



**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
School District #33 (Chilliwack)  
Regular Public Board Meeting  
(Live Streamed and Recorded)**

**AGENDA**

**November 26, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – School District Office**

- 1.1. Call to Order - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Stó:lō Territory**
- 1.2. Adoption of the Agenda  
(THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.)
- 1.3. Approval of the Minutes  
(THAT the minutes of the November 5, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.)

**2. PRESENTATION**

- 2.1. Strategic Plan Update: McCreary Centre BC Adolescent Health Survey

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.1. Global Climate Strike Event in Chilliwack November 29, 2019: Board Statement
- 3.2. School Bus Cameras
- 3.3. Editing Board Meeting Recordings
- 3.4. Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings
- 3.5. Policy 220: Public Participation

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 4.1. Safety Belts on School Buses
- 4.2. BCSTA Report
- 4.3. Trustee Reports
- 4.4. Meeting Summaries: Committee of the Whole & In-Camera
- 4.5. **Next Board of Education Meeting: December 10, 2019 – Board Elections 6:30 p.m. and Regular Public Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
The Board of Education  
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, November 5, 2019

**Location:** School District Office

**Members Present:**

Chair	Mr. D. Coulter
Vice-Chair	Ms. W. Reichelt
Trustee	Dr. D. Furgason
Trustee	Mrs. H. Maahs
Trustee	Mr. J. Mumford
Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld
Trustee	Mr. D. Swankey

**Staff Present:**

Acting Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Director of Facilities & Transportation	Mr. A. Van Tassel
Executive Assistant	Ms. D. Vogel

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**1. CALL TO ORDER - School District Office**

**1.1. Call to Order**

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**256.19** Moved by: Trustee Mumford  
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.1. Approval of the Minutes**

**257.19** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. PRESENTATION: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE - TRANSPORTATION**

Wayne Williams and Al Van Tassel provided a presentation on student transportation as it relates to the Strategic Plan.

<b>Priority</b>	Aligning and allocating resources, equitably, responsibly and effectively, to support goals and key initiatives. <i>(Resources)</i>
<b>Goal</b>	Align resources to efficiently and effectively execute the strategic plan

### 3. **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 3.1. **Budget Committee Report**

**258.19** Moved by: Trustee Mumford  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education receive the Budget Committee Meeting Report of October 24, 2019 as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 3.2. **Education Policy Advisory Committee Report**

**259.19** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education receive the Education Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Report of October 28, 2019.

**CARRIED**

#### 3.3. **Policy 535: Provision of Menstrual Products**

**260.19** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 535: Provision of Menstrual Products as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 3.4. **Policy 918: Fundraising**

**261.19** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 918: Fundraising as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its current form at its October 28, 2019 meeting.

**CARRIED**

#### 3.5. **Public Participation at Regular Public Meetings**

**262.19** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the motion be amended to state "THAT the Board of Education move the public participation session to the beginning of each Regular Public Meeting and allow up to two minutes per speaker for comments or questions related to agenda items."

**NO VOTE**

**263.19** Moved by: Trustee Mumford  
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the amendment to be amended to state "THAT the Board of Education reinstate the public participation session at the beginning of each Regular Public Meeting and allow up to two minutes per speaker for comments and/or questions related to agenda items."

**CARRIED**

**264.19** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education reinstate the public participation session at the beginning of each Regular Public Meeting and allow up to two minutes per speaker for comments and/or questions related to agenda items.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **4.1 Quarterly Financial Report**

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis presented the Quarterly Financial Report – September 30, 2019.

##### **4.2 Budget Timelines/Financial Reporting**

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis reviewed the Budget Timeline and Financial Reporting for 2019/20.

##### **4.3 Red Light Runners**

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis presented information on red-light-runners in the district and a comparison of fines and other penalties in BC and other provinces.

##### **4.4 BCSTA Report**

Matters related to the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) were discussed.

##### **4.5 Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Furgason reported on the following:**

- Notice of Motion: Funding for school bus cameras.
- Attended meeting of safety organizations at Evergreen Hall.

**Trustee Maahs:**

- Clients of the Portal.
- Thank you to staff at CSS and CMS for outdoor clean up and student safety.

**Trustee Mumford reported on the following:**

- Chaired the Budget Committee meeting.

**Trustee Swankey reported on the following:**

- BC's Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth report on Children and Youth with Neuro-Diverse Special Needs.
- November 4: Attended the City of Chilliwack's working session to update the Sardis Community Plan.
- SD64 Gulf Islands viability study for electric busses released earlier this year.

**Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:**

- October 23: Attended BCSTA FV meeting.
- Will attend BCPSEA Representative Council on November 8.

**Trustee Coulter reported on the following:**

- October 23: Attended BCSTA FV meeting.
- Attended CVC meetings.

**Trustee Reichelt reported on the following:**

- Pro-D at Squiala Nation and the importance of building relationships with Indigenous communities.
- Sardis Secondary tour and the work they are doing to increase grad rates.

**4.6 Meeting Summaries**

**October 22, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary**

Trustees: Dan Coulter, Willow Reichelt, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Janet Hall, Kirk Savage, Donna Vogel

1. Communicating Student Learning: Qs and As
2. Remembrance Day November 11: Wreath Laying
3. PM Benchmarks Reading Assessment Resource Presentation
4. Trustee Reports
5. Request to Present to the Board Meeting: Chilliwack Middle School Climate Club
6. Naming and Re-Naming of Facilities
7. Superintendent Performance Review: Date
8. Board Self Evaluation: Date

**October 22, 2019 In-Camera Meeting Summary**

Trustees: Dan Coulter, Willow Reichelt, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Tamara Ilersich, Donna Vogel

1. Policy 205: Code of Ethics

2. Property Update
3. Legal Opinion Regarding Powers of the Board Chair
4. HR Report
5. BCPSEA Report

**4.7 Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
7:00 pm  
School District Office**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS**

The Chair called for questions from the public regarding agenda items.

Questions were received regarding:

- The district willingness to pilot the Prevalence Model.
- Board meeting with the CTA regarding the Prevalence Model.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

**Appendix A: Trustee Activities**

**Trustee Mumford:**

- October 23: Chaired Budget Meeting
- October 25: Met with CMS parent regarding Downtown Safety (Decades)
- November 4: Attended BCPSEA Conference Call
- November 4: Liaison visit to FG Leary Elementary
- November 4: Attended FG Leary Elementary PAC Meeting

**Trustee Reichelt:**

- October 23: BCSTA Regional Meeting
- October 24: Budget Committee
- October 25: Ab-Ed Pro-D at Squiala Nation
- October 29: Sardis Senior Secondary visit
- November 4: Chair/Vice Chair Meeting
- November 5: Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

**Trustee Swankey:**

- October 23: Attended the BCSTA Branch meeting hosted by SD33
- October 24: Attended our Budget Committee meeting
- October 24: Attended our DPAC meeting
- October 25 and 26: Attended the BCSTA's Provincial Council meeting in Vancouver
- October 28: Chaired the Education Policy Advisory Committee meeting
- November 4: Attended the City of Chilliwack's working session to update the Sardis Community Plan



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PRESENTATION REPORT**

**DATE:** November 26, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Rohan Arul-pragasam, Acting Superintendent  
**RE:** **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: MCCREARY CENTRE – BC ADOLESCENT HEALTH SURVEY**

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Acting Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam will provide a presentation on the McCreary Centre BC Adolescent Health Survey as it relates to the Strategic Plan and the following priority:

<b>Priority</b>	Strengthening meaningful relationships within and across schools, district and community to support success for students. <b>(Community and Culture)</b>
<b>Goal</b>	To foster, develop and enhance quality partnerships to improve student experiences and learning outcomes.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** November 26, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Willow Reichelt, Vice Chair  
**RE:** **GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE BOARD STATEMENT**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education issue a statement that:

1. Acknowledges that human activity is contributing to rapid global climate change.
2. Reaffirms the Board's commitment to the environment, as per Policy 719: Environment.
3. Suggests that students could use their day off on November 29, 2019 to attend the Global Climate Strike.

#### **RATIONALE:**

We are currently facing the effects of human-caused climate change and there is limited time to act before the damage is irreparable. Other boards around the province have declared a climate emergency or acknowledged climate change in other ways, but Chilliwack has been largely silent. At the last climate strike, hundreds of our students attended and spoke. Their knowledge and passion were inspiring, and we should show our support. Since November 29 is a non-instructional day, students can participate in this strike without missing school; this could allow more students to participate, as they will not have to worry about loss of other learning time. Part of our job in education is to raise engaged citizens. This is a simple gesture to support that goal.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** November 26, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Darrell Furgason, Trustee  
**RE:** **SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education request the installation of (the latest) cameras in/on every school bus for student safety.

#### **RATIONALE:**

SD33 students should be protected from "red-light runners" when entering or leaving a school bus. Installing more modern cameras on every school bus will help identify drivers who are endangering SD33 students with their unsafe driving habits.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** November 26, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Heather Maahs, Trustee  
**RE:** **EDITING BOARD MEEING RECORDINGS**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education seek a legal opinion regarding what circumstances a board is entitled to edit its board meetings.

#### **RATIONALE:**

The Board's recent special public meeting was edited when members of the public were upset over the lack of a public participation and the conduct of the chair. The feed was cut at the insistence of the chair. It is important for this board to be aware of its legal parameters regarding what constitutes censorship and the Rule of Law.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** November 26, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Rohan Arul-pragasam, Acting Superintendent  
**RE: POLICY 211: REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education approve revised Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings as presented.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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**211  
POLICY  
Regular Public Meetings**

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1. Regular Board meetings will begin with an acknowledgement of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.
2. The Board of Education shall determine annually the schedule of regular Board meetings for the following school year.
3. A quorum of the Board is a majority of the trustees holding office at the time of the meeting.
4. At the appointed time for commencement of a meeting the presiding officer shall ascertain that a quorum is present before proceeding to the business of the meeting. If a quorum has not been made within one-half hour after the appointed time, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the next meeting date or until another meeting has been called in accordance with this policy.
5. In the event both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent the trustees that are present shall appoint a trustee to Chair the meeting.
6. After a meeting has commenced, if notice is drawn to a lack of quorum, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting date or to another meeting called in accordance with this policy.
7. The agenda and notice of meetings shall be prepared under the direction of the Chair in consultation with the Vice Chair, the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer. Proposed items may be placed on the Agenda in one of the following ways:
  1. By notifying the Board Chair, Vice Chair or Superintendent 24 hours prior to the agenda setting meeting.
  2. By notice of motion at the previous meeting.
  3. As a request from a committee of the Board.
  4. As outlined in Section 10 of this Policy.

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Cross Refs:

Adopted: January 15, 2008

Reviewed:

Revised: October 12, 2010, October 23, 2012, September 19, 2017, February 26, 2019, April 30, 2019, November 26, 2019

8. The proposed agenda and supporting documentation will be posted on the district website on Friday afternoon prior to the meeting. Written notice of each meeting, together with the proposed agenda, must be given to each trustee to the place designated by them at least 24 hours prior to the agenda being made public. Non-receipt by a trustee shall not void the proceedings.
9. The order of business at regular Board meetings shall be:
  - a) approval of agenda
  - b) approval of minutes
  - c) public participation: comments and/or questions concerning the agenda
  - d) presentation
  - e) action items
  - f) information items
  - g) in-camera meeting summary
  - h) public participation: questions concerning the agenda
  - i) adjournment
10. A change to the order of business may be proposed by any trustee at the adoption of the agenda. Any addition to the agenda, or change to the order of business, shall require a majority vote.
11. Minutes of the proceedings of meetings shall be stored in digital format certified as correct by the Secretary-Treasurer or other employee designated by the Board under the *School Act*, and signed by the Chair or other member presiding at the meeting or at the next meeting at which the minutes are adopted.
12. The minutes of the regular public meeting shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times.
13. A meeting shall stand adjourned at three hours after its commencement unless a resolution is passed by a majority vote to extend the hour of adjournment.
14. The meetings shall be open to the public.
15. If the Secretary-Treasurer is unable to attend the meeting, another employee must be appointed as acting Secretary-Treasurer, for the purpose of the meeting, to record motions and their disposition.

16. The Chair or other member presiding at a meeting may expel from the meeting a person, other than trustee, that the Chair or other member presiding at the meeting considers guilty of improper conduct. A majority of the trustees present at a meeting of the Board may expel a trustee from the meeting for improper conduct.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** November 26, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Rohan Arul-pragasam, Acting Superintendent  
**RE:** **POLICY 220: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education approve revised Policy 220: Question Period as presented.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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**220  
POLICY  
Public Participation**

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The Board of Education believes that communication with the public is extremely important. The public Board meeting is the formally designated means of transacting Board business. ~~Two~~ ~~One~~ public participation periods ~~are~~ is therefore provided solely as a means for ensuring that community members who are present in the audience have an opportunity to **provide comments and/or** ask questions about business or issues pertaining to the Board.

The public participation period at the **beginning** ~~end~~ of the Board meeting is open to **comments and/or** questions concerning the agenda. ~~The public participation period at the end of the Board meeting is open to questions concerning the agenda.~~

Speakers must identify themselves before speaking. The public participation periods ~~will~~ be a maximum duration of forty minutes **each**. Individuals ~~speakers~~ will be limited to ~~one comment or question at a time and~~ a total of two minutes per **speaker** ~~question~~. The Chair will indicate another means of response if the questions cannot be answered at the time.

Community members who have other comments or questions are encouraged to contact Trustees or the Superintendent or, if desired, to **request** ~~arrange~~ a formal presentation on the Board agenda. In general, Board policy indicates that questions or concerns are best handled as near the location of the issue as possible.

Matters currently under negotiation or litigation, or related to personnel, will not be discussed in the public **participation** ~~question~~ periods.

The Chair shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to this policy.

Persons addressing the Board are reminded that, although requests or questions may be directed to the Board, actions or answers to many questions may be deferred pending Board consideration.

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Cross Refs: [Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings](#), [Policy 221: Delegations and Representatives](#)

Adopted: January 22, 1991  
Reviewed: August 3, 2000  
Revised: February 13, 2018, February 26, 2019, November 26, 2019

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### INFORMATION REPORT

**DATE:** November 26, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer  
**RE: SAFETY BELTS ON BUSES**

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According to Transport Canada (TC), school bus travel continues to be the safest means for transporting children to and from school.

School bus safety is a shared responsibility. Federal and provincial school boards and school bus operators each play a role in making sure our school buses are safe. Transport Canada is responsible for establishing the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards which includes specific safety requirements for school buses. Last year the House of Commons Transportation Committee launched an investigation into bus safety, including school buses. The Committee's final report includes a number of recommendations to beef up safety requirements for passenger buses, including long-distance coaches and municipal transit buses. But the committee says conflicting evidence from experts about seatbelts on school buses points to the need for further study.

On July 11, 2018, the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations were amended with technical requirements for how to install seat belts on school buses if a school bus operator chooses to install them.

The amendment:

- Tells manufacturers how to properly install lap-shoulder seat belts on school buses
- Does not allow manufactures to install lap-only seat belts
- Improves compartmentalization for larger students by raising the minimum seat back height

Manufacturers need to comply with these standards as of September 1, 2020. This amendment does not state that this is mandatory to put seatbelts in, only that if we do, this is the guideline to follow.

School buses are not passenger vehicles. They are built to rely on passive safety—not on seat belts—and are designed and constructed differently from passenger cars. They are bigger, heavier, and sit higher off the ground. They have unique roof strength, body joint strength, and compartmentalization requirements.

Compartmentalization is a design that includes:

- Seats with high backs;
- Seats filled with energy-absorbing material;
- Seats placed close together to form compartments;
- Strong seat anchorages.

Combination lap and shoulder belts would require stiffer seats, which could increase injury to students who are not buckled up. Unions and associations that represent bus drivers have raised concerns about liability when it comes to making sure children are properly belted for trips to and from school. Moreover, the shoulder belts can lead to abdominal injuries because of “submarining” – when children slip down, risking injuries to organs covered by the lap belts.

Beyond certain engineering problems, someone would need to ensure the seat belts are used, adjusted properly between uses by smaller children and larger children, and repaired when damaged. In an emergency, seatbelts could hinder evacuation. Young children should not be placed in a situation where they are responsible for their safety.

The safety issues around seat belt use in school buses is not clear. We would all agree the safety of students would improve in a roll over crash or severe sides impact (these are the two types of accidents with school buses that are the least frequent). In the case of a fire or emergency evacuation due to an accident, we *may* actually see more injuries and fatalities over all.

## **MEETING SUMMARIES**

### **Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 5, 2019**

Trustees: Dan Coulter, Willow Reichelt, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Donna Vogel

1. Roberts Rules of Order: Eli Mina
2. Update: Glyphosate Use on School Grounds
3. Budget Committee: Community Member
4. North Side School Update
5. CTA Meeting Request
6. Employee Long Service Recognition

### **In-Camera Meeting – November 5, 2019**

Trustees: Dan Coulter, Willow Reichelt, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Tamara Ilersich, Donna Vogel

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. Property Disposal
4. Code of Ethics