



**Chilliwack
School District**

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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Location: School District Office

Members Present:

Chair	David Swankey
Vice Chair	Teri Westerby
Trustee	Carin Bondar (via phone)
Trustee	Richard Procee
Trustee	Willow Reichelt
Trustee	Margaret Reid
Trustee	Laurie Throness

Staff Present:

Superintendent	Rohan Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Simone Sangster
Assistant Superintendent	Paula Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	David Manuel
Executive Assistant	Talana McInally

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory and Diversity Statement**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

84.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

85.25 Moved by: Trustee Throness
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the minutes of the June 30, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1. Audit Working Committee Report

The Board received an update regarding the Audit Working Committee's meetings held on September 9th and 12th, 2025.

2.2. Trustee Written Reports

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

2.3. BCSTA Report

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

2.4. Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Update

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

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- No comments or questions were received.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Report

86.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
 Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report to be submitted to the Ministry by September 30, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2. 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements, Accumulated Surplus & Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis (FSDA)

87.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
 Seconded by: Trustee Throness

THAT the Board of Education approve the interfund transfer of \$528,183 from the Operating Fund to Local Capital for the year ended June 30, 2025.

CARRIED

88.25 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Throness

THAT the Board approve the Internal Restrictions of Accumulated Surplus included within Note 19 of the 2024-25 Year End Financial Statements.

CARRIED

89.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board approve the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements as presented

CARRIED

4.3. Annual Five-Year Capital Plan, 2026-27- Minor Capital

90.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Throness

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 33 (Chilliwack), in accordance with provisions under section 142(4) of the *School Act*, hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Capital Programs) for 2026/27, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2026/27 submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure. (Resolution No. R2026-02)

CARRIED

91.25 Moved by: Trustee Throness
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 33 (Chilliwack), in accordance with provisions under section 142(4) of the *School Act*, hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (School Food Infrastructure Program) for 2026/27, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2026/27 submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure. (Resolution No. R2026-03)

CARRIED

92.25 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 33 (Chilliwack), in accordance with provisions under section 142(4) of the *School Act*, hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Building Envelope Program) for 2026/27, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2026/27 submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure. (Resolution No. R2026-01)

CARRIED

Meeting Recessed at 6:45 pm
Meeting called back to order at 6:51 pm

4.4. Property Disposal Bylaws

School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School Municipal Storm Drainage Right-of-Way Bylaw, 2025, No. B2025-01D.

93.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

1. THAT the Board approve three readings of School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School Municipal Storm Drainage Right-of-Way Bylaw, 2025, No. B2025-01D

CARRIED

94.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

2. THAT the Board approve first, second and third reading and adopts School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School Municipal Storm Drainage Right-of-Way Bylaw, 2025, No. B2025-01D.

CARRIED

School District No. 33 (Chilliwack)) Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School Municipal Works Right-of-Way Bylaw, 2025, No. B2025-02D.

95.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Throness

1. THAT the Board approve three readings of School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School Municipal Works Right-of-Way Bylaw, 2025, No. B2025-02D.

CARRIED

96.25 Moved by: Trustee Throness
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

2. THAT the Board approve first, second and third reading and adopts School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School Municipal Works Right-of-Way Bylaw, 2025, No. B2025-02D.

CARRIED

4.5. Signing Authority

97.25 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve Resolution No. R2026-04 - Signing Authority.

CARRIED

4.6. Initiation Of Barrier Scan On Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) Policies

65.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to initiate a barrier scan of all Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) policies (Sections 200 and 300 of the Policy Manual), in alignment with Board Policy 161, with the goal of completing this review by June 2026.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report
- FSA with Care
- Operating Surplus and Internal Restrictions
- Process for Barrier Scan of Policies
- Training for staff on FSA data collection

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent highlighted the community gathering that celebrated the Honourable Dan Coulter and featured a performance by the Sardis Secondary Drumline. He also provided an enrollment update current to September 23, 2025.

Principal Sean Wicker and Vice Principal Rebecca Palansky reported on the 2025 Summer Learning program.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

7.1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Monday, October 14, 2025
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer