



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (LANGLEY)**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023  
**Location:** Langley School Board Office

<b>Trustees Present:</b>	<b>Holly Dickinson</b>	<b>Acting Chairperson</b>
	<b>Charlie Fox</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Joel Neufeld</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Sarb Rai</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Tony Ward</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Marnie Wilson</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
 <b>Trustees Absent:</b>	 <b>Candy Ashdown</b>	 <b>Chairperson</b>
 <b>Staff Present:</b>	 <b>Mal Gill</b>	 <b>Superintendent</b>
	<b>Brian Iseli</b>	<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>
	<b>Woody Bradford</b>	<b>Deputy Superintendent</b>
	<b>Lisa Lainchbury</b>	<b>Assistant Superintendent</b>
	<b>Marcello Moino</b>	<b>Assistant Superintendent</b>
	<b>Shind Chand</b>	<b>Assistant Secretary-Treasurer</b>
	<b>Joanne Abshire</b>	<b>Communications Manager</b>
	<b>Dale Vo</b>	<b>IT Manager, Infrastructure and Security</b>
	<b>Pol Babao</b>	<b>Technical Support Specialist 3</b>
	<b>Vincent Montefrio</b>	<b>Technical Support Specialist 2</b>
	<b>Debbie Jones</b>	<b>Executive Assistant</b>
 <b>Partner Groups:</b>	 <b>Taylor Holoboff</b>	 <b>CUPE 1260 President</b>
	<b>Tanya Kerr</b>	<b>LTA, President</b>
	<b>Ellen Bornowsky</b>	<b>LTA, Vice-President</b>
	<b>Kim Anderson</b>	<b>LPVPA President</b>
	<b>Alicia Rempel</b>	<b>President, DPAC</b>
	<b>Elva Morrison</b>	<b>CUPE 1851 President</b>
	<b>Jessie Cowger</b>	<b>CUPE 1260 Vice-President</b>

1. AUDIO VISUAL RECORDING (LIVESTREAMING) OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Those in attendance were informed that as per Policy No. 7 - Regular and Special Meetings of the Board may be streamed live, archived and accessed online. The Board reserves, at its sole discretion, via motion at any meeting, the right to not stream live or archive a meeting or a portion of a meeting. Further, the Board reserves the right to edit any recorded portion of a meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and began the meeting with the introduction stating: "I would like to acknowledge that the Langley School District is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations. We gather here tonight in an understanding of the importance of ya:yəstəl' (**y-eye yes tel**) /sq'eq'o yoyes (**sckecka y-eyes**) (working together) and nə́cəʔmat (**not sa mot**) /lets'emó:t (**let sa mot**) (**uniting** ourselves with one mind, one heart) to ensure that we support and inspire all learners to reach their full potential."

**Chairperson welcomed everyone and introduced attendees.**

2.1 ANNOUNCEMENT - DIVERSITY AND RESPECT WEEK

On January 24, 2017 at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, the following motion was passed:

*"That the Langley School District establish a 'Diversity and Respect Week' to coincide with Pink Shirt Day in February to promote awareness, acceptance, reconciliation and inclusion for all members of the school community."*

During this week, schools across the District will be recognizing and celebrating diversity through lessons, activities, and virtual events that serve to promote empathy, understanding and the importance of inclusion. In line with our District Vision, Mission and Values, our Board is committed to helping our schools foster an inclusive and nurturing culture.

2.2 ANNOUNCEMENT - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On February 25, 2020 at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, the following motion was passed:

*"That the Langley Board of Education officially acknowledges February as Black History Month."*

As a Board, we encourage our students, staff, and families to join us in learning and celebrating the achievements and contribution of Black Canadians.

3. REPORT FROM "IN CAMERA"

The Vice-Chair reported that the items discussed in the 'In Camera' meeting pertained to personnel.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

R23/02/21-01

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the Board of Education adopts the consent agenda items as provided.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE

4.2.2 EDUCATION/STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

4.2.3 FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

4.3 BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.3.1 DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (Trustee Neufeld)

4.4 SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.4.1 ABORIGINAL / ya:ýəstəl' (Assistant Superintendent Moino)

4.4.2 2SLGBTQ+ (Assistant Superintendent Lainchbury)

4.4.3 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION (Assistant Superintendent Lainchbury)

4.4.4 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Assistant Superintendent Moino)

4.5 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.5.1 CITY OF LANGLEY ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL (Trustee Ward)

4.5.2 JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 / TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY MUNICIPAL LIAISON  
(Trustee Rai)

4.5.3 TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY RECREATION, CULTURE AND PARKS ADVISORY (Trustee  
Dickinson)

5. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

R23/02/21-02

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION AMENDED**

R23/02/21-03

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the Agenda be approved as amended with the addition of 11.1: BCSTA Update and BC Loan Forgiveness Program, 11.2: BCSTA Establishing Standards of Practice, 11.3: Inclusive Education Guidelines and 11.4: Accessible Washrooms.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 ISHTAR'S WOMEN'S RESOURCE SOCIETY - PEACE PROGRAM AND VIOLENCE IS PREVENTABLE PROGRAM (Megan Comey, PEACE Counselor)

7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORTS

7.1 AMENDED BUDGET BYLAW 2022-2023

R23/02/21-04

**Moved By:** Trustee Ward

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the Board of Education approves staff to appropriate (unrestrict) the following restricted surplus amounts to balance the 2022-2023 Amended Budget:

- \$1,233,788 Internally restricted for commitments 2021-2022
- \$167,804 Internally restricted for Indigenous Education
- \$283,393 Internally restricted for COVID-19 contingency
- \$421,322 school surpluses

- \$130,000 Internally restricted for classroom furniture
- \$600,000 Internally restricted for projector replacements
- \$300,000 Internally restricted for future District capital contributions

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R23/02/21-05

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Neufeld

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022-2023 in the amount of \$331,414,661 be given first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R23/02/21-06

**Moved By:** Trustee Neufeld

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022-2023 in the amount of \$331,414,661 be given second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R23/02/21-07

**Moved By:** Trustee Ward

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) approves having all three readings of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022-2023 in the amount of \$331,414,661 at tonight's meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R23/02/21-08

**Moved By:** Trustee Rai

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022-2023 in the amount of \$331,414,661 be given third reading, passed and adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

8.1 ACTION PLANS FOR LEARNING

Assistant Superintendents Marcello Moino and Lisa Lainchbury and Rhonda Krisko, Principal of Wix-Brown Elementary presented.

R23/02/21-09

**Moved By:** Trustee Rai

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education receives the report on Action Plans for Learning for information, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.2 SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM (SWIS)

Joanne Neveux, District Principal and Lisa Weaver, Manager SWIS Program presented.

R23/02/21-10

**Moved By:** Trustee Wilson

**Seconded By:** Trustee Ward

That the Langley Board of Education write a letter to Langley's two Members of Parliament urging Immigrant, Refugee, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to consider a grant funding model rather than a contribution agreement for the funding of the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Program, to accommodate the unique needs of school districts to support families and students. In addition, the funding should be expanded to include "ineligible clients" including but not limited to; Refugee Claimants, those on Work Permits, and Naturalized Canadian Citizens (including Syrian and Karen Refugees), as they often require settlement support.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.3 DISTRICT CALENDAR 2025-2026

Kevan Reeve, District Principal of Human Resources presented.

R23/02/21-11

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education requests staff begin the consultation process for the District Calendar for 2025-2026.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.4 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM TUITION CHANGES

R23/02/21-12

**Moved By:** Trustee Ward

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the Board of Education receives the report on International Student Program Tuition Changes for information, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. POLICY COMMITTEE

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION RETURN - POLICY 13: APPEALS BYLAW

R23/02/21-13

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Neufeld

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Policy 13: Appeals Bylaw be given first reading.

Trustee Wilson opposed.

**CARRIED**

R23/02/21-14

**Moved By:** Trustee Rai

**Seconded By:** Trustee Ward

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Policy 13: Appeals Bylaw be given second reading.

Trustee Wilson opposed.

**CARRIED**

R23/02/21-15

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) approves having all three readings of the Policy 13: Appeals Bylaw at tonight's meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R23/02/21-16

**Moved By:** Trustee Rai

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Policy 13: Appeals Bylaw be given third reading, passed and adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023.

Trustee Wilson opposed.

**CARRIED**

10. EDUCATION/STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

Trustee Joel Neufeld, Chairperson of the Education/Strategic Committee presented this item.

10.1 LANGLEY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAM ACADEMY

Marcello Moino, Assistant Superintendent presented.

R23/02/21-17

**Moved By:** Trustee Neufeld

**Seconded By:** Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education approves that the current Langley Environmental Awareness Program (LEAP) become a Specialty Academy within the Langley School District for September 2023, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R23/02/21-18

**Moved By:** Trustee Neufeld

**Seconded By:** Trustee Dickinson

That the Board of Education approves the Langley Environmental Awareness Program Academy fee of \$175 for the 2023-2024 school year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



10.2 DW POPPY RUGBY ACADEMY

Marcello Moino, Assistant Superintendent presented.

R23/02/21-19

**Moved By:** Trustee Neufeld

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education approves the DW Poppy Secondary School Rugby Academy for September 2023, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R23/02/21-20

**Moved By:** Trustee Neufeld

**Seconded By:** Trustee Dickinson

That the Board of Education approves the DW Poppy Secondary School Rugby Academy fee of \$600 for the 2023-2024 school year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.3 ANNUAL REVIEW OF SPECIALTY ACADEMY FEES

R23/02/21-21

**Moved By:** Trustee Dickinson

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education approves the fees for Specialty Academies for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.4 ANNUAL REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE FEES

R23/02/21-22

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Dickinson

That the Board of Education approves the fee structure for the International Baccalaureate Program at RE Mountain Secondary for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 BCSTA UPDATE AND BC LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Trustee Charlie Fox provided BCSTA update.

Vice-Chair Holly Dickinson recused herself from the vote due to conflict.

R23/02/21-23

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Ward

Be it resolved that the BCSTA actively urge the Provincial Government, specifically the Ministry of Education, to expand the BC Loan Forgiveness Program to include certified Teachers working with children at publicly-funded facilities throughout B.C.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11.2 ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

R23/02/21-24

**Moved By:** Trustee Wilson

**Seconded By:** Trustee Ward

That BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Childcare to: (a) prioritize establishing standards of practice for education assistants; and (b) consult with and fully include, education assistants and other educational partner groups in the implementation and oversight of the standards.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11.3 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION GUIDELINES

R23/02/21-25

**Moved By:** Trustee Wilson

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Childcare to review and make any necessary updates to the Inclusive Education Guidelines.

Trustee Neufeld and Trustee Dickinson opposed.

**CARRIED**

R23/02/21-26

**Moved By:** Trustee Neufeld

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the Board of Education refer this motion to the Education/Strategic Plan Committee before the cutoff for motions for the 2024 BCSTA AGM.

Trustee Wilson, Trustee Fox and Trustee Ward opposed.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

#### 11.4 ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS

R23/02/21-27

**Moved By:** Trustee Wilson

**Seconded By:** Trustee Ward

That BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Childcare to: provide targeted funding to all schools for facilities upgrades to any current school washrooms that are not accessible.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 12. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustees thanked partner groups, students, families, and senior staff. Mayor Eric Woodward was acknowledged as a member of the audience.

#### 13. QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period is provided at Board Meetings. The purpose is to ensure that those present in the audience have an opportunity to obtain clarification concerning business conducted during that meeting. Priority will be given to responding to one question per person before considering further questions from any individual.

The following will help the public develop questions for Question Period at a Board Meeting that is keeping with the goal of a respectful and focused meeting.

Questions:

1. Need to be directed to the Chair and not to staff;
2. Need to be related directly to the topic on the agenda;
3. Need to be succinct, focused and not be a statement;
4. May not be asked that are related to personnel or directed at an individual trustee;

5. May not be asked that are related to contract negotiations; and
6. The questioner shall provide their name so that it can be reflected in the minutes.

All of the above are directions provided for in Board Policy No. 7 - Board Operations. The Chair may answer, may defer to staff or indicate a question may not be in keeping with the above guidelines.

The Board appreciates the public's interest and wants to ensure a professional meeting is conducted, with Question Period focused on providing guests with the clarification they seek.

Trustees also welcome questions from members of the public apart from Question Period. Their contact information is available on the School District website.

The Chair called for questions from the public.

Questions were received from Suzanne Perrault regarding Douglas Park's accessible playground and the Action Plan for Learning.

Questions were received from Sam regarding the Action Plan for Learning.

14. ADJOURNMENT

R23/02/21-28

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:39p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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TRUSTEE HOLLY DICKINSON

BOARD VICE-CHAIR

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BRIAN ISELI, CPA, CMA

SECRETARY-TREASURER