

SPECIAL BOARD/ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 15, 2021
at 7:00 pm

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met online in Teams on Thursday April 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in Teams:	Carmen Cho, Chairperson, Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson, Lois Chan-Pedley, Janet Fraser, Oliver Hanson, Barb Parrott, Jennifer Reddy, Allan Wong
Trustees Absent:	Fraser Ballantyne
Senior Management Present in Teams:	J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent-Learning and Information Technology Rob Schindel, Associate Superintendent-School Services
Also Present in Teams:	Shehzad Somji, Assistant Secretary Treasurer Will Hsu, Manager of Budgeting, Forecasting and Planning Marlene Phillips, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the meeting is being held in the traditional unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

1.2 Opening Remarks

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.

In taking a roll call, the Chairperson informed everyone that three representatives from each stakeholder group had also been invited to take part in the Teams meeting for discussion purposes during the Committee of the Whole. The following stakeholder representatives participated in the Teams meeting.

1. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 15: Hannah Dubuc
2. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 407: Brent Boyd
3. District Parents' Advisory Council: Skye Richards, Gord Lau, Krista Sigurdson
4. International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 963: Harjit Khangura, Tim De Vivo
5. Professional and Administrative Staff Association (PASA): Tyson Shmyr, Scott Deyell
6. Vancouver Association of Secondary School Administrators (VASSA): Mike Vulgaris
7. Vancouver Elementary Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (VEPVPVA): Catherine Thomas, Mark Cormack, Joel Levine
8. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association (VESTA): Joanne Sutherland, Donna Brack
9. Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association (VSTA): Terry Stanway

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Meeting of April 6, 2021

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by A. Wong, that the minutes of the April 6, 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. MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE BOARD MEETING INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by E. Gonzalez, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the Board dissolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

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. DELEGATIONS RE DRAFT STATUS QUO BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

The Chairperson informed everyone there were no registered delegations for this meeting and provided information on other opportunities to present and how to register.

5. UPDATE ON THE DRAFT 2021-2022 PRELIMINARY OPERATING FUND BUDGET

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the 2021-2022 Preliminary Operating Fund Budget with a PowerPoint presentation, which includes responses to questions and information requests from the April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the PowerPoint is on file with the meeting agenda. Additional responses to questions raised at the April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting will be provided at the Finance Committee meeting on April 21, 2021 once further work has been done and once further clarification has been provided on one of the questions.

The PowerPoint includes an updated budget timeline (resulting from the motion approved at the April 6, 2021 Special Board / Committee of the Whole meeting), updated Schedules 2, 2A and 2B and the work still to be done on the budget. With changes made since March 29, 2021, the current deficit is now \$11.2 million and the estimated surplus available is \$13.6 million.

Trustees asked questions and staff provided responses. The Secretary Treasurer requested any suggested amendments from trustees be submitted to his office for consideration at the April 21, 2021 or May 12, 2021 Finance Committee meetings. Further information on the use of surplus funds will be provided at the April 21, 2021 Finance Committee meeting.

6. MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by J. Fraser, that the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. MOTION TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by J. Fraser, that the Board meeting be reconvened.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm by consensus.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Carmen Cho, Chairperson