



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020

**Location:** Zoom Webinar

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Interim Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Superintendent	Ms. P. Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. K. Savage
Director of Facilities & Transportation	Mr. A. Van Tassel
Director of Instruction (Acting)	Mr. D. Manuel
Audio-Video/Desktop Foreman	Mr. M. Bakker

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Webinar**

**1.1. Call to Order**

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory and Diversity Statement**

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

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

THAT the minutes of the November 24, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

For: Furgason, Maahs, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

Abstained: Maahs

**2. PRESENTATIONS****2.1. Strategic Plan Update: Data Integration**

Rohan Arul-pragasam, Paula Jordan, Kirk Savage and David Manuel provided a presentation on Data Integration as it relates to the Strategic Plan:

<b>Priority</b>	Improving student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction (Instruction).
<b>Goal</b>	All students to meet or exceed grade level expectations in literacy and numeracy.
<b>Strategy</b>	Model and use evidence-based practices for early intervention and prevention.

**2.2. Strategic Plan Update: Vedder Elementary Addition**

Gerry Slykhuis and Al Van Tassel provided an update on the Vedder Elementary Addition.

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

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

Comments/Questions were received regarding the following:

- Vedder Elementary Addition.

**4. ACTION ITEMS****4.1. Appointment of City of Chilliwack: Board of Education By-Election**

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

THAT the Board of Education authorize the City of Chilliwack to conduct the Board of Education, School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) by-election to take place on February 13, 2021 per the terms set out in our agreement. AND THAT pursuant to Section 54 (4) of the Local Government Act, Jacqueline Morgan be appointed Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2021 school trustee by-election with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2021 school trustee by-election.

**CARRIED****4.2. Policy Renovation Project: Sections 100 & 200**

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the following policies as attached:

- Policy 120: Board Authority, Roles and Responsibilities
- Policy 121: Duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair
- Policy 160: Board Committees
- Policy 161: Education Policy Advisory Committee
- Policy 162: Budget Advisory Committee
- Policy 163: Audit Working Committee
- Policy 168: Trustee Liaison
- Policy 169: Trustee Representation

**CARRIED**

**311.20**

Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board abandon existing policies and regulations as they are made redundant by the new policies:

- Policy 201: Suspension of Policies and Board Approved Regulations
- Policy 202: Administration in Policy Absence
- Policy 203: General Powers and Duties of the Board
- Policy 204: Governance Principles
- Policy 206: Duties of Chair and Vice Chair
- Policy 222: Board Committees
- Board Regulation 222.1: Board Committees
- Policy 223: Liaison Trustee
- Policy 224: External Representation

Further, THAT the Board abandon existing policies that duplicate information in Board policy, the School Act, School Regulation and/or Ministerial orders and, as such, are redundant:

- Policy 100: School District Legal Status
- Policy 214: Planning Meetings
- Policy 231: School Calendar
- Policy 226: Board Self-Evaluation

Further, THAT the Board abandon the appendices to Policies 222: Board Committees, 223: Liaison Trustee and 224: External Representation in favour of publication of the information contained in them on the district website.

and finally:

THAT the Board abandon Policy 208: Board Member Oath – Affirmation of Office in favour of establishing the content contained therein as an Administrative Procedure.

**CARRIED**

## **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5.1. COVID-19 Update**

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam, Assistant Superintendents Paula Jordan and Kirk Savage, and Director of Instruction David Manuel provided an update on COVID-19 in the Chilliwack School District.

### **5.2. BCSTA Report**

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

**5.3. Meeting Summaries**

**November 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary**

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Jared Mumford, Darrell Furgason, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis

1. Holiday Cards
2. Board Meetings with Partners
3. Meetings with City of Chilliwack
4. Masks in Schools
5. By-Election Dates

**November 24, 2020 In-Camera Meeting Summary**

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

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

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. 2021 – 2022 Local School Calendar
4. Assistant Superintendent Contract
5. Trustee Conduct (Trustee Neufeld recused himself for this item)
6. Board Statement About Recent Facebook Comments

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

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar**

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

Questions were received regarding the following:

- Partner group engagement.
- District anti-racism initiatives.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

**Appendix A: Trustee Activities**

**Trustee Mumford:**

- November 24: Board Meeting (Vice Chair)
- November 27: BCSTA AGM
- November 30: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting
- December 1: FG Leary - Crosswalk safety discussion
- December 2: Policy Review #6
- December 2: FG Leary PAC Meeting
- December 4: Policy Review #7
- December 7: Call w/Barry Neufeld
- December 7: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting

**Trustee Reichelt:**

- November 25: Holiday card signing
- November 25: Chill TV interview
- November 27: Trustee Academy (via Zoom)
- November 28: Trustee Academy (via Zoom)
- November 30: Chair/Vice Chair Meeting
- November 30: Packed hampers for Extra F.A.R.E.
- December 1: Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee
- December 2: Board Policy Review session
- December 4: Board Policy Review session
- December 7: Chair/Vice Chair Meeting
- December 7: Packed hampers for Extra F.A.R.E.

**Trustee Swankey:**

- November 26: DPAC Meeting
- November 27: BCSTA Academy
- November 28: BCSTA Academy
- November 28: BCSTA Branch Meeting
- December 1: Cultus Lake Elementary PAC Meeting
- December 2: Board Policy Working Session
- December 4: Board Policy Working Session