



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

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| <b><u>Date of Meeting:</u></b> | Tuesday, June 1, 2021                     |                      |
| <b><u>Location:</u></b>        | Zoom Webinar                              |                      |
| <b>Members Present:</b>        | Chair                                     | Ms. W. Reichelt      |
|                                | Trustee                                   | Dr. C. Bondar        |
|                                | Trustee                                   | Dr. D. Furgason      |
|                                | Trustee                                   | Mrs. H. Maahs        |
|                                | Trustee                                   | Mr. B. Neufeld       |
|                                | Trustee                                   | Mr. D. Swankey       |
| <b>Regrets:</b>                | Vice-Chair                                | Mr. J. Mumford       |
| <b>Staff Present:</b>          | 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        |
|                                | Director of Instruction                   | Mr. D. Manuel        |
|                                | Director of Facilities and Transportation | Mr. A. Van Tassel    |
|                                | Executive Assistant                       | Ms. T. McNally       |
|                                | Audio-Video/Desktop Foreman               | Mr. M. Bakker        |
| <b>Observer:</b>               | Ministry Special Advisor                  | Mr. M. McKay         |

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Webinar**

**1.1. Call to Order**

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory**

**The Board Chair read the following Statement:**

The Chilliwack School District is horrified by the discovery of the remains of 215 children in a mass unmarked grave at the former Kamloops Residential School. Our hearts go out to all the families that this tragedy has impacted. Canada's past injustices and unimaginable treatment of Indigenous children and families is a stark reminder that we still have a long path ahead of us towards reconciliation. We acknowledge the lasting harm done to Indigenous people and communities by Canada's residential school program, and we are committed to truth, reconciliation and healing to create an equitable

country. It is only through recognizing the reality of our nation’s past that we can hope to do better for the youth of today and tomorrow.

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**161.21** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**NO VOTE**

**162.21** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the agenda be amended to add Trustee Reports.

**DEFEATED**

For: Furgason, Maahs  
Opposed: Bondar Reichelt, Swankey

**163.21** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

For: Bondar Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Furgason, Maahs

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

**164.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

For: Bondar Reichelt, Swankey, Maahs  
Opposed: Furgason

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

Comments/Questions were received regarding the following:

- No comments or questions were received.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**3.1. 2021 – 2022 Budget Approval – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings**

**Trustee Neufeld joined meeting at 7:08 p.m.**

**165.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the second reading of 2021-2022 Annual Budget Bylaw at the June 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting in the amount of \$171,928,285.

**CARRIED**

**166.21** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the third reading of 2021-2022 Annual Budget Bylaw at the June 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting in the amount of \$171,928,285.

**Meeting Break was called at 7:23 – 7:29 p.m.**  
**Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

**3.2. 2021 – 2022 Five Year Capital Plan Bylaw**

**167.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD33-01 at the June 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**168.21** Moved by: Trustee Neufeld  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education approve first reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD33-01.

**CARRIED**

**169.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board of Education approve second and third reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD33-01.

**CARRIED**

**3.3. Policy Renovation Project: Policies 141, 142, 180, 181, 182 and 191**

**170.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board approve the following policies:

- Policy 141 Role of the Superintendent
- Policy 142 Superintendent Performance Review

And THAT the Board abandon existing Board Regulations as they are made redundant by the new policies:

- Board Regulation 304.1 Role Description: Superintendent of Schools
- Board Regulation 306.1 Superintendent's Evaluation

**CARRIED**

- 171.21** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar
- THAT the Board approve Policy 180 Board Performance Review
- CARRIED**
- 172.21** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs
- THAT the Board approve Policy 181 Trustee Professional Learning.
- NO VOTE**
- 173.21** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey
- THAT the Board approve Policy 181 Trustee Professional Learning with the amendment to number 3 in the Guidelines as follows:
3. If a trustee wishes to sign up for learning experiences such as seminars, conferences and workshops not promoted by BCSTA or SD33, they will advise the Board and Secretary Treasurer of their intentions prior to making any commitments.
- DEFEATED**  
For: Bondar Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld
- 174.21** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs
- THAT the Board approve Policy 181 Trustee Professional Learning.
- CARRIED**  
For: Bondar Furgason, Maahs, Swankey  
Opposed: Reichelt  
Abstained: Neufeld
- 175.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar
- THAT the Board approve Policy 182 Trustee Orientation.
- CARRIED**
- 176.21** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs
- THAT the Board approve Policy 191 Trustee Expenses and further THAT the Board abandon existing Policy 228: Trustee Expenses as it is made redundant by the new policy.
- NO VOTE**
- 177.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar
- THAT the Board approve Policy 191 Trustee Expenses with the amendment to number 4 in the Guidelines as follows:

4. Expense claims are to be submitted first to the Chair for signature, then to the Secretary-Treasurer for payment

4.1 The Vice Chair shall sign for expense of the Chair

4.2 Any discrepancies regarding the claim will be brought to the Trustee's attention

4.3 A dispute regarding amounts authorized for reimbursement will be adjudicated by the Board

**DEFEATED**

**For: Bondar, Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld**

**178.21** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the Board approve Policy 191 Trustee Expenses and further THAT the Board abandon existing Policy 228: Trustee Expenses as it is made redundant by the new policy.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld  
Opposed: Bondar, Reichelt, Swankey**

**3.4. Policy Renovation Project: Policy 110 – District Mission, Vision and Motto**

**179.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 110 – District Mission, Vision and Motto.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Bondar, Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld**

**3.5. Policy Renovation Project: Bylaw 1 – Board Bylaw Procedures**

**180.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve three readings of Bylaw 1 Board Bylaw Procedures.

**CARRIED**

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

THAT the Board of Education approve first, second and third readings of Bylaw 1 Board Bylaw Procedures.

**CARRIED**

**3.6. Policy Renovation Project: Bylaw 2 – Trustee Elections**

**182.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve three readings of Bylaw 2 Trustee Elections.

**CARRIED**

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

THAT the Board of Education approve first, second and third readings of Bylaw 2 Trustee Elections.

**CARRIED**

**3.7. Letter re. Accessible British Columbia Act**

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

THAT the Board of Education send a letter to both MLAs in Chilliwack requesting that people and children with dyslexia/learning and communication disabilities be included in the new Accessible British Columbia Act, which has not yet received final reading.

**NO VOTE**

**185.21** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the motion be amended to read THAT the Board of Education send a letter to both MLAs in Chilliwack requesting that the accessibility needs of people and children with dyslexia and other learning and communication disabilities be specifically addressed by the Provincial Accessibility Committee once the new Accessible British Columbia Act passes final reading.

**NO VOTE**

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

THAT the amendment be amended to read THAT the Board of Education send a letter to Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction & the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility requesting that the accessibility needs of people and children with dyslexia and other learning and communication disabilities be specifically addressed by the Provincial Accessibility Committee once the new Accessible British Columbia Act passes final reading.

**CARRIED**

**For: Bondar, Reichelt, Swankey**

**Opposed: Furgason, Maahs**

**Abstained: Neufeld**

**187.21** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the motion be amended to read THAT the Board of Education send a letter to Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction & the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility requesting that the accessibility needs of people and children with dyslexia and other learning and communication disabilities be specifically addressed by the

Provincial Accessibility Committee once the new Accessible British Columbia Act passes final reading.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Bondar, Reichelt, Swankey**  
**Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld**

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

THAT the meeting be extended to the conclusion of the agenda items. (9:54 p.m.)

**CARRIED**

**For: Bondar, Maahs, Reichelt, Swankey**  
**Abstained: Furgason, Neufeld**

**189.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the motion be amended to read that THAT the Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction & the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility supporting of the Chilliwack District Parent Advisory Council's letter addressing Bill 6.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Swankey**

**Opposed: Bondar, Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld, Reichelt**

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

THAT the Board of Education send a letter the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction & the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility requesting that people and children with dyslexia/learning and communication disabilities be included in the new Accessible British Columbia Act, which has not yet received final reading.

**CARRIED**

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

##### **4.1. Human Rights Training**

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided information regarding Human Rights Code Training for the Board of Education.

##### **4.2. Audit Working Committee Report**

The Board of Education received the Audit Working Committee Report of May 25, 2021.

##### **4.3. BCSTA Report**

No report was received.

##### **4.4. Meeting Summaries**

**May 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary**

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Jared Mumford, Carin Bondar, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Paula Jordan, Kirk Savage, David Manuel, Tamara Ilersich, Talana McInally

Observer: Mike McKay

1. Learning Sessions and Board Meetings
2. Advertising in Schools
3. Policy 110: District Vision, Mission and Motto

#### **May 11, 2021 In-Camera Meeting Summary**

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Jared Mumford, Carin Bondar, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, David Swankey

Trustee Bondar recused herself from this meeting.

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

Observer: Mike McKay

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. Teacher Retirement and Retirement Bonus
4. Release of Information
5. Superintendent

#### **4.5. Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Webinar**

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

Questions were received regarding the following:

- In person meetings.
- Failed Policies.
- % of students in district identifying as Indigenous.
- Terms in Policy 141.
- Education and resources around the appropriate use of people first language when it comes to individuals with various diagnoses.
- Board informed of CTA and District initiatives for wearing orange today.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

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Board Chair



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Secretary-Treasurer