Deferred to the October 3, 2016 Meeting

X. COMMITTEE V: FINANCE & LEGAL

A. Reports

1. Meeting of September 21, 2016

The Chairperson of the Committee, J. Fraser, presented the report of the September 21, 2016 meeting. The Board considered the following item from the report:

a. 2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by J. Alexander, that the 2015/2016 financial statements for the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) be approved, as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Staff reported on the following items:

A. Enrolment Update

The Associate Superintendent-Field Services reported that there are 29 students less than the original projected enrolment for the 2016/2017 school year. The original projected enrolment for 2016/2017 is 48,969.

B. Secondary Class Size

The Associate Superintendent-Employee Services reported that there are 161 classes with over 30 students in each class. District staff are working with school administrators in an effort to reduce class sizes for secondary schools to under 30 students.

C. Special Advisor's Report

The Superintendent of Schools reported that the Special Advisor's report is due on September 30, 2016. He provided a brief summary of the Special Advisor's findings on the following areas of investigation:

- Forensic audit
- Operations and Governance
- Budget review

D. 95% capacity utilization requirement

The Superintendent of Schools provided clarification on the change to the 95% capacity utilization requirement by the Ministry of Education.

XII. MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING

Moved by P. Bacchus, seconded by A. Wong, to extend this meeting of the Board until agenda item XII. New Business / Enquiries, Notice of Motion: Letter to City of Vancouver Mayor has been dealt with.

Discussion ensued on the rationale for and against the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion and it was declared

CARRIED

For: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong
Against: F. Ballantyne, P. Noble, C. Richardson, S. Robertson

Trustee Noble left the meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS / ENQUIRIES

A. Notice of Motion: Letter to City of Vancouver Mayor

Moved by P. Bacchus, seconded by J. Alexander, that the Board direct the Chairperson to write a letter to Mayor Gregor Robertson thanking him and City Council for their unanimous support of Councillor Reimer's motion entitled "Standing up for Vancouver's Neighborhood Schools." (<http://council.vancouver.ca/20160920/documents/motionb3.pdf>.)

And that in the letter the Chairperson request that the Mayor ask city staff to do an analysis of the enrollment projections and closure proposals contained in the "VBE Administrative Report - Schools Consider for Potential Closure, September 2016."

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Bacchus, that the motion be amended as follows:
Delete the words "the enrollment projections and closure proposals contained in" and replace with "neighborhood plans and population projections in regard to".

Discussion ensued on the rationale for and against the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment and it was declared

CARRIED

For: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong
Against: F. Ballantyne, C. Richardson, S. Robertson

A vote was taken on the amended motion which reads:

That the Board direct the Chairperson to write a letter to Mayor Gregor Robertson thanking him and City Council for their unanimous support of Councillor Reimer's motion entitled "Standing up for Vancouver's Neighborhood Schools." (<http://council.vancouver.ca/20160920/documents/motionb3.pdf>.)

And that in the letter the Chairperson request that the Mayor ask city staff to do an analysis of neighborhood plans and population projections in regard to the "VBE Administrative Report - Schools Consider for Potential Closure, September 2016."

CARRIED

For: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong
Against: F. Ballantyne, C. Richardson, S. Robertson

XIV. REPORT OF PRIVATE AND RESTRICTED SESSION ITEMS: None

XV. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Alexander, seconded by P. Bacchus, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 pm.

Mike Lombardi, Chairperson

Rick Krowchuk, Acting Secretary Treasurer