

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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024

**Location:** School District Office

Members Present: Chair Willow Reichelt

Vice-Chair Carin Bondar
Trustee Heather Maahs
Trustee Margaret Reid
Trustee David Swankey
Trustee Teri Westerby

Regrets: Trustee Richard Procee

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
Assistant Director of HR Rachael Green
Executive Assistant Talana McInally

# 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 and Diversity Statement** 

#### 1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

250.24 Moved by: Trustee Bondar

Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** 

#### 1.3. Approval of the Minutes

251.24 Moved by: Trustee Westerby Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the December 5, 2023 Special Regular (Elections) and Regular Board Meetings be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED** 

Meeting Recessed at 5:33 pm (Technical difficulties) Meeting called back to order at 5:51 pm

Technical difficulties resulted in a new livestream link shared on the website and District Facebook page.

# 2. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 2.1. Budget Advisory Committee Report

The Board received a report and the draft minutes of the January 11, 2024 Budget Advisory Committee.

#### 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.

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

No comments or questions were received

Meeting Recessed at 5:57 pm (Technical difficulties) Meeting called back to order at 6:04 pm

Due to the technical difficulties with the livestream, the Board resumed the Public Board Meeting without the livestream in accordance with Policy 170, item 3.1.

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS

#### 4.1. 2023 - 2024 Amended Annual Budget - 1st Reading

252.24 Moved by: Trustee Bondar Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education approve the first reading of 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw per below:

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (CHILLIWACK) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended 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 Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
- 2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Amended 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 **\$227,126,284** for the 2023/2024 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.

Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

CARRIED

 $\label{eq:Formula} \textbf{For: Bondar, Reichelt, Reid, Swankey, Westerby}$ 

Opposed: Maahs

# 4.2. Policy 520 - Public Interest Disclosures (Amendment)

253.24 Moved by: Trustee Bondar Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education amend Policy 520 Public Interest Disclosures as presented.

**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

- Student Clubs and School Spaces for Clubs
- Amended Budget Allocation for Bank Fees
- Amended Budget Numeracy and Human Social Initiatives
- Amended Budget Psych Assessments, budget allocation of PVP, CBIEP Initiative
- Indigenous community feedback on proposed CSS change in Indigenous Room

### 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 7:15 p.m.

# 8.1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 5:30 p.m. School District Office

Board Chair
 Secretary-Treasurer