

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in room 114 (the Boardroom), VSB Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in the Room: Janet Fraser, Chairperson, Fraser Ballantyne, Lois Chan-Pedley, Carmen Cho, Oliver Hanson, Barb Parrott, Allan Wong

Trustees Present in Teams: Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson, Jennifer Reddy

Trustees Absent with Regrets: Ricky Huang, Student Trustee

Senior Management Present in the Room: Helen McGregor, Superintendent
David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent
Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent-Learning & Information Technology
Jody Langlois, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services
Pete Nuij, Associate Superintendent-Employee Services
Rob Schindel, Associate Superintendent-School Services
Shehzad Somji, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

Staff Present in Teams: Alison Ogden, Director of Instruction

Also Present in the Room: Judy Mah, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Marlene Phillips, Executive Assistant

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are unlearning and relearning on the traditional and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

1.2 Motion to Appoint Acting Secretary Treasurer

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Cho that, to ensure the meeting is constituted in accordance with the *School Act*, the Board of Education appoints Shehzad Somji as the Secretary Treasurer for the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Opening Remarks

In her opening remarks, the Chairperson acknowledged the following:

- Goals of the new Education Plan.
- Annual student-led Diversity, Equity and Inclusion conference held on April 14, 2022.
- Sikh Heritage month.
- Asian Heritage month and launch of the South Asian Canadian Legacy Project on April 12, 2022.
- “Saffron Threads” – an educational resource for K-12 teachers regarding South Asian history, culture and heritage.

- The holy month of Ramadan for Muslims.
- Recognition of Trustee Allan Wong by the British Columbia School Trustees' Association for 20+ years of service as a trustee, awarding him honorary lifetime membership.
- The BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) AGM from April 21-24, 2022.

2. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

2.1 Here4Peers

The Director of Instruction, Learning Services, A. Ogden presented the Program Highlight entitled Here4Peers, which is a peer-based mental health literacy program delivered in VSB schools since 2017. She acknowledged the partners, including the Vancouver Police Foundation (VPF), who have supported mental health literacy over the past five years. She informed the Board the support of the VPF is ending and shared how the VSB will continue to support mental health literacy. She introduced a video of a Here4Peers student-led workshop featuring students from Lord Selkirk Elementary and Vancouver Technical Secondary School. Van Tech Secondary students, Bea Banack Tapia and Simon Tanglao joined the meeting on Teams to share their experiences about the program.

Trustees asked questions and the students responded.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Meeting of February 28, 2022

Moved by F. Ballantyne, seconded by A. Wong, that the minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting be adopted.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Special Board/Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting of April 12, 2022

Moved by F. Ballantyne, seconded by A. Wong, that the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Special Board/Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting be adopted.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Special Board/Committee of the Whole (Delegations) meeting of April 19, 2022

Moved by F. Ballantyne, seconded by A. Wong, that the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Special Board/Committee of the Whole (Delegations) meeting be adopted.

The Acting Secretary Treasurer responded to a Trustee's question regarding one of the April 19, 2022 delegations.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave a PowerPoint presentation, entitled *Superintendent's Spotlight*, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda. She introduced the principal from John Henderson Elementary, Harjinder Sandhu, who spoke about the South Asian Canadian Legacy Project and shared a video on Saffron Threads, an educational resource for K-12 teachers which focuses on integrating South Asian history, culture and heritage into the classroom and curriculum. Ms. Sandhu also provided highlights on the World Rugby Seven Series in which Team Argentina and Team USA visited and hosted a one-hour clinic at Henderson. She concluded her presentation by sharing her experience at the Vancouver Canucks ceremonial puck drop on Community Heroes Night.

The Superintendent continued her presentation by providing an overview of work completed in March and April 2022. She reported on district events, and grant and partnership updates. The Superintendent concluded her presentation with an update on COVID-19, which included information on current COVID guidelines for the Vancouver School District, and an update on attendance patterns for staff and students. She reported that no functional closures have occurred since schools reopened after the winter break, and that staff will continue to closely monitor COVID conditions on a daily basis.

In response to a Trustee's question regarding the public's attendance at the May 2022 board meeting, the Board Chair confirmed that staff will be asked to review COVID safety requirements for space and board room capacity set up.

5. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT: None

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 STUDENT LEARNING AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

6.1.1 Report: Meeting of March 2, 2022

The Vice Chairperson of the Committee, B. Parrott, presented the report of the March 2, 2022 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- District Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Update: Indigenous Learners
- Engagement Summary Report – Multi Age Cluster Class (MACC)
- Calendar Submission for 2022/2023

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by C. Cho, that the report of the March 2, 2022 meeting be received.

