



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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 Secretary Treasurer	Raman Brar
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 5:34 p.m.

The Chair opened the meeting with a welcome, an acknowledgment of Traditional Territory, and the Board's Diversity Statement. The Chair also acknowledged the tragedy in Tumbler Ridge.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

18.26 Moved by: Trustee Throness
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

19.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the minutes the January 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1. Budget Advisory Committee Report

The Board received the draft minutes of the February 12, 2026 Budget Advisory Committee meeting. Committee Chair, Trustee Reid, shared the committee's support for the Board performing three readings of the Amended Annual Budget at the February 17, 2026 Board meeting.

2.2. 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.

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. BCSTA Report

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

2.5. Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Update

The Board received an update from the Indigenous Education Council (IEC).

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Amended Annual Budget: English Language Learning (ELL) and French Immersion funding
- Questions regarding audit and French program

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget – 1st Reading

20.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education approve conducting three readings of the 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. B2026-01. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED

21.26

Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve first, second, and third reading and adopts the 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. B2026-01 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 2025/2026 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 No. B2026-01 for fiscal year 2025/2026
3. The attached "Statement 2" showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$254,202,218 for the 2025/2026 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 2025/2026.

CARRIED

4.2. Policy Amendments – 200 & 300 Series Barrier Scan

22.26

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 230 – Business and Community Partnerships as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District’s barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

23.26

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 321 – Ordinarily Resident and Non-Resident Students as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District’s barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

24.26

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 360 – Inclusion as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District’s barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

25.26

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 361 – Support for Services by Community Agencies and Certified Professionals as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District’s barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

4.3. Election of BCPSEA Representative and Alternate

Board Chair Swankey called for nominations for the positions of BCPSEA Representative and Alternate.

Trustee Westerby was nominated by Trustee Bondar for the position of BCPSEA Representative.

There were no further nominations.

Trustee Westerby accepted the nomination and was acclaimed as BCPSEA Representative.

Trustee Procee was nominated by Trustee Reid for the position of BCPSEA Representative Alternate.

There were no further nominations.

Trustee Procee accepted the nomination and was acclaimed as BCPSEA Representative Alternate.

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

- French Immersion Budget
- Grant funding and reporting for French Immersion
- FSA Grant funding

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the 2024-25 Six-Year Completion Rates.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

8.3. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer