



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**Location:** School District Office

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

<b>Staff Present:</b>	Superintendent	Rohan Arul-pragasam
	Secretary Treasurer	Simone Sangster
	Assistant Superintendent	Paula Jordan
	Assistant Superintendent	Kirk Savage
	Assistant Superintendent	David Manuel
	Executive Assistant	Talana McInally

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**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**

**32.26** Moved by: Trustee Reid  
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

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

THAT the minutes the February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. PRESENTATION ITEM**

**2.1. Strategic Plan Update: School Progress Checkpoint**

As part of the Strategic Plan Update, School Progress Checkpoints were presented by Vedder Middle, McCammon Elementary, and Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary/Middle.

Meeting Recessed at 6:18 pm

Meeting called back to order at 6:25 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).

**3.5. Trustee Resignation**

The Board acknowledged receipt of Trustee Laurie Throness' written resignation effective as of February 26, 2026.

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

- No comments or questions were received.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1. 2027/2028 – 2031/2032 Draft Five-Year School Calendar (Consultation)**

**34.26**

Moved by: Trustee Bondar  
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education authorize District staff initiate consultation with employee groups and parents/guardians/caregivers on a proposed five-year local school calendar framework and return to the Board with a summary of feedback and recommended next steps for Board consideration, consistent with the School Act and the School Calendar Regulation.

**CARRIED**

**5.2. Policy Amendments – 200 & 300 Series Barrier Scan**

**35.26**

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to **Policies 270 Community Use of Facilities, 322 International Student Program, and 390 Resolving Concerns**, as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District's barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

**CARRIED**

**5.3. Election of BCSTA Alternate Representative**

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

Trustee Reichelt was nominated by Trustee Westerby for the position of BCSTA Alternate Representative.

There were no further nominations.

Trustee Reichelt accepted the nomination and was acclaimed as BCSTA Alternate Representative.

**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**

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the International School Program.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
5:30 p.m.  
School District Office**

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Board Chair

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Secretary Treasurer