

BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Monday, May 26, 2025 7:00 to 9:00 pm

In the Boardroom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

1.2 OPENING REMARKS

The meeting is currently being broadcasted live, and both the audio and video recordings will be accessible to the public for viewing even after the meeting ends. Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Meeting of May 5, 2025

2.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

3.1 Superintendent's Highlights

4. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw

That School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026 be read a third and final time, passed and adopted the 26th day of May, 2025.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

6.1.1 Report: Meeting of May 14, 2025

6.1.2 Matters Arising

6.1.2.1 School Fee Schedules for 2025-2026

That the Board approve the school fee schedules for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.2 POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

6.2.1 Report: Meeting of May 14, 2025

6.2.2 Matters Arising

(The online link for submitting questions to this meeting will now be closed.)

7. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION

- 7.1 Special Meeting of May 26, 2025
- 7.2 Special Meeting of May 26, 2025
- 7.3 Meeting of May 26, 2025

8. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- 8.1 Report from Trustee Chan-Pedley on the Childcare Council of Vancouver meeting held on April 8, 2025

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 9.1 Notice of Motion from Trustee Richardson: Allocation of Contingency Reserve to Support Summer Clinic Psychoeducational Assessments
- 9.2 Notice of Motion from Trustee Jung: Research to inform advocacy for fully funded Universal Food Program for all Vancouver School Board schools – to be presented at the June 23, 2025 meeting

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD (Submitted through the online link)

11. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00pm

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. on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 7:00pm. The meeting was live streamed.

Trustees Present:

Victoria Jung, Chairperson
Janet Fraser, Vice-Chairperson
Lois Chan-Pedley
Alfred Chien
Preeti Faridkot
Suzie Mah
Christopher Richardson
Joshua Zhang
Athena Yu (Student Trustee)

Trustees Absent with regrets:

Jennifer Reddy

Senior Team Members Present:

Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Schools
Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer
Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent
Maureen McRae-Stanger, Associate Superintendent
Pete Nuij, Associate Superintendent
Alison Ogden, Associate Superintendent
Daniel Blue, Executive Director, Finance
Michael Gray, Executive Director, Employee Services
Jessie Gresley-Jones, Executive Director, Facilities

Also Present:

Patricia MacNeil, Director of Communications
Paul Rosberg, Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis
Judy Mah, Executive Coordinator (Recorder)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1. Land Acknowledgement

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

1.2. Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed members of the audience to the meeting and acknowledged that a former Vancouver School Board trustee and staff member were present in the boardroom. She reviewed meeting decorum, and the process for submitting questions to the Board during question period, then encouraged all participants to put their phones away or on silent to ensure effective engagement and interactive discussion.

She expressed condolences on behalf of the Board for all families, friends and members of the community impacted by the tragic incident that followed the Lapu Lapu Festival, then

acknowledged the significance of May 5th as Red Dress Day, a day of remembrance for missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people.

Trustee Mah raised a point of order, noting that she would be moving a motion that would affect the rest of the meeting.

The Chair agreed to address Trustee Mah's point of order following the conclusion of introductions. She then informed everyone that the board agenda had been amended since Friday, and that all trustees have been informed of the changes.

Trustee Mah moved a motion requesting that Trustee Reddy be able to join the meeting online, which was seconded by Trustee Chan-Pedley.

Moved by S. Mah, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that Trustee Reddy be able to participate in this meeting online.

Trustee Mah provided rationale for the motion. The Board Chair noted that there were no rules or guidelines in the Board's current policy regarding trustee online participation, and that a board motion would need to be passed for the policy to include this provision.

Trustees voted on the motion that was on the floor.

DEFEATED

For: S. Mah

Against: A. Chien, J. Fraser, P. Faridkot, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Abstained: L. Chan Pedley

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Meeting of March 10, 2025

2.2 Special Meeting of April 14, 2025

2.3 Special Meeting / Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 22, 2025

2.4 Public Delegation Board Meeting of April 23, 2025

2.5 Special Meeting of April 30, 2025

2.6 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by J. Zhang, that the March 10, 2025 Board, April 14, 2025 Special Board, April 22, 2025 Special Board/Committee of the Whole, April 23, 2025 Public Delegation Board, and April 30, 2025 Special Board meetings be adopted as circulated.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

In response to Trustee Mah's question, the Secretary Treasurer informed the Board that the document referred to on agenda package page 5 of 159 had been updated and included in the resources section of the trustee memo.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent informed the Board that she would not be presenting highlights and sharing celebrations across the District, in light of the recent tragedy at the Lapu Lapu event. She expressed her condolences for those affected by the tragic incident and acknowledged the support received from the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Surrey and the Richmond school districts. The Superintendent also expressed gratitude to community members and agency staff and commended the dedication of VSB school and District staff in supporting students and their families. She concluded her update with a reminder that supports are available if needed and that principals and vice-principals can be contacted first for more information at the school level.

4. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The Student Trustee expressed condolences on behalf of the Vancouver District Students' Council (VDSC) for all students and families affected by the tragedy at the Lapu Lapu event. She acknowledged the impact on the school community and expressed gratitude for the support received from school staff.

She presented a report highlighting recent activities and updates on VDSC's initiatives for the 2024-2025 school year, including the following:

- VDSC General Meeting on April 15, 2025 where members discussed personal digital devices and the survey that was launched regarding online safety and responsible use of technology; Instagram post to raise awareness on the risks of vaping and to provide information on resources available; and continued discussion on implementing Student Forums.
- Announcement of the upcoming Arts Gala from May 8-June 2, 2025, highlighting the theme of Childhood Nostalgia.
- Student Leadership Grant Showcase scheduled for June 10, 2025.

Trustees asked questions and the Student Trustee responded.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

5.1.1 Report: Meeting of April 9, 2025

The Chairperson of the Committee, P. Faridkot, presented the report of the April 9, 2025 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Capital Plan Bylaw
- Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan
- Statutory Right of Way—City Lane Adjoining David Lloyd George Elementary School
- School Fields Update
- Update on New Elementary School at Olympic Village

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by S. Mah, that the report of the April 9, 2025 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

5.1.2 Matters Arising

5.1.2.1 Capital Plan Bylaw

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by J. Zhang, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No.2025/26-CPSD39-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by A. Chien, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No.2025/26-CPSD39-01 be:

Read a first time this 5th day of May, 2025;

Read a second time this 5th day of May, 2025;

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1.2.2 2025-2026 Annual Facilities Grant Expenditure Plan

Under matters arising regarding the 2025-2026 Annual Facilities Grant Expenditure (AFG) Plan, Trustee Faridkot informed the Board that the report in the agenda included a revised expenditure plan that reflect an increase in funding that was shared by the Ministry after the April 9, 2025 Facilities Planning Committee meeting.

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by C. Richardson, that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Annual Facilities Grant Expenditure Plan for submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Trustees asked questions and staff responded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In response to a trustee's question regarding the revised expenditure plan, the Secretary Treasurer informed the Board that the increase of \$1.4 million was allocated to the capital portion of the AFG. She referred to pages 49 and 50 of the agenda and highlighted the areas of the plan that received additional funding, including accessibility, HVAC and roofing.

5.1.2.3 Statutory Right of Way – City Lane Adjoining David Lloyd George Elementary School Site

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by A. Chien, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) David Lloyd George City Lane Right-of-Way Bylaw 2025 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by C. Richardson, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) David Lloyd George City Lane Right-of-Way Bylaw 2025 be:

Read a first time this 5th day of May, 2025;

Read a second time this 5th day of May, 2025;

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

5.2.1 Report: Meeting of April 16, 2025

The Chairperson of the Committee, J. Fraser, presented the report of the April 16, 2025 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- National School Food Programming
- Draft 2025-2026 Financial Plan

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the report of the April 16, 2025 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

5.2.2 Matters Arising

5.2.2.1 National School Food Program Funding

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by J. Zhang, that the Board approve the allocation of \$125,725 from the 2024-2025 National School Food Program to upgrade the walk-in cooler at Gladstone Secondary School.

