



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

**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023  
**Location:** Langley School Board Office

<b>Trustees Present:</b>	<b>Candy Ashdown</b>	<b>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>Holly Dickinson</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
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<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>Judy Swanson</b>	<b>Executive Assistant</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>Kevan Reeve</b>	<b>District Principal of Human Resources</b>
<b>Jeremy Lyndon</b>	<b>Principal at Walnut Grove</b>	

<b>Partner groups:</b>	<b>Taylor Holoboff</b>	<b>CUPE 1260 President</b>
	<b>Jessie Cowger</b>	<b>CUPE 1260 VP</b>
	<b>Alicia Rempel</b>	<b>DPAC President</b>
	<b>Kim Anderson</b>	<b>LPVPA President</b>
	<b>Tanya Kerr</b>	<b>LTA President</b>

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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 7:01 pm, 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.**

3. REPORT FROM "IN CAMERA"

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

R23/05/16-01

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Neufeld

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

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.1 EDUCATION/STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

4.2.2 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 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION (Assistant Superintendent Lainchbury)

4.5 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

4.5.2 LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (Trustee Dickinson)

5. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

R23/05/16-02

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Ward

That the Agenda be approved as amended with the addition of Item 8.1: Motion on Counselling under New Business.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORTS

6.1 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW (First and Second Reading)

R23/05/16-03

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 in the amount of \$355,297,252 be given first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R23/05/16-04

**Moved By:** Trustee Neufeld

**Seconded By:** Trustee Rai

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 in the amount of \$355,297,252 be given second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

7.1 STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026

R23/05/16-05

**Moved By:** Trustee Rai

**Seconded By:** Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education approves the Strategic Plan for 2023-2026, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.2 SCHOOL CALENDARS 2023-2024 - AMENDED

Kevan Reeve, District Principal of Human Resources presented for this item.

R23/05/16-06

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education approves the amended School Calendars for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.3 AP 261: STUDENT EXCHANGES AND BILLETING

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Lainchbury was joined by Jeremy Lyndon, Principal at Walnut Grove to present for this item.

R23/05/16-07

**Moved By:** Trustee Fox

**Seconded By:** Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education receives Administrative Procedure No. 261 – Student Exchanges and Billeting for information, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 MOTION ON COUNSELLING

R23/05/16-08

**Moved By:** Trustee Wilson

**Seconded By:** Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care to request additional targeted funding to hire more counsellors to address the increased needs of students and families that districts are facing due to the unprecedented mental health crises we are currently experiencing.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustees shared their appreciation for everyone who attended the meeting and wished everyone a great long weekend.

10. 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.

One question was received from Tanya Kerr regarding TTOC Coach for Teachers.

11. ADJOURNMENT

R23/05/16-09

**Moved By:** Trustee Ward

**Seconded By:** Trustee Wilson

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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TRUSTEE CANDY ASHDOWN

BOARD CHAIR

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BRIAN ISELI, CPA, CMA

SECRETARY-TREASURER