



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Location: School District Office

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

Regrets:	Trustee	Richard Procee
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Staff Present:	Superintendent	Rohan Arul-pragasam
	Secretary Treasurer	Raman Brar
	Assistant Superintendent	Paula Jordan
	Assistant Superintendent	Kirk Savage
	Assistant Superintendent	David Manuel
	Director of Facilities & Transportation	Allan Van Tassel
	Executive Assistant	Talana McNally

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

The Chair opened the meeting with a welcome, an acknowledgment of Traditional Territory, and the Board's Diversity Statement.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

111.26 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

112.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the minutes of the June 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1. Audit Working Committee Report

Trustee Swankey provided an overview of the Audit Working Committee's meeting held on September 8, 2026.

2.2. Trustee Written Reports

Trustees submitted written reports listing key activities 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 Report

The Board received an update from the Indigenous Education Council (IEC).

2.5. Facilities and Enrolment Plan Update

The Board received a Facilities and Enrolment Plan Update.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- No comments or questions were received.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report (FESL)

113.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
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, 2026.

CARRIED

4.2. 2025-26 Audited Financial Statements, Accumulated Surplus & Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis (FSDA)

114.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the interfund transfer of \$538,310 from the Operating Fund to Local Capital for the year ended June 30, 2026.

AND

THAT the Board approve the Internal Restrictions of Accumulated Surplus included within Note 20 of the 2025-26 Year End Financial Statements.

CARRIED

115.26 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board approve the 2025-2026 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 6:42 p.m.

Meeting called back to order at 6:51 p.m.

4.3. Annual Five-Year Capital Plan, (Minor Capital)

116.26 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

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 2027/28, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2027/28 submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure. (*Resolution No. R2027-01*)

CARRIED

117.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
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 2027/28, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2027/28 submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure. (*Resolution No. R2027-02*)

CARRIED

118.26 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

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 2027/28, as provided on the Five-Year

Capital Plan Summary for 2027/28 submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure (*Resolution No.2027-03*).

CARRIED

4.4. Policy Amendments: BCSTA Board Policy Review

4.4.1. Policy 160 Board Committees

119.26

Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the consolidation of Policies 160, 161, 162 and 163 into a revised **Policy 160 Board Committees**, in alignment with the BCSTA Board Policy Review guidance.

CARRIED

4.4.2. Policy 168 Trustee Representation and Liaison Assignments

120.26

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve the consolidation of Policies 168 and 169 into a revised **Policy 168 Trustee Representation and Liaison Assignments**, in alignment with the BCSTA Board Policy Review guidance.

CARRIED

4.4.3. Policy 190 Trustee Remuneration and Supports

121.26

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education refer proposed Policy 190: Trustee Remuneration and Supports back to staff to clarify expense and professional development funding provisions, and bring the revised policy to the next Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4.5. Trustee Remuneration

122.26

Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to conduct a comparative review of trustee remuneration in relevant British Columbia school districts and bring forward a comparison and recommendation for the Board's consideration at its October 2026 meeting, with any approved changes to take effect for the incoming Board.

CARRIED

5. MEETING SUMMARIES

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report: student attendance, public health, mental health supports, and barriers to attendance.
- New east side elementary: parent communication for students transitioning to the new school, including from Rosedale Elementary/Middle and Chilliwack Middle.
- Audited Financial Statements: Jordan's Principle carry forward and other spending opportunities.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent provided an update on September enrolment, and Principal Sean Wicker presented the 2026 Summer Learning Program, including participation, expanded course offerings, Indigenous Summer Learning, access supports, and future growth areas.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

8.1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, October 13, 2026
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer