



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

<u>Date of Meeting:</u>	Tuesday, May 12, 2020
<u>Location:</u>	Zoom Webinar
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

1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Webinar

1.1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory, Board of Education January 15, 2019 Statement on Inclusion, Board of Education Statement on Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and Statement on the public use of the Q & A Function during the Board Meeting Webinar.**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

125.20 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

126.20 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be amended to include the 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar as Action Item 3.2.

CARRIED

127.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the agenda be amended to add the following motion as Action Item 3.3: That the board write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting they find a resolution to the calendar issue that occurs every year to all the boards of education in the entire province causing them to go into bargaining and negotiations over the length of the spring break. This practice eliminates board's abilities to represent their communities as outlined in the School Act.

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

128.20 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

129.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the minutes of the April 28, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

Comments/Questions were received regarding the following:

- 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1. 2020 – 2021 Budget Approval – 1st Reading

130.20 Moved by: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board of Education approve the first reading of 2020-20210 Annual Budget Bylaw at the May 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting in the amount of \$161,886,572.

CARRIED

3.2. 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar

131.20 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar as ordered by the Court.

CARRIED

3.3. Letter to the Ministry Regarding School Calendar

132.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the board write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting they find a resolution to the calendar issue that occurs every year to all the boards of education in the entire province causing them to go into bargaining and negotiations over the length of the spring break. This practice eliminates board’s abilities to represent their communities as outlined in the School Act.

133.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the motion be amended to: THAT the board write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting they find a resolution to the calendar issue that occurs every year to all the boards of education in the entire province causing them to go into bargaining and negotiations over the length of the spring break.

CARRIED

134.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the question be called.

CARRIED

135.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the board write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting they find a resolution to the calendar issue that occurs every year to all the boards of education in the entire province causing them to go into bargaining and negotiations over the length of the spring break.

DEFEATED

For: Maahs

Opposed: Coulter, Mumford, Neufeld, Reichelt, Swankey

Abstained: Furgason

3.4. 2020 – 2021 Schedule of Board Meetings

136.20 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education approve option two: 16 Board of Education meetings for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

CARRIED

For: Coulter, Furgason, Maahs, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

Abstained: Neufeld

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. City Parking Bylaw Update

The City of Chilliwack has proposed a new zoning bylaw that significantly impacts school parking requirements. A letter to the City provided School District input into the process.

137.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey

Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Chair send a letter to Mayor and Council addressing the impact of proposed new school parking requirements on the acquisition, planning and development of new schools in Chilliwack.

138.20 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT motion be amended to: THAT the Chair send a letter to Mayor and Council and address council in chambers during the meeting at which the bylaw is decided addressing the impact of proposed new school parking requirements on the acquisition, planning and development of new schools in Chilliwack.

CARRIED

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

139.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Chair send a letter to Mayor and Council and address council in chambers during the meeting at which the bylaw is decided addressing the impact of proposed new school parking requirements on the acquisition, planning and development of new schools in Chilliwack.

CARRIED

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

4.2. Quarterly Financial Report

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis presented the Quarterly Financial Report – March 31, 2020.

4.3. Budget Committee Report

The Board of Education received the Budget Committee Report of May 7, 2020.

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:

- Rationale on the 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar.

Trustee Maahs reported on the following:

- Rationale on the 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar.

Trustee Mumford reported on the following:

- Thank you to Chilliwack not-for-profits for helping to feed families in need.

Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:

- Apology for comments on social media.

Trustee Reichelt reported on the following:

- Statement on the importance of sharing accurate information during a global pandemic and supported the rights of transgender people.

Trustee Coulter reported on the following:

- May 12 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting.
- May 12 Mayor’s Task Force of Inclusivity, Diversity and Accessibility meeting.
- Remembrance regarding running to be a trustee.

4.6. Meeting Summaries

April 28, 2020 In-Camera Meeting Summary

Trustees: Dan Coulter, David Swankey, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, 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 Assignments

May 4, 2020 Special In-Camera Meeting Summary

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

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

1. Legal Opinion Regarding Conflict Trustees

4.7. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding the following:

- 2020 – 2021 Local School Calendar.
- COVID-19 and the district.
- TTOCs.
- Support for vulnerable Learners.
- CUPE support for a one-week Spring Break.
- Thanks to Trustees for doing the work that the community cares about.
- Using Zoom rather than cancelling Board Meetings due to inclement weather.
- CTA proposal to participate in the Labour Relations Branch relationship enhancement program.
- School parking lots.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix A: Trustee Activities

Trustee Mumford:

- April 29: Hamper Load / Delivery to SD33 Schools - Salvation Army
- May 4: Special In-Camera Meeting
- May 6: Hamper Load/Delivery to SD33 Schools - Salvation Army
- May 7: Chair Final Budget Meeting of the Year
- May 8: Special In-Camera Meeting

Trustee Reichelt:

- May 7: Budget Committee

Trustee Swankey:

- May 4: Chair/Vice Chair meeting.
- May 4: Special In-Camera Board meeting.
- May 7: Board Budget Committee meeting.
- May 8: Special In-Camera Board meeting.
- May 11: Chair/Vice Chair meeting.