The Vice Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1.2 Matters Arising from the Meeting of March 2, 2022

6.1.2.1 Calendar Submission for 2022-2023 (Attachment)

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by C. Cho, that the Board approve the school calendar for 2022-2023 as attached.

In moving the motion, Trustee Parrott reported that September 30th National Day for Truth and

Reconciliation has been included in the school calendar.

Trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

6.2.1 Report: Meeting of March 9, 2022

The Chairperson of the Committee, A. Wong, presented the report of the March 9, 2022 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Strategic Energy Management Plan Update 2021-2022
- 2021-2022 Enrolment Update
- David Lloyd George Elementary Statutory Right of Way Bylaw

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the report of the March 9, 2022 meeting be received.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2.2 Matters Arising from the Meeting of March 9, 2022

6.2.2.1 David Lloyd George Elementary Utility Statutory Right of Way SRW Bylaw (Attachment)

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by O. Hanson, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) David Lloyd George Elementary School Hydro SRW Bylaw 2022 be read a first time the 25th day of April 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by O. Hanson, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) David Lloyd George Elementary School Hydro SRW Bylaw 2022 be read a second time the 25th day of April 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by O. Hanson, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approves having all three readings of the David Lloyd George Elementary School Hydro SRW Bylaw 2022 the 25th day of April 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by O. Hanson, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) David Lloyd George Elementary School Hydro SRW Bylaw 2022 be read a third time the 25th day of April 2022; and

That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and register the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) David Lloyd George Elementary School Hydro SRW Bylaw 2022; and

That the signed and sealed Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) David Lloyd George Elementary School Hydro SRW Bylaw 2022 be forwarded to the Ministry of Education,

Funding Department, for registration and certification, and to BC Hydro for registration at the Land Titles Office as required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

6.3.1 Report: Meeting of April 6, 2022

The Chairperson of the Committee, E. Gonzalez, presented the report of the April 6, 2022 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Staffing and Recruitment Update
- Wellness and Employee Engagement Update

Moved by E. Gonzalez, seconded by B. Parrott, that the report of the April 6, 2022 meeting be received.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.4.1 Report: Meeting of April 20, 2022

The Chairperson of the Committee, O. Hanson, presented the report of the April 20, 2022 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- 2022-2023 Budget Engagement Summary Report
- 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget Update
- Follow-up to the April 12, 2022 Special Board/Committee of the Whole meeting
- 2022-2023 Draft Annual Budget Update
- Adult Education Enrolment and Staffing Update

Moved by O. Hanson, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the report of the April 20, 2022 meeting be received.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 AUDIT COMMITTEE

6.5.1 Report: Meeting of April 20, 2022

The Chairperson of the Committee, B. Parrott, presented the report of the April 20, 2022 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on:

- Follow up from the February 16, 2022 Audit Committee meeting
- Audit Planning Report for the year ending June 30, 2022

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the report of the April 20, 2022 meeting be received.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the

motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION ITEMS

7.1 Meeting of April 25, 2022

The Chairperson reported that the April 25, 2022 Private Board meeting has not yet been concluded, and that the report on this session will take place at the next public board meeting.

8. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

8.1 Report from Trustee Wong on the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee meeting held on March 10, 2022

8.2 Reports from Trustee Gonzalez on the:

8.2.1 Renters' Advisory Committee meeting held on March 9, 2022

8.2.2 Vancouver Heritage Commission meetings held on March 28, 2022 and April 11, 2022

8.2.3 Vancouver Food Policy Council meeting held on March 31, 2022

8.3 Reports from Trustee Fraser on the:

8.3.1 Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting held on March 7, 2022

8.3.2 Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting held on March 9, 2022

8.3.3 Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee meeting held on March 10, 2022

8.3.4 Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting held on April 6, 2022

In response to a Trustee's question, the Chairperson provided clarification on how a delegation's request could be brought forward to the next VSB Diversity Committee Meeting by the Liaison Trustee for that Committee.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Delegation Pilot Project Review

9.1.1 Amendments to Policy 7 and 8 Re: Delegations

Moved by C. Cho, seconded by B. Parrott, that the Board of Education adopt, effective immediately, the practice of receiving delegations at a monthly meeting of the Board instead of at Standing Committees, as per the Delegation Board Meeting pilot which the Board approved on June 21, 2021.

Further, the Board direct staff to amend Policy 8 to remove delegations from Standing Committees and amend Policy 7 to add a Board meeting to receive delegations each month in which a regular Board meeting is scheduled. Policy 7 should reflect that this be a meeting of the Board rather than a Committee of the Whole, as the intent of delegation meetings is for members of the public to provide input and feedback directly to trustees as governors of the District.

Trustee Cho and Trustee Parrott provided their rationale for the motion.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

For: F. Ballantyne, C. Cho, L. Chan-Pedley, J. Fraser, E. Gonzalez, O. Hanson, B. Parrott, A. Wong,

Against: J. Reddy

10. NEW BUSINESS**10.1 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD39-01**

The Acting Secretary Treasurer presented a memorandum dated April 25, 2022 entitled **Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD39-01**. The report includes the Five-Year Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education, the Annual Programs Funding Agreement associated with approved capital projects, and the Capital Plan Bylaw for approval. He further noted that there was no Facilities Planning Meeting scheduled in between the receipt of the letter from the Ministry and the April 25th, 2022 Board Meeting.

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Cho, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD39-01 be read a first time the 25th day of April 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Cho, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD39-01 be read a second time the 25th day of April 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Cho, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approves having all three readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD39-01 on the 25th day of April 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Cho, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD39-01 be read a third time the 25th day of April 2022, and

That the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and register Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD39-01 with the Ministry of Education

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NOTICES OF MOTION**11.1 Notice of Motion from Trustee Reddy: 2022-2023 Budget Timeline**

Trustee Reddy presented a Notice of Motion and requested it be considered at the meeting.

Moved by J. Reddy, seconded by B. Parrott, that the 2022-23 budget be voted on at the board meeting on June 27, 2022.

Trustee Reddy reviewed rationale for the motion.

In response to the Chairperson's question on when the final budget draft will be presented to the Board and the public, the Acting Secretary Treasurer clarified the remaining dates of the current budget process timeline. He reported the draft budget will be brought forward at the next Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting on May 3rd, 2022, and from that meeting any further additions or edits from Trustees brought forward at the May 18th, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting. He also reminded Trustees that proposals can be brought forward at the April 27th, 2022 Trustee Workshop.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

DEFEATED

For: B. Parrott, J. Reddy

Against: F. Ballantyne, L. Chan-Pedley, C. Cho, J. Fraser, E. Gonzalez, O. Hanson, A. Wong

11.2 Notice of Motion from Trustee Gonzalez, Trustee Chan-Pedley, and Trustee Fraser: Letter to Minister of Education and Child Care on Capital Funding

Trustees Gonzalez, Chan-Pedley and Fraser presented a Notice of Motion and requested it be considered at the meeting.

Main motion:

Moved by L. Chan-Pedley, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the Board of Education write to the Minister of Education and Child Care in reply to the March 15, 2022 Ministry Response to the 2022/23 VSB Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission to express (1) our concern that no new major capital projects have been approved, and (2) our dismay that three Seismic projects in development from previous years, David Thompson Secondary, False Creek Elementary, and Killarney Secondary, have been deferred.

Trustee Chan-Pedley reviewed rationale for the motion.

Amendment #1

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by B. Parrott, that the motion be amended to add:

“Moreover, the Vancouver Board of Education host a meeting for all Vancouver MLAs to share the business case for capital funding and seismic safety concerns of Vancouver H1 rated Schools”.

Trustee Wong spoke to the rationale of the amendment.

Trustees voted on the amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment #2

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the motion be further amended by adding at the end:

“and that this issue be forwarded to the Advocacy Committee for discussion.”

Trustee Parrott spoke to the rationale of the amendment.

Trustees voted on the amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main Motion

Trustees voted on the main motion, as amended, which now reads:

That the Board of Education write to the Minister of Education and Child Care in reply to the March 15, 2022 Ministry Response to the 2022/23 VSB Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission to express (1) our concern that no new major capital projects have been approved, and (2) our dismay that three Seismic projects in development from previous years, David Thompson Secondary, False Creek Elementary, and Killarney Secondary, have been deferred.

Moreover, the Vancouver Board of Education host a meeting for all Vancouver MLA’s to share the business

case for capital funding and seismic safety concerns of Vancouver H1 rated Schools, and that this issue be forwarded to the Advocacy Committee for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairperson responded to questions regarding:

- The Seamless School Pilot Project.
- The ventilation system for VSB schools.
- LRFP Update
- Olympic Village School Site

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Janet Fraser, Chairperson