

SPECIAL BOARD/ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met online in Teams on Monday, March 29, 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
Rob Schindel, Associate Superintendent-School 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. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Meeting of March 2, 2021

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the minutes of March 2, 2021 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 L. Chan-Pedley, 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

4. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT STATUS QUO BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

The Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Treasurer gave a PowerPoint presentation showing details of the Draft Status Quo Budget for 2021-2022, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

In introducing the PowerPoint presentation, the Secretary Treasurer reported the **2021-2022 Operating Fund Budget Preliminary Draft Document** dated March 29, 2021, would be posted on the website following the meeting. He summarized the contents of the document, which includes a report on the development of the operating fund budget for 2021-2022, work done to date, and an Engagement Summary Report. He reported the draft 2021-2022 Operating Fund Budget:

- Will be subject to changes prior to adoption by the Board.
- Uses the approved, amended 2020-2021 operating budget as a starting point.
- Incorporates the Ministry Operating Grant, which was announced by the Ministry of Education on March 12, 2021.
- Contains a revenue and expenditure forecast, with key assumptions being that students will return to in-classroom instruction in September and that the 2021-2022 school year will be reflective of pre-pandemic times.

The Secretary Treasurer summarized the revenue and expenditure forecast which results in a projected net expense of \$14.9 million which was shown to be offset by an equal appropriation of surplus. The estimated surplus that will be available at June 30, 2021 to offset this projected deficit is \$10.6 million, with a resulting shortfall of \$4.3 million. The projected surplus was estimated at January 31, 2021 and may change.

The PowerPoint presentation followed, with the Assistant Secretary Treasurer reviewing details of:

- The Ministry of Education funding announcement for 2021-2022, operating grant rate changes and allocations.
- Assumptions made in creating the preliminary draft budget.
- Schedule 2 – Operating Fund revenues and expenses.
 - Schedule 2A – Operating Fund Revenues
 - Schedule 2B – Operating Fund Expenses

The Secretary Treasurer continued the PowerPoint presentation, reviewing details of the use of unrestricted accumulated surplus, work still to be done, risk factors and next steps.

5. DISCUSSION WITH STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairperson opened a discussion for stakeholder representatives to ask questions and provide feedback on the presented Draft Status Quo Budget for 2021-2022. The following stakeholder representatives were present in Teams for the discussion:

1. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 15: Warren Williams, Cynthia Schadt
2. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 407: Brent Boyd
3. District Parents' Advisory Council: Amanda Hillis, Skye Richards, Krista Sigurdson
4. International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 963: Tim Chester, Harjit Khangura, Tim De Vivo
5. Professional and Administrative Staff Association (PASA): Tyson Shmyr, Scott Deyell
6. Vancouver Association of Secondary School Administrators (VASSA): Damian Wilmann, Mike Vulgaris
7. Vancouver Elementary Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (VEPVPVA): Catherine Thomas,

Shannon Burton, Joel Levine

- 8. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers’ Association (VESTA): Joanne Sutherland, Jody Polukoshko, Donna Brack
- 9. Vancouver Secondary Teachers’ Association (VSTA): Terry Stanway

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions and staff provided responses. The Secretary Treasurer confirmed additional information would be provided in advance of the April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

Moved by E. Gonzalez, seconded by A. Wong, that the Board rise and report from the 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

7. MOTION TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING

Moved by E. Gonzalez, seconded by A. Wong, 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 by consensus at 8:22 pm.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Carmen Cho, Chairperson