



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Location: School District Office

Members Present:	Chair	David Swankey
	Vice Chair	Margaret Reid
	Trustee	Carin Bondar
	Trustee	Richard Procee
	Trustee	Willow Reichelt
	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
	Director of Facilities & Transportation	Allan Van Tassel
	Executive Assistant	Talana McNally

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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

89.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

90.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS

2.1. Student Presentation: Indspire Soaring Youth Empowerment Gathering

The Board received a presentation from students who attended in the Indspire Soaring Youth Empowerment Gathering in Halifax. The presentation highlighted the students' cultural leadership, learning opportunities, and growth in confidence, belonging, and pride in their identities. A total of 59 indigenous students from across the District attended the gathering.

Meeting recessed at 5:55 pm
Meeting called back to order at 6:00 pm

2.2. Delegation Presentation: Proposed French Language Advisory Committee

The Board received a presentation from community members on a proposed establishment of a French Language Advisory Committee and their rationale for how such a committee could support French language programming in the district.

2.3. Strategic Plan Update: School Progress Checkpoint

As part of the Strategic Plan Update, School Progress Checkpoints were presented by Cultus Lake Swilhcha Elementary, Central Elementary, and Sardis Secondary.

Meeting recessed at 7:03 pm
Meeting called back to order at 7:11 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. Audit Working Committee Report

Trustee Swankey provided an overview of the Audit Working Committee's meeting held on June 2, 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. Board Performance Review Report

The Chair provided a report on the Board's 2025–26 performance review, including the use of the BCSTA Board Self-Assessment framework and proposed continuation of the resource next year.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- French Advisory Committees in BC and the Yukon
- Encouragement regarding the NITEP Program
- Collective agreement and teacher involvement on committees like a French Advisory Committee
- Strategic Plan Stories showing positive work in the District
- Letter of support and advocacy for the creation of a French Advisory Committee

5. ACTION ITEMS**5.1. 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw****91.26**

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education allow the following for the 2026-27 Budget Year:

- A. \$ 1,850,240 from the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the Operating Budget.
- B. \$ 720,687 from Internally Restricted Surplus Funds, for the Operating Budget.
- C. \$ 574,500 from the Accumulated Operating Surplus for transfer to Local Capital.

CARRIED**92.26**

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education approve conducting three readings of the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw No. B2026-04. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED**93.26**

Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve the first, second, and third reading and adoption of the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2026/27, Bylaw No. B2026-04.

CARRIED**5.2. Restriction of Accumulated Operating Surplus**

94.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Westerby

THAT the Board of Education approve resolution No. R2026-08 to designate restricted funds from its Accumulated Operating Surplus in accordance with Board Policy 601 as follows:

- a. Residual funds resulting in the underspending of allocated funds to schools will be restricted as "School-based Carry Forwards."
- b. Residual funds resulting in the underspending of targeted indigenous funding will be restricted as "Indigenous Education Targeted Funds Unexpended."
- c. Residual funds resulting in the underspending of fees collected for early learning will be restricted as "Early Learning Initiatives."
- d. An amount of \$300,000 is restricted as "New Technology" which will be used towards the cost of a future Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

CARRIED

5.3. Annual 5-Year Capital Plan

95.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 33 (Chilliwack), in accordance with provisions under section 142(4) of the *School Act*, hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Programs) for 2027/28, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2027/28 submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure. (Resolution No. R2026-07)

CARRIED

5.4. Eligible School Site Proposal (ESSP)

96.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education approve Eligible School Site Requirement Resolution No. R2026-06.

CARRIED

5.5. Bylaw 2: Trustee Elections (Revised)

97.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve second and third reading and adopt Bylaw 2 – Trustee Elections (Revised).

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:08 pm
Meeting called back to order at 8:16 pm

5.6. Schedule of Board Meetings

98.26 Moved by: Trustee Westerby
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the following schedule for the 2026 – 2027 school year Board of Education meetings.

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| 1. September 22, 2026 | 7. February 16, 2027 |
| 2. October 13, 2026 | 8. March 9, 2027 |
| 3. November 10, 2026 <i>(Oath of Office)</i> | 9. April 20, 2027 |
| 4. November 24, 2026 <i>(Inaugural)</i> | 10. May 18, 2027 |
| 5. December 8, 2026 | 11. June 15, 2027 |
| 6. January 26, 2027 | |

CARRIED

99.26 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the meeting be extended to the conclusion of approved business.

CARRIED

5.7. Policy Amendments – 200 & 300 Series Barrier Scan

100.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the amendments to **Policies 240 Fundraising, 250 Volunteers, 260 Community School Societies, and 261 Neighbourhood Learning Centres**, as recommended by the Education Policy Advisory Committee, in alignment with the District's barrier scan process and Board Policy 161.

CARRIED

5.8. Budget Submission To The Select Standing Committee On Finance & Government Services

101.26 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the Board of Education provide written submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services to inform the 2027 provincial budget. The submission would specifically address the requested capital investment for the Promontory School Site Acquisition and the unfunded inflationary pressures negatively impacting the projected Chilliwack School District budget for the 2026-2027 cycle.

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

- Accumulated Operating Surplus
- Support for creation of a French Advisory Committee
- Strat Plan Checkpoints, acknowledging the work of staff
- Tómiyeqw connection to a French Advisory Committee
- Five-year Capital Plan Submission

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent’s report comprised the Student Presentation: Indspire Soaring Youth Empowerment Gathering made earlier in the meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

8.3. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 (if required)
5:30 p.m.
School District Office

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
5:30 p.m.
School District Office

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer