

# THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

School District #33 (Chilliwack)

# **Regular Public Board Meeting**

(Recorded)

# **AGENDA**

# **September 29, 2020**

# 7:00 pm

- 1. CALL TO ORDER School District Office and Zoom Video Conference
  - 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.)
  - Approval of the Minutes
     (THAT the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.)

#### 2. PRESENTATION

- 2.1. Strategic Plan Update: Operations Summer Report/Maintenance Activities
- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA
- 4. INFORMATION ITEMS
  - 4.1. Enrolment Update
  - 4.2. Federal/Provincial COVID-19 Funding
  - 4.3. BCSTA Report
  - 4.4. Trustee Reports
  - 4.5. Meeting Summaries: In-Camera
  - 4.6. Next Board of Education Meeting: October 20, 2020 at 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, September 15, 2020

**Location:** School District Office/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 Ms. W. Reichelt

Regrets: Trustee Mr. B. Neufeld

Staff Present: Interim Superintendent Mr. R. Arul-pragasam

Secretary Treasurer Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Secretary Treasurer Mr. M. Friesen
Assistant Superintendent Ms. P. Jordan
Assistant Superintendent Mr. K. Savage
Acting Director of Instruction Mr. David Manuel
Director of Facilities & Transportation Mr. A. Van Tassel
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 7:00 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory** 

# 1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

**211.20** Moved by: Trustee Swankey

Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

212.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs

Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

**NO VOTE** 

THAT the agenda be amended to move the Audit Committee Report from Information Items to Item 4.1 under Action Items.

**CARRIED** 

213.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED** 

## 1.3. Approval of the Minutes

214.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the minutes of the June 16, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED** 

# 2. PRESENTATION: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – SUMMER LEARNING

Sean Wicker, District Principal of Alternative Education & Kwíyeqel Secondary, presented on Summer Learning in the district.

The Chilliwack School District's 2020 Summer Learning (SL) Program was held at the Fraser Valley Distance Education site at 46361 Yale Road and the Sardis Farm on Richardson Ave. The program administrator was Sean Wicker.

The total number of students who attended the SL program was 138. All of these students are current grade 9 – 12 students from the Chilliwack School District. Two separate programs were offered this year. The Summer Agriculture Program saw students take our new Board Authorized Course, Sustainable Vegetable Production 10 – 12. The Course Recovery Program provided students 10 (English 10 counting as 2 based on the variety of options) different graduation level courses where they could improve their mark from the previous school year. There were 5 Teachers, 1 EA, 1 Principal and 1 clerical for a total of 8 staff who supported learners at Summer Learning.

# 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

No Comments/Questions were received.

# 4. ACTION ITEMS

#### 4.1. Audit Committee Report

The Board of Education received the Audit Committee Report of September 3, 2020.

#### 4.2. 2019 – 2020 Audited Financial Statements

215.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs Seconded by: Trustee Swankey THAT the Board approve the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements and forward to the Ministry of Education.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.3. Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis Report

216.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve the Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis report with the 2019/20 audited financial statements.

**CARRIED** 

## 4.4. Strategic Plan Update

217.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the Strategic Plan Refresh process as outlined.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.5. Hybrid Learning

218.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs

Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education approve the District Hybrid Program as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# 5. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

#### 5.1. Chilliwack Stage 2 Return to School Plan

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragsam and the Executive Team provided an update on the Chilliwack School District Return to School Plan.

219.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education extend the meeting until the conclusion of the agenda.

**CARRIED** 

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

#### 5.2. Trustee Remuneration

Policy 227 states that trustee remuneration will be adjusted annually effective July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The adjustment will reflect the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI) established for July of each year for the previous 12 months.

CPI for the twelve months ending June 30, 2020 was 0.7% higher. Therefore, trustee remuneration was adjusted effective July 1, 2020 as follows:

	Previous Rate	New Rate	Total Increase
Trustee	\$21,536	\$21,687	\$151
Vice Chair	\$22,807	\$22,967	\$160
Chair	\$24,380	\$24,551	\$171

# 5.3. Enrolment Update

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragsam presented an enrollment report as of September 14, 2020.

#### 5.4. BCSTA Report

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

#### 5.5. Trustee Reports

#### Trustee Mumford reported on the following:

• Thank you to staff.

#### Trustee Swankey reported on the following:

• Thank you to staff, community and students.

## Trustee Reichelt reported on the following:

• Thank you to staff, parents and students.

#### Trustee Furgason reported on the following:

• Thanks to the Interim Superintendent and team.

## Trustee Coulter reported on the following:

• Thank you to everyone.

# 5.6. <u>Meeting Summaries</u>

#### June 16, 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. Board Working Session: Late August or Early September
- 4. Assistant Superintendent Hiring
- 5. CTA Meeting Request
- 6. Trustee Conduct
- 7. Motion of Non-Confidence

## June 26, 2020 Special In-Camera Meeting #1 Summary

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

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

- 1. Principal Appointment
- 2. Sale of Ryder Lake Property
- 3. Principal/Vice Principal Appointments

## June 26, 2020 Special In-Camera Meeting #2 Summary

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

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

1. Resolution Decision Framework

#### August 21, 2020 Special In-Camera Meeting Summary

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

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

1. Resolution Framework

#### 5.7. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

# 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding the following:

- Masks for students.
- DPAC consultation on Strategic Plan Refresh.
- Density in schools and classrooms.
- Provincial and federal funding for COVID-19.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

#### **Appendix A: Trustee Activities**

#### **Trustee Mumford:**

- June 22: Liaison Visit CMS.
- June 23: Co-Chair CHC Meeting.
- June 23: District Principal Interviews.
- June 24: Starfish Hamper Loading / Delivery.
- June 25: ADR Cohort Building Visit.
- June 26: Special Board Meeting: Board Approval Ass. Sup. / Dist. Principal.
- July 6: Call, Joe Keithley, Instruments For Kids Project.
- July 8: Starfish Hamper Loading / Delivery.
- July 8: Food Council Meeting.
- July 13: Call with Brad Geary, SSS Turf Field Issue.
- July 15: Call with Gerry Slykhuis regarding To:Tilt Turf Field.
- July 16: Meet Councillor Lum / Trev McDonald re: Instruments for Kids Project.
- August 5: Starfish Hamper Loading / Delivery.
- August 12: Chilliwack Food Council Meeting.
- August 17: Call with Diane Braun (DPAC).
- August 18: Sardis Elementary Visit (to check the new barriers along Vedder).
- August 20: Call w/Stephanie Higginson BCSTA President re Stage 2 Plan.
- August 20: Call w/ Diane Braun, DPAC Chair re Stage 2.
- August 21: Board Debrief.
- August 21: Special In-Camera Meeting.
- August 25: Co-Chair CHC Meeting.
- August 27: Liaison Visit Little Mountain Elementary.
- August 28: Board Working Session.
- August 28: Liaison Visit Chilliwack Middle School.
- September 1: Liaison Visit Strathcona Elementary.
- September 1: Liaison Visit FG Leary Elementary .
- September 1: Call w/ Valerie O'Connel & Ron Prest (Skwah) regarding Stage 2.
- September 2: Call w/Brenda Point Ab. Ed. re: Governing Body Meeting LEA.
- September 2: SSA Stolo Nation Health Update w/ Brenda Point.
- September 2: TOWN HALL MEETING Zoom.
- September 3: Transportation Department Tour w/ Wayne Williams.
- September 9: Food Council Meeting.
- September 10: SSS Sports Field Tour, Brad Geary.

#### **Trustee Reichelt:**

- June 19: District Principal Hiring Committee.
- June 23: District Principal Hiring Committee.
- June 25: BCSTA Meeting.
- August 21: Board COVID-19 and Restart Update.
- August 24: All Leaders Retreat.
- August 28: Board Working Session.
- September 2: SD33 Town Hall Meeting re: School Restart.
- September 15: Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee.



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# **PRESENTATION REPORT**

**DATE:** September 29, 2020

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Al Van Tassel, Director of Facilities and Transportation

RE: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – OPERATIONS SUMMER

REPORT/MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Al Van Tassel will provide a presentation on the Operations Summer Maintenance Activities (listed below) as it relates to the Strategic Plan and the following priority.

Priority	Aligning and allocating resources, equitably, responsibly and
•	effectively, to support goals and key initiatives. (Resources)
Goal	Align resources to efficiently and effectively execute the
Guai	strategic plan

#### **Disabled Access**

- Chilliwack Middle
- Mount Slesse Middle

# **Electrical System Upgrades**

- GW Graham Secondary
- Cheam Elementary
- Sardis Elementary
- Sardis Secondary
- Watson Elementary

# **Facility Upgrades**

- AD Rundle Middle
- Central Elementary
- Education Centre (Kwiyegel Secondary)
- McCammon Elementary
- Robertson Elementary
- Sardis Secondary

# **Facility Upgrades continued**

- Tyson Elementary
- Unsworth Elementary
- Vedder Middle
- Vedder Elementary

# **Health and Safety Upgrades**

- Robertson Elementary
- Central Elementary
- Sardis Elementary

#### **Loss Prevention**

- Sardis Secondary
- AD Rundle Middle

# **Mechanical Upgrades**

- Chilliwack Middle
- Robertson Elementary
- F.G. Leary Elementary

# **Roof Replacement**

- Cultus Lake Elementary
- Sardis Secondary
- F.G. Leary Elementary

# **Site Upgrades**

- Rosedale Traditional
- Evans Elementary
- Little Mountain Elementary

# **Technology Infrastructure Upgrades**

- Bernard Elementary
- Central Elementary
- East Chilliwack
- AD Rundle Middle



# **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

# **INFORMATION REPORT**

**DATE:** September 29, 2020

**TO:** Board of Education

FROM: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Interim Superintendent

RE: ENROLMENT UPDATE

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam will present an enrollment report as of September 28, 2020.



# **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

# **INFORMATION REPORT**

**DATE:** September 29, 2020

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer

RE: FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL COVID-19 FUNDING

Two new funding sources were announced recently to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Federal Safe Return to Class Funding

On September 3, 2020 the Ministry of Education announced the first phase of the allocation of the one-time \$242 million Federal Safe Return to Class Fund for British Columbia. Allocations for the second phase of funding will be announced later in the year when confirmation has been received from the Federal government that the funding is forthcoming. The Chilliwack School District allocation for Phase 1 is \$2,417,189.

The funding can be used in the following areas:

- Learning Resources and Supports
- Health & Safety
- Transportation
- Before and After School Child Care

#### **Provincial Safe Return to School Grant**

On August 11, 2020 the Ministry of Education announced \$45.6 million in one-time Provincial funding to support and ensure the health and safety of students and staff during the pandemic. Chilliwack School District funding allocation is \$1,073,102 distributed as follows:

Reusable Masks/Face Shields	\$53,808
Computers and Assistive Technology	94,465
Cleaning Supplies	126,553
Improve Hand Hygiene	227,547
Cleaning Frequency	570,729
	\$1,073,102

District staff have developed a tentative plan that includes the second phase of the Federal funding. The total funding potentially available is as follows:

Federal Safe Return to Class Funding-Phase 1	\$2,417,189
Federal Safe Return to Class Funding-Phase 2	2,417,189
Provincial Safe Return to School Grant	1,073,102
	\$5,907,480

Although further work is continuing, the preliminary plan for this funding is as follows:

Cleaning staff	\$1,222,129
Transportation	101,714
First Nations Support	149,810
Hybrid & Transition Support Teachers/EAs	2,003,062
Additional Divisions (Teachers)	608,787
Support Staff (Clerical, SAs)	102,879
Recruiting, Contract TOCs	246,551
PPE	129,819
Improved Hand Hygiene	233,898
Cleaning Supplies & Equipment	152,000
Redeployed Teaching Staff (i.e Int'l)	436,577
HVAC	60,000
Contact Tracing Software	238,000
Technology	155,000
Mental Health Support	50,000
OH&S Manager Support	83,583
	\$5,973,809



# **MEETING SUMMARIES**

# Committee of the Whole Meeting - September 15, 2020

Trustees: Dan Coulter, David Swankey, Jared Mumford, Willow Reichelt

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

1. Meeting Request

2. Long Service Recognition

3. Board Meeting Format

# In-Camera Meeting - September 15, 2020

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

Mumford, Willow Reichelt

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

Vogel

1. HR Report

- 2. BCPSEA Report
- 3. Property Update
- 4. CUPE Spring Break Agreement
- 5. Exempt Staff Compensation