



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Location: School District Office

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

Staff Present:	Superintendent	Rohan Arul-pragasam
	Secretary Treasurer	Simone Sangster
	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 meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair opened the meeting with a welcome, an acknowledgment of Traditional Territory, and the Board's Diversity Statement.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

146.25 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

NO VOTE

147.25 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the agenda be amended to move item 5.1 Policy Amendments to follow the BAA Course related items in 5.2, 5.3, 5.4.

CARRIED

148.25 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be amended to remove item 8.0 Superintendent's Update.

CARRIED

149.25 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

150.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Throness

THAT the minutes of the November 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and November 20, 2025 Special Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION ITEM

2.1. Strategic Plan Update: School Progress Checkpoint

The senior leadership team provided an update on the Strategic Plan. Three schools presented evidence of progress at this meeting: Strathcona Elementary, Chilliwack Middle School, and Yarrow Elementary. Additional school presentations will occur in March and June, with a total of nine throughout the year. District level updates will continue through Board Learning Sessions, which are documented on the District website.

Meeting Recessed at 6:39 pm
Meeting called back to order at 6:44 pm

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1. Education Policy Advisory Committee Report

Trustee Reichelt provided the Education Policy Advisory Committee report, outlining the policy reviews and recommended amendments arising from the barrier scan.

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).

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- No comments or questions were received.

5. ACTION ITEMS

Note: Action Items were considered in the following order per the amended agenda: 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.1.

5.1. Policy Amendments – 200 & 300 Series Barrier Scan

154.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

Trustee Reid acknowledged their conflict of interest and recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item.

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 371 – French Immersion, in alignment with the District's barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

155.25 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policies 373 – Student Field Experiences, 314 – Student Substance Use, 315 – Weapons, and 320 – School Admission and Placement, as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District's barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

5.2. Board Authority/ Authorized (BAA) Course Reaffirmations

151.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm the following BAA Courses:

- Instrumental Survey 12
- Guided Learning 12

CARRIED

5.3. Board Authority/ Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal

152.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course:
Technology Explorations 11A and 11B.

CARRIED

5.4. Board Authority/ Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal

153.25 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course: Lá:lém
Siyá:m (House of Leaders) 10.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:00 pm
Meeting called back to order at 8:06 pm

5. MEETING SUMMARIES

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- No comments or questions were received.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Note: this item was removed per the amended agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

8.3. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer