

SPECIAL BOARD/ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met online in the Boardroom and on Teams on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in the
Boardroom:

Carmen Cho, Chairperson

Trustees Present in Teams:

Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson, Fraser Ballantyne, Lois Chan-Pedley,
Janet Fraser, Oliver Hanson, Barb Parrott, Jennifer Reddy, Allan Wong

Management Present in the
Boardroom:

Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent
Shehzad Somji, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

Senior Management Present
in Teams:

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer
David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent
Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent-Learning and Information Technology
Jody Langlois, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services
Rob Schindel, Associate Superintendent-School Services

Also Present in Teams:

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: Cynthia Schadt, Hannah Dubuc
2. District Parents' Advisory Council: Skye Richards, Gord Lau
3. International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 963: Harjit Khangura, Tim De Vivo
4. Professional and Administrative Staff Association (PASA): Tyson Shmyr, Scott Deyell
5. Vancouver Association of Secondary School Administrators (VASSA): Damian Wilmann, Mike Vulgaris
6. Vancouver Elementary Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (VEPPVA): Catherine Thomas, Shannon Burton, Joel Levine
7. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association (VESTA): Joanne Sutherland, Jody Polukoshko, Donna Brack
8. Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association (VSTA): Treena Goolieff

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Meeting of March 29, 2021

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the minutes of the March 29, 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 J. Fraser, 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:

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Reddy joined the meeting.

4. DELEGATIONS RE DRAFT STATUS QUO BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

The Chairperson reviewed the Procedure for Delegations to the Board. The following delegation presented regarding the **2021-2022 Operating Fund Budget – Preliminary Draft Document**, dated March 29, 2021. A written brief was provided and retained for the Board’s records.

1. International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) – Harjit Khangura

Trustees asked questions and the delegate provided responses pertaining to his presentation.

During discussion, staff confirmed additional information could be provided regarding cafeteria funding and staffing.

The Chairperson informed everyone there were no registered public 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 presented and reviewed a report dated April 6, 2021 entitled **Update on the Draft 2021-2022 Preliminary Operating Fund Budget**. The report includes information on work done since the March 29, 2021 Special Board / Committee of the Whole meeting and responses to questions asked at that meeting.

Trustees provided feedback and asked further questions.

The Chairperson requested staff provide information on any increase in staffing for Adult Education as a result of the allocated increased funding approved in June 2020.

During discussion, the Secretary Treasurer reported the release of the divisional budget was discussed with Finance Committee trustees and it was decided not to release the divisional budget at this time. The divisional budget currently shows year to date spending only to the end of February 2021.

The budget timeline was discussed.

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

Moved by L. Chan-Pedley, seconded by F. Ballantyne, 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 L. Chan-Pedley, seconded by F. Ballantyne, 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

Moved by B. Parrott, seconded by J. Reddy, that the adoption of the 2021-2022 budget be postponed until the May 2021 Board meeting.

Trustee Parrott reviewed rationale for the motion. Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion and it was

CARRIED

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm by consensus.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Carmen Cho, Chairperson