



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**Location:** School District Office

**Members Present:**

Chair	Willow Reichelt
Vice-Chair	Carin Bondar
Trustee	Heather Maahs
Trustee	David Swankey
Trustee	Teri Westerby

**Regrets:**

Trustee	Richard Procee
Trustee	Margaret Reid

**Staff Present:**

Superintendent	Rohan Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Simone Sangster
Assistant Superintendent	Paula Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	Kirk Savage
Director of Instruction	Dave Manuel
Executive Assistant	Talana McInally

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**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**

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**37.23** Moved by: Trustee Westerby  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

**38.23** Moved by: Trustee Westerby  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated with the amendment to include that the “Chair adjourned the meeting” instead of “Meeting break was called” and “Meeting called back to order” instead of “Meeting called to order.”

**CARRIED**

For: Bondar, Reichelt, Swankey, Westerby

Opposed: Maahs

## **2. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **2.1. Education Advisory Committee Report**

The Board of Education received the Education Policy Advisory Committee minutes of April 11, 2022, May 30, 2022, and February 13, 2023.

### **2.2. Trustee Written Reports**

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

## **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA**

- BCSTA AGM Motions – Provincial Teacher Shortage

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1. 2022-2023 Amended Annual Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading & Adoption**

**39.23** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and adoption of the 2022-2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$199,749,488.

**CARRIED**

### **4.2. BCSTA AGM Motions**

**40.23** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustee Association for consideration at AGM 2023:

*THAT the BCSTA request the Ministries of Education and Child Care and of Finance eliminate the current practice outlined in the Capital Plan Instructions for school districts to contribute to major capital projects.*

**CARRIED**

For: Bondar, Reichelt, Swankey, Westerby

Abstained: Maahs

- 41.23** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustee Association for consideration at AGM 2023:

*THAT the BCSTA review the Family Connection Centre (FCC) model being piloted in BC to support member boards in better understanding the intended interaction between their district and the FCC in supporting students.*

AND

*THAT the BCSTA request that the Ministry of Child and Family Development and the Ministry of Education and Child Care include public education partners, including school boards, in consultation and planning where the Family Connection Centre rollout and implementation will impact public education.*

**CARRIED**

- 42.23** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustee Association for consideration at AGM 2023:

*THAT the BCSTA write a letter to all BC education degree granting institutions requesting they expand their intake of education students and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Ministry of Advance Education and Skills Training.*

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3. Policy Renovation Project (Education Policy Advisory Committee)**

##### **4.3.1. Policy 312 – Supervision of Students**

- 43.23** Moved by: Trustee Westerby  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 312 Supervision of Students - (512 Supervision of Students) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its May 11, 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.3.2. Policy 250 – Volunteers**

- 44.23** Moved by: Trustee Westerby  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 250 Volunteers - (902 Volunteers) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its February 13, 2023 meeting.

**CARRIED**

**For: Bondar, Reichelt, Swankey, Westerby  
Opposed: Maahs**

**4.3.3. Policy 341 – Trustee Bursary**

**45.23** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education repeal Policy 341 Trustee Bursary - (232 Trustee Bursary).

**CARRIED**

**5. MEETING SUMMARIES**

**5.2. February 7, 2023 In-Camera Meeting Summary**

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Carin Bondar, Heather Maahs, Richard Procee, Margaret Reid, David Swankey, Teri Westerby

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Simone Sangster, Talana McInally

- 1. HR Report
- 2. BCPSEA Report

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS**

- Agenda – locating on the website
- Field trips – who to address concerns to
- Policy 250 – Volunteers

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

**7.1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, Mar 14, 2023  
5:30 p.m.  
School District Office**

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer