



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Location: School District Office

Members Present:

Chair	Willow Reichelt
Vice-Chair	Carin Bondar
Trustee	Heather Maahs
Trustee	Richard Procee
Trustee	Margaret Reid
Trustee	David Swankey
Trustee	Teri Westerby

Staff Present:

Superintendent	Rohan Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Simone Sangster
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Mark Friesen
Assistant Superintendent	Paula Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	Kirk Savage
Assistant Superintendent	David Manuel
Executive Assistant	Talana McNally

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory and Diversity Statement**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

306.24 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

307.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION

2.1. Delegation Presentation: Decarbonization

Dr. Tim Cooper and Robyn Curtis, community members, provided a presentation regarding positive steps towards decarbonization that local governments can take. This delegation presentation was granted through Bylaw 5 – Board Meeting Procedures, item # 6 – Delegations.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1. Budget Advisory Committee Report (Minutes)

The Board of Education received the Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of May 9, 2024.

3.2. Budget Advisory Committee Report (Quarterly Financial Report)

The Board of Education received the March 2024 Quarterly Report and Written Financial Report as presented to the Budget Advisory Committee on May 9, 2024.

3.3. Trustee Written Reports

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

3.4. BCSTA Report

Trustee Reid provided an update on matters related to the BCSTA.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- De-Carbonization and Electric Buses
- Board Partner Group Consultation & Policy 110
- Public Participation at Board Meetings

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. 2024-25 Annual Budget – First Reading

308.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education allow use of \$3,265,077 from the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the 2024-25 Budget.

CARRIED

309.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve the first reading of the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/25, per below:

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (CHILLIWACK) (called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the *Act*, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the annual budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$235,471,828 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025.

CARRIED

5.2. Policy 110 – District Vision, Mission and Motto (Amendment)

310.24 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education amend Policy 110 District Vision, Mission and Motto as presented.

CARRIED

5.3. Schedule of Board Meetings 2024-2025

311.24 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education approve the following option for the 2024 – 2025 school year Board of Education meetings and Learning Sessions:
Board Meeting Schedule – 11 meetings
(10 Regular + 1, if required, as attached)
Board Learning Sessions – 12 sessions

CARRIED

**For: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby
Abstained: Maahs**

5.4. Board Partner Group Consultation

312.24 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education solicit input from Board Partner Groups regarding the Public Participation process during Board of Education meetings as outlined in Bylaw 5.

CARRIED

For: Bondar, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Opposed: Maahs, Procee

6. MEETING SUMMARIES

Meeting summaries were provided listing In-Camera and/or Special In-Camera and Learning Session items since the last Regular Public Board Meeting.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- Accumulated Operating Surplus
- Question on delegation presentation
- Public Participation at Board meetings

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Nicole Driscoll, District Early Years Principal, provided and update regarding Early Learning.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

9.1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer