



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Location: School District Office

Members Present:

Chair	David Swankey
Vice Chair	Margaret Reid
Trustee	Carin Bondar
Trustee	Richard Procee
Trustee	Willow Reichelt

Regrets: 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
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Raman Brar
Executive Assistant	Talana McNally

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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

43.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

44.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION ITEM

2.1. Board Room Mural Art

The Board received a presentation on the Mural Art as selected by a mural selection committee of district staff members. The presentation provided background on the selection process, the artist, and the meaning reflected in the mural.

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. Budget Advisory Committee Report

The Board received the minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee meeting held on April 7, 2026.

3.3. Trustee Written Reports

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

3.4. BCSTA Report

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

3.5. Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Update

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

3.6. Budget Assumptions 2026-27

Simone Sangster, Secretary Treasurer and Raman Brar, Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the School District's budget development process and budget assumptions for the 2026-27 school year.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Budget assumptions, communication channel
- Board advocacy for public education funding improvements
- Budgeting for in-service/training vs health, benefits and leave provisions

- Safe-guards for staffing levels, service reductions
- Mural gratitude and reflection
- Bussing and Administrative Procedure 337
- Budget concerns and service impacts

Meeting Recessed at 6:32 pm

Meeting called back to order at 6:45 pm

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. 2027/2028 – 2031/2032 Five-Year School Calendar

For consideration of this item, Chair Swankey relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Reid. Trustee Swankey and Trustee Reichelt acknowledged their conflict of interest for this item and recused themselves and stepped away from the meeting.

45.26 Moved by: Trustee Procee
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve in principle the proposed five-year Local School Calendar framework for 2027/28 to 2031/32, as presented, recognizing that calendar submissions to the Ministry will occur in phases and remain subject to legislative compliance.

CARRIED

Following consideration of the item, Trustee Swankey and Trustee Reichelt returned to the meeting, and Chair Swankey resumed the role of Chair.

5.2. Capital Plan Bylaw 2026-27

46.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board approve three readings of Capital Bylaw B2026-02 (No. 2026/27 CPSD33-01) (*Vote must be unanimous*)

CARRIED

47.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board approve first, second, and third reading and adopt Capital Bylaw B2026 02 (No. 2026/27 CPSD33-01).

CARRIED

5.3. 2025-26 Schedule of Board Meetings (Revised)

48.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised 2025-26 school year Board of Education meeting schedule.

CARRIED

5.4. Policy Amendments – 200 & 300 Series Barrier Scan

49.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to **Policies 210 Privacy, 280 Smudging, 380 Learning Resources, and 382 Library Learning Commons**, as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District’s barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

50.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to **Policy 291 Environmental Stewardship** as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District’s barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

NO VOTE

51.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the introductory clause of Policy 291 “The Board of Education (the “Board”) believes,” be struck and replaced so that the policy begins with “A healthy environment supports...”

CARRIED

52.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve **Policy 291 Environmental Stewardship** as amended and as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District’s barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

5.5. Policy 140 – Board-Superintendent Relationship (Revised)

53.26 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT Board of Education approve the revised Policy 140 – Board-Superintendent Relationship.

CARRIED

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

- Funding for public education vs private education
- Board advocacy for public education funding improvements
- Public transportation advocacy
- Rising fuel costs and electric bussing

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the Facilities and Enrollment Review.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

8.3. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**


Board Chair


Secretary Treasurer