



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

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	Dave Manuel
Director of Facilities and Transportation	Allan Van Tassel
Executive Assistant	Talana McInally

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

99.23 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
For: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby
Opposed: Maahs

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

100.23 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the May 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION

2.1. Strategic Plan Presentation: 90-Day Cycle Update

The senior leadership team will provide an update on the 90-Day Cycle as part of a continuous improvement cycle and progress updates in reference to Strategic Plan goals.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1. Audit Working Committee Report

The Board of Education received the Audit Working Committee minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting.

3.2. Education Advisory Committee Report

The Board of Education received the Education Policy Advisory Committee minutes of May 15, 2023 and June 5, 2023 from which the following policies were referred to the Board of Education:

May 15, 2023:

- Policy 310: Student Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities
- Policy 313: Safe Schools
- Policy 314: Student Substance Use

June 5, 2023

- Policy 221: District Parents' Advisory Council
- Policy 360: Inclusion
- Policy 517: Health-Promoting Schools

3.3. Student and Family Affordability Fund Update

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Mark Friesen provided an update to the Board on the District's spending of the Student and Family Affordability Fund \.

3.4. BCSTA Report

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

3.5. Trustee Written Reports

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

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Pride Flag
- DPAC Support for Revised Policy 221: DPAC
- Health & safety violations information
- Repealed Policy 922: Flags
- Budget question re Security & Facilitator(s)
- Policy 433: Provision of Menstrual Products
- Flag pole
- Pride Support
- Support for French program at SSS

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Schedule of Board Meetings

101.23 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education approve the amended 2022 – 2023 school year Board of Education meetings schedule to include the addition of a Regular Public Meeting on June 27th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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

5.2. 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget – 2nd and 3rd Reading & Adoption

102.23 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education approve the second and third reading and adoption of the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2023/24, 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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024.

3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$213,172,760 for the 2023/2024 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 2023/2024.

CARRIED

Meeting Recessed at 6:21 pm
Meeting called back to order at 6:26 pm

5.3. Board Support for National Pride Month in Canada

103.23 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education acknowledges and shows support for staff, students and families in the Chilliwack School District community who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ by putting a message of support on the district website each June in recognition of National Pride Month in Canada.

CARRIED

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

104.23 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to install a third flagpole at the board office for special event flags. Additionally, when not in use, the flagpole may be used to fly the Chilliwack flag.

CARRIED

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

5.4. Policy Renovation Project – Policies to be Reaffirmed

5.4.1. Policy 221: District Parents’ Advisory Council

105.23 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 221 District Parents’ Advisory Council - (221 District Parents’ Advisory Council) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its June 5, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

5.4.2. Policy 310: Student Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities

106.23 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 310 Student Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities - (501 Student Behaviour) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its May 15, 2023 meeting.

NO VOTE

107.23 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the policy be amended to remove the strike from “under the influence” in the second last bullet on the second page.

DEFEATED

For: Maahs

Opposed: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

108.23 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Procee

THAT the policy be amended to strike the fourth paragraph: “The Board of Education will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of a Code of Conduct”.

DEFEATED

For: Maahs

Opposed: Bondar, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Abstained: Procee

109.23 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 310 Student Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities - (501 Student Behaviour) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its May 15, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

For: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Opposed: Maahs

5.4.3. Policy 313: Safe Schools

110.23 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 313 Safe Schools - (514 Safe Schools) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its May 15, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

For: Bondar, Procee, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Opposed: Maahs

Meeting Recessed at 7:41 pm

Meeting called back to order at 7:49 pm

5.4.4. Policy 314: Student Substance Use

111.23 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 314 Student Substance Use - (500 Drugs & Alcohol) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its May 15, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

5.4.5. Policy 360: Inclusion

112.23 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 360 Inclusion - (607 Placement of Special Needs Students) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its June 5, 2023 meeting.

NO VOTE

113.23 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT policy be amended to add “and community” to the end of the third bullet.

DEFEATED

For: Maahs

Opposed: Bondar, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Abstained: Procee

114.23 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 360 Inclusion - (607 Placement of Special Needs Students) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its draft form at its June 5, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

For: Bondar, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Opposed: Maahs

Abstained: Procee

5.4.6. Policy 433: Provision of Menstrual Products

115.23 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 433 Provision of Menstrual Products - (535 Provision of Menstrual Products) as presented.

NO VOTE

116.23 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the following agenda items be deferred to the next meeting: 5.5.1, 5.5.2, 5.5.3, 5.5.4, 5.5.5, 5.5.7.

CARRIED

For: Bondar, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby

Abstained: Maahs, Procee

117.23 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board extend the meaning to the end of the approved agenda.

CARRIED

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

118.23 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT Policy 433: Provision of Menstrual Products be amended to add “specifically in all variations of washrooms (Male, Female, Gender-Neutral)” to the end of procedure number three.

NO VOTE

119.23 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT discussion of agenda item 5.4.6 - Policy 433: Provision of Menstrual Products be tabled to the next Board meeting.

CARRIED

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

5.5. Policy Renovation Project – Policies to be Repealed

5.5.6. Policy 517: Health Promoting Schools

120.23 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education repeal Policy 517 Health Promoting Schools.

CARRIED

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

6. MEETING SUMMARIES

May 9, 2023 In-Camera Meeting

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

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

Guest: Raj Dhasi

1. PVP Assignments
2. Teacher Retirement and Retirement Bonus
3. Health and Safety Violations, Reporting and Resolution
4. HR Report
5. BCPSEA Report

May 23, 2023 Board Learning Session

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Kirk Savage, Paula Jordan, David Manuel, Brenda Point, Jaimee Charlie, Brenda Calendino, Jessica Adams-Loupret

- 1. Indigenizing Curriculum Showcase
- 2. Mental Health in Schools

June 6, 2023 Board Learning Session

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Kirk Savage, Paula Jordan, David Manuel, Joanne Britton, Talana McInally

- 1. Looking Forward, Looking Back

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- Menstrual products in elementary schools
- Menstrual products, dispensers and vandalism
- Policy 360 Inclusion
- Message of Board support for National Pride Month in Canada on the website
- Student and Family Affordability Fund & community partners
- Safe space for teachers

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

7.1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer