



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Location: Zoom Webinar

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

Staff Present:	Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
	Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Mr. M. Friesen
	Assistant Superintendent	Ms. P. Jordan
	Director of Instruction	Mr. D. Manuel
	Executive Assistant	Ms. T. McNally
	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 5:31 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

12.22 Moved by: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

13.22 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the December 7, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED
For: Bondar, Furgason, Maahs, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey
Abstained: Neufeld

14.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the minutes of the December 7, 2021 Special Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

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

15.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the December 13, 2021 Special Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated with amendment to correct Trustee Mumford calling the meeting to order and not Trustee Reichelt.

CARRIED
For: Bondar, Furgason, Maahs, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey
Abstained: Neufeld

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Consideration of a Special Board Meeting regarding re-opening of schools

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Coalition for Healthy School Food

16.22 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education support the work of the Coalition for Healthy School Food by formally endorsing the organization and its call for the development of a universal cost-shared School Food program for Canada.

FURTHER, in Endorsing the Coalition, the Board of Education would agree with the Coalition’s call for the development of a National School Food Program and give permission to list the Chilliwack School District's name, logo and description on the Coalition's website. There is no cost to the Chilliwack School District to be an endorser.

NO VOTE

17.22 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the motion be postponed until the Board receives information on legal ramifications for endorsing a lobbyist group.

DEFEATED
For: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld
Opposed: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

18.22 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

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CARRIED

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

3.2. Education Policy Advisory Committee Report / Policy Renovation Project

3.2.1. Policy 231 – Advertising in Schools by Commercial Enterprises

19.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 231: Advertising in Schools by Commercial Enterprises - (910 Advertising in Schools) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its December 13, 2021 meeting.

NO VOTE

20.22 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the policy be amended to rewrite the last sentence to read: "The use of corporate logos are to be avoided."

DEFEATED

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

21.22 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the policy be referred back to the committee to review the language around use of corporate logos and slogans.

CARRIED

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

3.2.2. Policy 240 - Fundraising

22.22 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 240: Fundraising - (918 Fundraising) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its December 13, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

3.2.3. Policy 260 – Community School Society

23.22 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 260: Community School Society - (911 Community Schools) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its November 29, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

3.2.4. Policy 261 – Neighbourhood Learning Centres

24.22 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 261: Neighbourhood Learning Centres - (921 Neighbourhood Learning Centres) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its December 13, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

3.2.5. Policy 280 – Smudging

25.22 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 280 Smudging- (920 Smudging) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its December 13, 2021 meeting.

NO VOTE

26.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board refer the policy back to EPAC after receiving recommendations from the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and staff.

CARRIED

3.2.6. Policy 290 – Educational Heritage

27.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 290 Educational Heritage - (908 Historical Records Preservation) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its December 13, 2021 meeting.

NO VOTE

28.22 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board refer the policy back to EPAC to re-include a statement highlighting importance of the history of public schools in our community.

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

3.3. Policy Renovation Project: Policy 130 – Code of Conduct

29.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 130 – Code of Conduct as attached. Further, THAT the Board abandon existing Policy 205 – Code of Ethics for Trustees (found [HERE](#)) as it is made redundant by the new policy.

NO VOTE

30.22 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the second bullet point under “Procedures to Address Alleged Code of Conduct Breaches” be amended to read:

- Bringing the alleged breach (“Complaint”) in writing to the attention of the Chair of the Board, designate or and the Secretary Treasurer within 30 days of the alleged breach occurring. There may be exceptional circumstances which allow for an extension of the 30-day timeline. If an allegation is made against the Chair, the matter shall be managed by the Secretary Treasurer.

and FURTHER, THAT the last bullet point be amended to read:

Complaint resolution options, including:

- A recommendation by the Chair or the Secretary Treasurer if the alleged breach is by the Chair, Not to proceed on the complaint.
- Agreement that an informal resolution is appropriate.
- Initiation of an investigation process, conducted with procedural fairness, concluding with the preparation and presentation of a report of the investigation’s findings in a timely manner for the board’s consideration.
- Decision by the board (excluding the subject of the complaint) on the Chair’s Board’s or Secretary Treasurer’s recommendation for appropriate action to resolve the complaint.

DEFEATED
For: Maahs, Neufeld
Opposed: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey
Abstained: Furgason

31.22 Moved by: Trustee Furgason
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board refer this policy back for review at a future policy renovation meeting.

CARRIED

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

Meeting break called at 7:23 p.m.
Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

32.22 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board defer Policy items 131 – Conflict of Interest, Bylaw 4 – Appeals, and Bylaw 5 – Board Meeting Procedures to a future meeting.

CARRIED

3.4 2021 – 2022 Amended Annual Budget

Trustee Neufeld lost power and left meeting noted at 8:03 p.m.

33.22 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board of Education approve three readings of 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$181,012,800. (must be unanimous)

DEFEATED

For: Furgason, Maahs
Opposed: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

34.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education approve the first and second reading of 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$181,012,800.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Long-Range Facilities Plan – Consultation Update

Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer, presented an update to the Draft Long-Range Facilities Plan as well as the findings of the Public Consultation process.

4.2. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided an update on COVID-19 as it relates to the Chilliwack School District.

35.22 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the meeting be extended to the conclusion of the agenda items.

CARRIED

4.3. BCSTA Report

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

4.4. Budget Advisory Committee Report

The Board of Education received the Budget Advisory Committee report of January 6, 2022.

4.5. Trustee Written Reports

Trustees submitted written reports listing key activities they've attended since the last board meeting as well as upcoming events.

4.6. Meeting Summaries

December 7, 2021 In-Camera Meeting Summary

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Jared Mumford, Carin Bondar, David Swankey

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

Regrets: Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs

Absent: Barry Neufeld

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA) Update
4. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)
5. CTA Bargaining Update

January 10, 2021 Special In-Camera Meeting

Trustees: Jared Mumford, Carin Bondar, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Mark Friesen, Tamara Ilersich, Talana McInally

Absent: Barry Neufeld, Willow Reichelt, David Swankey

1. BCPSEA Survey

January 4, 2022 Learning Session

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Kirk Savage, Paula Jordan, Mark Friesen, David Manuel, Allan Van Tassel

1. Amended Budget
2. EPAC Policies

4.7. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
5:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- At-home learning
- Week of preparation (continuation of learning)
- Functional closures
- Mask Exemptions
- Absentee percentages last two days

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer