



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, November 7, 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 Superintendent	Paula Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	Kirk Savage
Assistant Superintendent	Dave Manuel
Assistant Director of HR	Rachael Green
Director of Facilities and Transportation	Allan Van Tassel
Executive Assistant	Lisa Champagne
Executive Assistant	Talana McNally
Audio-Video/Desktop Foreman	Mark Bakker

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**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 and Diversity Statement**

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**195.23** Moved by: Trustee Reid  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**NO VOTE**

**196.23** Moved by: Trustee Swankey

Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the agenda be amended to move item 4.2 to the bottom of action items.

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

**197.23** Moved by: Trustee Reid  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

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

THAT the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2.1. Budget Advisory Committee Minutes**

The Board of Education received the Budget Advisory Committee Minutes from October 26, 2023.

**2.2. Budget Advisory Committee Report**

Assistant Superintendent David Manuel joined meeting at 5:37pm

The Board of Education received the September 2023 Quarterly Report and Written Financial Report as presented to the Budget Advisory Committee on October 26, 2023.

**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. Policy Analysis Update**

The Board of Education received an update on the Policy Analysis Review.

**2.5. BCSTA Report**

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

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

- Process request on how Partner groups can bring forward ideas for future policies
- Clarification on Policy 120 Board Authority, Roles and Responsibilities

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1. 2024 – 2027 Draft Three Year School Calendar**

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

THAT the Board approve the outlined feedback process for the 2024-2027 three-year Local School Calendar for employees, parents, guardians, and caregivers.

**CARRIED**

**4.2. Bylaw 5 – Board Meeting Procedures (Revised)**

**200.23** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT Bylaw 5 – Board Meeting Procedures (Revised) be referred to a committee of the whole.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Maahs**

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

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

THAT the Board approve first reading of Bylaw 5 – Board Meeting Procedures (REVISED).

**NO VOTE**

**202.23** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board refer first reading of Bylaw 5 – Board Meeting Procedures (Revised) to the next Public Board Meeting.

**NO VOTE**

**203.23** Moved by: Trustee Procee  
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the motion be amended to refer Bylaw 5 – Board Meeting Procedures to the Committee of the Whole before being presented at the next Public Board Meeting.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Maahs, Procee**

**Opposed: Bondar, Reichelt, Reid, Westerby**

**Abstained: Swankey**

**204.23** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board refer first reading of Bylaw 5 – Board Meeting Procedures (Revised) to the next Public Board Meeting.

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

Meeting Recessed at 7:12 pm  
Meeting called back to order at 7:22 pm

**4.3. Policy Renovation Project – Policies to be Reaffirmed**

**4.3.1. Policy 530 Leadership Appointments and Assignments**

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

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 530 Leadership Appointments and Assignments as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.3.2. Policy 545 Respectful Workplace**

**206.23** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 545 Respectful Workplace as presented.

**NO VOTE**

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

THAT the policy be amended to read “The Board of Education is committed to ensuring a respectful workplace and is committed to upholding the rights of employees to work in an environment free from harassment including discriminatory harassment, sexual harassment, bullying or violence.”

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

**208.23** Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 545 Respectful Workplace as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.4. Policy Renovation Project – Policies to be Repealed**

**4.4.1. Policy 502 Student Search and Seizure**

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

THAT the Board of Education repeal Policy 502 Student Search and Seizure.

**CARRIED**

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

**4.4.2. Policy 503 Interrogation or Interviewing of Students by Police in School Settings**

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

THAT the Board of Education repeal Policy 503 Interrogation or Interviewing of Students by Police in School Settings.

**NO VOTE**

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

THAT Policy 503 Interrogation or Interviewing of Students by Police in School Settings be referred back to staff pending review.

**CARRIED**

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

**212.23** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the repeals of Policies 524, 704, 716 be referred to the December Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**5. MEETING SUMMARIES**

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

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

- Bylaw 5
- Committee of the Whole
- Bylaw 5 proposed amendments
- Partner Group participation in Public Participation
- Secretary-Treasurer role with Board of Education
- Public Participation

**7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

The Superintendent provided an update on key items and events in the district since the last public board meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

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

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer