

SPECIAL BOARD/ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met online in Teams on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in Teams: Carmen Cho, Chairperson, Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson, Fraser Ballantyne, Lois Chan-Pedley, Janet Fraser, Oliver Hanson, Barb Parrott, Jennifer Reddy, Allan Wong

Senior Management Present in Teams: Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent
J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer
David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent
Carmen Batista, Associate Superintendent-Employee Services
Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent-Learning and Information Technology
Jody Langlois, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services

Also Present in Teams: Shehzad Somji, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
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.

2. MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE BOARD MEETING INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by E. Gonzalez, seconded by A. Wong, 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

3. DELEGATIONS RE BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET

The Chairperson reviewed the Procedure for Delegations to the Board. The following delegates presented their views regarding the development of the Vancouver Board of Education 2021-2022 Draft Operating Budget. Written briefs were provided and retained for the Board's records.

1. International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) – Harjit Khangura
2. Vancouver District Students’ Council (VDSC) – Divyan Karunakaran
3. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers’ Association (VESTA) – Joanne Sutherland
4. VESTA Adult Education - Donna Brack
5. Friends of the School Library (FOSL) – Rebecca Low
6. Trustee Reddy on behalf of a school

During her presentation, Trustee Reddy read part of a letter emailed to trustees from Michele Buckman, a member of xpeý Parents’ Advisory Council. A copy of the full letter is on file with the meeting agenda. It has also been included in budget correspondence received.

Trustees asked questions and delegations provided responses pertaining to their presentations. Staff also provided information to trustees on additional information that could be provided to them.

4. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET DEVELOPMENT 2021/2022: ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

The Secretary Treasurer presented and reviewed the Budget Development 2021/2022 Engagement Summary Report, included in the agenda package.

The following motion was made at 8:12 pm.

Moved by F. Ballantyne, seconded by E. Gonzalez, to adjourn the meeting for 10 minutes, in order to receive questions through the on-line link posted on the website.

The Chairperson called the meeting back to order at 8:22 pm and took a roll call of trustees returning to the meeting, to ensure a quorum existed. All trustees returned to the meeting.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Staff responded to questions from trustees and the public regarding:

- Survey questions and Appendix A in the Engagement Summary Report
- Budget process and next steps
- The Divisional Budget
- Staffing from the Attendance support program
- Class size moving forward
- Vancouver Learning Network (VLN) teachers

During discussion, and following up on a request from a trustee, the Chairperson requested staff update the Engagement Summary Report in Appendix A to include the names of trustees that attended the various stakeholder workshops. Following the meeting, the report was updated as requested and posted on the website.

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

Moved by E. Gonzalez, 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 E. Gonzalez, 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. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the Board meeting be adjourned.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Carmen Cho, Chairperson