



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Location: School District Office

Members Present:	Chair	David Swankey
	Vice Chair	Teri Westerby
	Trustee	Carin Bondar
	Trustee	Richard Procee
	Trustee	Willow Reichelt
	Trustee	Margaret Reid

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 McInally

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

8.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

9.25 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Special Regular (Elections) and Regular Board Meetings be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1. Audit Working Committee Report

The Board received an update from the Audit Working Committee on its January 14, 2025, meeting, which included a review of its mandate, financial oversight responsibilities, governance, risk management, and process recommendations from external reviews.

2.2. Budget Advisory Committee Report

The Board received the minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee meeting held on February 6, 2025.

2.3. Trustee Written Reports

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

2.4. BCSTA Report

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

2.5. Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Update

The Board received an update from the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) on matters related to the Indigenous Education Council.

Meeting Recessed at 5:39 pm

Meeting called back to order at 5:45 pm

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Board's Welcome, Land Acknowledgement (ruled out of order)
- Public Transit Advocacy – collaboration with district staff and City staff
- Public Transit Advocacy – district budget on transportation higher than other districts

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. 2024-2025 Amended Annual Budget – 1st Reading

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer presented the 2024-25 Amended Budget and took board questions. He recommended approval of the Amended Budget Bylaw reflecting the packet presented in the board agenda with one amendment. This amendment will be reflected in the draft amended budget presented to the next board meeting. It was to change the Provincial Grants total by \$3,837 and make some edits to the presentation. There is no change to the Bylaw amount.

10.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the first reading of 2024-2025 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw per below:

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (CHILLIWACK) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended 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 Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Amended 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 **\$248,380,140** for the 2024/2025 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025.

CARRIED

4.2. Public Transit Advocacy

11.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education advocates to the provincial government for increased investment in Chilliwack's public transportation, and THAT the Board of Education engages district and community partners to support this advocacy.

CARRIED

5. MEETING SUMMARIES

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- Mental Health Initiatives in schools – Special Purpose Funding

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided information on the KSS UFV Trades Sampler program and an update on the Six Year Completion rate.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

8.3. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer