



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Location: School District Office

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

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	David Manuel
	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**

The Chair announced the results of the by-election, thanked all candidates who ran, and welcomed newly elected Trustee Laurie Throness to the Board. Trustee Throness will take his Oath of Office on March 12, 2025.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

13.25 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

14.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION**2.1. Strategic Plan Update – 90-Day Cycle**

The senior leadership team provided 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. Budget Advisory Committee Report**

The Board received the minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee meeting held on February 27, 2025.

3.2. Trustee Written Reports

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

3.3. BCSTA Report

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

3.4. Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Update

The Board received an update from the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) on matters related to the Indigenous Education Council.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Longhouse Education Program and accessible bussing for students and staff

5. ACTION ITEMS**5.1. 2024-2025 Amended Annual Budget – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Reading & Adoption**

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer presented the 2024-25 Amended Annual Budget, highlighting adjustments made since the February 18, 2025 Board meeting based on refined figures and Ministry feedback.

15.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve three readings of the 2024/2025 Amended Annual Budget.

CARRIED

16.25

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the first, second, and third reading and adoption of 2024-2025 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 2024/2025 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 2024/2025.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of **\$248,394,300** for the 2024/2025 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025.

CARRIED

6. MEETING SUMMARIES

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

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- No questions or comments were received

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided information on leadership practices that support success for all learners.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

9.1. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

Special Regular Meeting (Trustee Oath of Office)
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
4:00 p.m.
School District Office

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer