



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Interim Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Mr. M. Friesen
Executive Assistant	Ms. D. Vogel
Audio-Video/Desktop Foreman	Mr. M. Bakker

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Video Conference**

**1.1. Call to Order**

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory, and Statement on District and COVID-19.**

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**67.20** Moved by: Trustee Mumford  
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

**68.20** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the minutes of the March 10, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. PRESENTATION: 2020 – 2021 PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATION**

The 2020 – 2021 Budget was presented.

**3. ACTION ITEM**

**3.1. Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings & Policy 220: Public Participation – Temporary Suspension**

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

THAT the Board of Education temporarily suspend Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings & Policy 220: Public Participation due to the requirement for physical distance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**70.20** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the motion be amended to read “THAT the Board of Education temporarily replace Policy 220: Public Participation with a Public Question and Answer Period due to the requirement for physical distance during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

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

THAT the question be called.

**DEFEATED**  
For: Furgason, Neufeld  
Opposed: Coulter, Maahs, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

**72.20** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the motion be amended to read “THAT the Board of Education temporarily suspend Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings & Policy 220: Public Participation and replace them with a Q and A Period during the public meetings due to the requirement for physical distance during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

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

THAT the question be called.

**CARRIED**  
For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld

**74.20** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the motion be amended to read “THAT the Board of Education temporarily suspend Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings & Policy 220: Public Participation in their application to the physical attendance of the public at meetings of the Board.”

**CARRIED**  
For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld

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

THAT the Board of Education temporarily suspend Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings & Policy 220: Public Participation in their application to the physical attendance of the public at meetings of the Board.

**CARRIED**  
For: Coulter, Furgason, Maahs, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Neufeld

**76.20** Moved by: Trustee Neufeld  
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board of Education continue to allow public participation by including them in online board meetings, and that staff investigate how to implement this and report back to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

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

THAT this motion be referred to the next Regular Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS**

No questions were received prior to the meeting.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1. 2020 – 2021 5 Year Capital Plan Bylaw**

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

THAT the Board approve three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD33-01 at the April 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**79.20** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board approve first reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD33-01.

**CARRIED**

**80.20** Moved by: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board approve second reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD33-01.

**CARRIED**

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

THAT the Board approve third reading and adoption of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD33-01.

**CARRIED**

**5.2. 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar**

**Trustees Reichelt and Swankey recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item.**

**82.20** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the question be called.

**CARRIED**

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Local School Calendar as presented.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Coulter, Mumford**

**Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6.1. Budget Committee Report**

The Board of Education received the Budget Committee Report of April 2, 2020.

**6.2. BCSTA Report**

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

**6.3. Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Reichelt reported on the following:**

- Thanked staff for their hard work in getting organized for continuation of learning during the school closure.

**Trustee Maahs reported on the following:**

- Thanked staff and parents.
- Happy Easter and Passover.

**Trustee Mumford reported on the following:**

- Thanked district staff and the Scholarship Committee.
- Thanked scholarship donors.
- Thanked Principal Ferris and Vice Principal Allanson for their video.

**Trustee Swankey reported on the following:**

- Thanked colleagues, staff and the public.
- Noted that the City of Chilliwack Transportation Advisory Committee has been suspended.
- Noted that the City of Chilliwack child care study has been reported to council.

- Acknowledged the cancellation of the April 1 DPAC – PAC appreciation dinner and thanked parents.
- Commended all staff.

**Trustee Furgason reported on the following:**

- Attended the Donor Dinner and thanked donors.
- Thanked the public.

**Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:**

- Thanked staff, partners, parents and students.

**Trustee Coulter reported on the following:**

- Thanked staff.

**6.4. Meeting Summaries**

**March 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary**

Trustees: Dan Coulter, David Swankey, Darrell Furgason, Barry Neufeld, Willow Reichelt

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

1. Board Retreat Planning
2. Proposed Policy Session: April 15, 2020 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
3. Chilliwack Child and Youth Annual Conversation Sponsorship
4. BCSTA Update: School Act Amendments
5. DPAC – PAC Appreciation Dinner April 1: Agenda
6. Reporting Policy Update
7. April 7 COW Board In-Service: Topic

**March 10, 2020 In-Camera Meeting Summary**

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

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

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar
4. PVP Appointments
5. Strategic Staffing

**6.5. Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020  
7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Video Conference**

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

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

**Appendix A: Trustee Activities**

**Trustee Mumford:**

- March 12: Diversity Awards (SD33 Nomination)
- March 13: Board Retreat / Policy Review Process
- March 25: Sec Treasurer Team to Discuss Upcoming Budget Meeting
- March 25: Tech Meeting for Budget Committee
- March 27: Committee of the Whole
- March 27: BCPSEA Conference Call
- April 1: Board Briefing - COVID Response
- April 2: Scholarship Committee Meeting
- April 2: Budget Committee Meeting
- April 3: Board Briefing - COVID Response
- April 7: Scholarship Committee Meeting

**Trustee Reichelt:**

- March 11: Donor recognition dinner
- March 12: Cultural Diversity Awards
- March 13: Board retreat
- April 2: School Naming Committee organizing meeting
- April 2: Budget Committee