

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 31, 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. and online in Teams on Monday, January 31, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in the Room:	Janet Fraser, Chairperson, Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson
Trustees Present in Teams:	Fraser Ballantyne, Lois Chan-Pedley, Carmen Cho, Oliver Hanson, Barb Parrott, Jennifer Reddy, Allan Wong
Trustees Absent with regrets:	Ricky Huang, Student Trustee
Senior Management Present in the Room:	Helen McGregor, Superintendent David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent David Green, Secretary Treasurer
Senior Management Present in Teams:	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
Also Present in Teams:	Patricia MacNeil, Director of Communications John Dawson, Director-Educational Planning and Student Information Marlene Phillips, Executive Assistant (Recorder) Judy Mah, 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 səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

The Chairperson informed everyone the meeting is being live-streamed and the audio and visual recording will also be available to the public for viewing after the meeting. The footage of the meeting may be viewed inside and outside of Canada. She reviewed meeting decorum for respectful behavior.

1.2 Opening Remarks

In her opening remarks, the Chairperson acknowledged the following:

- Welcoming new Superintendent, Helen McGregor
- Student return to school safety measures
- Virtual Board and Committee meetings

- Recognition of
 - Student and staff social-emotional well-being and resiliency
 - Residential school system and reconciliation
 - Black History Month and Black Excellence Day
 - The We Remember Campaign for International Holocaust Remembrance Day
 - This month’s activities: Lunar New Year, Pink Shirt Day and Family Day

2. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

2.1 Board Authority Authorized (BAA) Course – African Descent History in BC 12

The Associate Superintendent-Learning Services provided background information on the BAA course – African Descent History in BC 12, a district-wide course taught at Vancouver Technical Secondary school. She introduced teacher Nikitha Fester in Teams who responded to questions regarding teaching the course and what she has learned. A video was then shown in which students talked about their experiences with the course. Vancouver Technical Grade 12 students Conor Benson and Quincy Johnson, who were two of the students in the video were also present in Teams and provided additional information.

Trustees asked questions and the teacher and students responded.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Meeting of December 13, 2021

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the minutes of the December 13, 2021 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 Meeting of January 17, 2022

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the minutes of the January 17, 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

3.3 Meeting of January 24, 2022

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting be adopted.

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

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4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

4.1 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, H. McGregor, provided a slide presentation, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda. She provided information on:

- Her professional background and focus; and
- An overview of the month of January with new COVID conditions, snow days, Black Excellence Day, and making connections and building relationships.

4.2 COVID Updates

The Superintendent continued her slide presentation with COVID updates on:

- Functional closures (none since the start of the year)
- Rapid antigen tests
- Masks
- Vaccination clinics
- Ventilation
- Monitoring air quality
- COVID spending

Trustees asked questions and staff responded.

5. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT: None

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.1.1 Report: Meeting of January 12, 2022

The Chairperson of the Committee, O. Hanson, presented the report of the January 12, 2022 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on:

- 2021-2022 Amended Budget Changes
- Financial Planning and Reporting Administrative Procedure (FPAR)
- Budget Process and Timeline (2022-2023 Preliminary Annual Budget)

Moved by O. Hanson, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the report of the January 12, 2022 meeting be received.

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

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6.1.2 Matters Arising from the Meeting of January 12, 2022

6.1.2.1 Budget Process and Timeline (2022-2023 Preliminary Annual Budget) (Attachment)

Moved by O. Hanson, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the attached budget process and timeline presented and finalized at the January 12, 2022 meeting of the Committee be approved by the Board.

Trustee Hanson spoke to the motion. Discussion followed and Trustee Hanson encouraged trustees to provide proposals as soon as possible in the budget process.

Trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 STUDENT LEARNING AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

6.2.1 Report: Meeting of January 19, 2022

The Vice Chairperson of the Committee, B. Parrott, presented the report of the January 19, 2022 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on:

- District Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Update: Social Emotional Learning
- VSB International Student Program Update
- Music Engagement for Implementing Recommendation #1 of the 2019 Music Review
- Seamless Day Childcare Update

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by C. Cho, that the report of the January 19, 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

6.3 FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

6.3.1 Report: Meeting of January 19, 2022

The Chairperson of the Committee, A. Wong, presented the report of the January 19, 2022 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on:

- Queen Elizabeth Closure Consideration
- CapitalEnergy Lease Bylaw 2022
- Vancouver Hebrew Academy (VHA) Lease Renewal and Amendment Bylaw 2022

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the report of the January 19, 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

6.3.2 Matters Arising from the Meeting of January 19, 2022

6.3.2.1 Queen Elizabeth Annex Closure Consideration

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the Board proceed to public consultation on the proposed closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex.

In speaking to the motion, Trustee Wong informed everyone:

- The recommendation was unanimously supported by the Facilities Planning Committee.
- Questions can be asked and responded to during the consultation process.

Staff responded to questions from trustees.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

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

Against: B. Parrott, J. Reddy

6.3.2.2 CapitalEnergy Lease Bylaw 2022

6.3.2.2.1

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Cho, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) CapitalEnergy Lease Bylaw 2022 be read a first time the 31st day of January, 2022; and

That the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) CapitalEnergy Lease Bylaw 2022 be read a second time the 31st day of January, 2022.

Trustee Wong reviewed the reason for the bylaw and discussion followed.

Trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

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

Against: B. Parrott

6.3.2.2.2

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approves having all three readings of the CapitalEnergy Lease Bylaw 2022; the 31st day of January, 2022.

Trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.2.2.3

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) CapitalEnergy Lease Bylaw 2022 be read a third time the 31st day of January, 2022;

and further,

That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and register the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) CapitalEnergy Lease Bylaw 2022; and

That the signed and sealed Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) CapitalEnergy Lease Bylaw 2022 be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Funding Department, for registration and certification.

Trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

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

Against: B. Parrott

6.3.2.3 Vancouver Hebrew Academy (VHA) Lease Renewal and Amendment Bylaw 2022

6.3.2.3.1

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) VHA Lease Renewal and Amendment Bylaw 2022 be read a first time the 31st day of January, 2022; and

That the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) VHA Lease Renewal and Amendment Bylaw 2022 be read a second time the 31st day of January, 2022;

Trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.2.3.2

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approves having all three readings of the VHA Lease Renewal and Amendment Bylaw 2022 the 31st day of January, 2022;

Trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.2.3.3

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) VHA Lease Renewal and Amendment Bylaw 2022 be read a third time the 31st day of January, 2022;

and further,

That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and register the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) VHA Lease Renewal and Amendment Bylaw 2022; and

That the signed and sealed Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) VHA Lease Renewal and Amendment Bylaw 2022 be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Funding Department, for registration and certification.

Trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION ITEMS

7.1 Meeting of January 31, 2022

The Chairperson reported that the Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the January 31, 2022 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of January 31, 2022, the Board discussed property, personnel, legal matters and business interests.

8. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

8.1 Report from Trustee Wong on the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee meeting held on January 13, 2022

8.2 Report from Trustee Cho on the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on December 16, 2021

8.3 Report from Trustee Fraser on the Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting held on January 12, 2022

8.4 Report from Trustee Gonzalez on the Vancouver Food Policy Committee meeting held on January 13, 2022

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Education Plan 2026 – Policy 1 Foundational Statements

Trustee Cho presented a memorandum dated January 31, 2022 entitled ***Education Plan 2026 – Policy 1 Foundational Statements*** which was submitted on behalf of the Education Plan 2026 Trustee Working Group. She provided a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

Discussion followed.

Main Motion

Moved by C. Cho, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the Board approve changes to the Foundational Statements found in Policy 1.

Amendment

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by B. Parrott, the motion be amended to add “with the addition of a 5th point to Goal #2:

- Creating an environment where students and staff from racialized communities and those who identify as gender-diverse feel a sense of belonging and identity as felt by all students.”

Trustee Wong spoke to the amendment.

Trustees voted on the amendment.

DEFEATED

For: B. Parrott, J. Reddy, A. Wong

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

A vote was taken on the main motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. NOTICES OF MOTION:

10.1 Notice of Motion from Trustee Chan-Pedley: BCSTA AGM motion: Review & Update to Ministry of Education Area Standards

Trustee Chan-Pedley presented the following motion and requested it be considered at the meeting.

Moved by L. Chan-Pedley, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the VSB approves submitting the following motion to the BCSTA AGM:

That BCSTA asks the Ministry of Education:

- to complete the review of its Area Standards for new schools and expansions of existing schools and include in them guidelines for outdoor learning spaces with covered roofs;
- to provide additional funding in the Annual Facilities Grant so districts can create outdoor learning spaces with covered roofs in existing buildings;
- to provide, as an appendix to the Area Standards, minimum indoor air quality specifications for existing buildings to address issues of ventilation, temperature regulation, and safety in school buildings in response to recent natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic;
- to provide additional funding in the Annual Facilities Grant so districts can upgrade to those minimum specifications.

Trustee Chan-Pedley spoke to the motion.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Notice of Motion from Trustee Reddy: N95 Masks for Staff

Trustee Reddy presented the following motion and requested it be considered at the meeting.

Moved by J. Reddy, seconded by A. Wong, that the Board immediately secure and distribute at least five N95/KN95 masks to all VSB staff who request N95/KN95 masks.

Trustee Reddy spoke to the motion.

During discussion, staff reviewed the Provincial Health Officer's recommendations and Vancouver Coastal Health guidelines regarding masks and conversations regarding safety with stakeholders and others.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

DEFEATED

For: J. Reddy, A. Wong

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

10.3 Notice of Motion from Trustee Reddy: Air Quality Monitoring

Trustee Reddy presented the following motion and requested it be considered at the meeting. She reported the wording of the motion changed from her submitted Notice of Motion following input from staff.

Moved by J. Reddy, seconded by B. Parrott, that the VSB report publicly on progress and improvements to air quality in schools made to date, what plans are in place for further improvement, and information, as requested, on specific site air quality.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairperson responded to questions regarding:

- Delegations at Committee of the Whole meetings and input received
- Multi-Aged Cluster Class (MACC) program and proposed enrichment centres
- Administrative Procedure (AP) 106
- Queen Elizabeth Annex and closing small schools

12 ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Janet Fraser, Chairperson

APPENDIX B

Proposed Budget Process Timeline

Date/Time	Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022	Release Budget Process Stakeholder Consultation Guide Release Financial Planning and Reporting Admin Procedure
February 14 – 25, 2022	Budget Public Survey
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:00 – 6:30 PM	Finance Committee Amended Budget
Thursday, February 17, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Thursday, February 17, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Thursday, February 24, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Thursday, February 24, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Monday, February 28, 2022 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Board Public Meeting Amended Budget Approval
Wednesday, March 2, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Wednesday, March 2, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Thursday, March 3, 2022	Stakeholder Workshop Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
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	Budget discussion & Multi-Year Financial Plans
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Committee-of-the-Whole Delegations, Stakeholder and public input on priorities
Friday, March 11, 2022	MOE Funding Announcement 2022-2023 Funding announcement from the MoE
March 14-25, 2022	Spring Break Budget team to finalize budget proposal documents
Monday, April 4, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Special Board Public Meeting Present Status Quo Budget 2022-23 and survey/stakeholder results
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Committee-of-the-Whole Delegations, Stakeholder and public input on priorities
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 5:00 -6:30 PM	Finance Committee Budget 2022-23 discussion
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Committee-of-the-Whole Delegations, Stakeholder and public input on priorities
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:00-6:30 PM	Finance Committee Budget 2022-23 discussion
May 19-27, 2022	Staff prepare recommendation based on delegation and stakeholder feedback for Trustees to consider at May 30, 2022 Board meeting
Monday, May 30, 2022 7:00-9:00 PM	Board Meeting Three readings and adoption of 2022-2023 budget bylaws