Trustee Fraser informed the Board that there was consensus amongst Finance and Personnel Committee trustees to recommend the motion regarding the National School Food Program Funding to the Board for approval, and that the funding was for this school year.

Trustees asked questions and staff provided clarifying responses.

In response to a trustee's question, the Superintendent noted that conversations between the Ministry and District staff regarding the amount of funding allocated to the Vancouver School District are ongoing and that an update would be provided once received.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chairperson announced the online link for submitting questions to the meeting would now be closed.

6. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION

6.1 Special Meeting of April 3, 2025

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the May 5, 2025 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of April 3, 2025 the Board discussed personnel and business interests.

6.2 Special Meeting of April 7, 2025

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the May 5, 2025 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of April 7, 2025 the Board discussed personnel, legal matters and business interests.

6.3 Special Meeting of April 23, 2025

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the May 5, 2025 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of April 23, 2025 the Board discussed personnel, legal matters and business interests.

6.4 Meeting of April 28, 2025

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the May 5, 2025 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of April 28, 2025 the Board discussed personnel, property, legal matters and business interests.

7. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

7.1 Report from Trustee Mah on the City of Vancouver Children, Youth, and Family Advisory Committee meeting held on March 13, 2025

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2025-2026 Financial Plan and 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer presented a report titled, ***2025-2026 Financial Plan and 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw***, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

The Superintendent reported on the Draft 2025-2026 Financial Plan, which outlines VSB's commitment to prioritizing initiatives aligned with the Education Plan and supporting positive student outcomes. She informed the Board that despite challenges of economic uncertainty and impact of federal immigration policies on student enrolment, the Draft Financial Plan has prioritized reallocation of funding resources from District level budgets to schools and classrooms, resulting in additional support workers and teacher staffing above provincially funded ratios. She also noted that the *BC School Act* requires that each school board approve a balanced budget by board bylaw before June 30th of each year; however, the Board would consider approval of the budget at the May 5th meeting in order to meet collective agreement obligations.

The Secretary Treasurer informed the Board that the 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw was prepared in accordance with Ministry instructions for preparation of annual budgets. She noted that the Financial Plan and the Budget Bylaw documents reflect all board decisions to date including the approved Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) spending plan for 2025-2026 with an increased amount of \$1.4 million. She further reported that the operating fund budget and the special purpose fund budgets are balanced and that the capital fund deficit of \$2.26 million was permitted under ministerial order 033/09, Accounting Practices Order. She concluded her presentation by highlighting the changes that have been implemented with updates to the allocation of expenditures by function and program to better align with Ministry reporting requirements.

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by J. Zhang, that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Financial Plan.

Trustees shared their views and comments on the 2025-2026 Financial Plan and the motion that was on the floor. Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, A. Chien, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by C. Richardson, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) 2025/2026 Annual Budget Bylaw be given three readings at this meeting

DEFEATED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, A. Chien, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang
Against: S. Mah

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by P Faridkot, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026 be:

Read a first time the 5th day of May, 2025;

Read a second time the 5th day of May, 2025;

CARRIED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, A. Chien, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang
Against: S. Mah

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Notice of Motion from Trustee Jung and Trustee Fraser: Feeding Vancouver students: funding continuation request to Mayor and Council

Trustee Jung passed the Chair to Vice-Chair Fraser, so that she could present her proposed motion.

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by C. Richardson, that the Board of Education send a letter to the City of Vancouver Mayor and Council requesting that (1) they maintain their investment to feed Vancouver students at the 2024 VSB Food4Schools funding level, and (2) consider increasing funding in future years given the increasing costs of products and services as many students experience food insecurity, and (3) request a meeting with the Mayor to discuss this issue.

Trustees Jung presented her rationale for the motion, and discussion ensued.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion that was on the floor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Notice of Motion from Trustee Jung: Advocacy to Address Funding Gaps

Vice-Chair Fraser continued as Chair, while Trustee Jung presented her proposed motion.

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the Board direct the chair to write to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the Ministry of Finance and Vancouver MLAs to advocate for full, sustainable funding for all provincial initiatives and that the letter be drafted with input from the Advocacy Subcommittee of the board.

Trustee Jung presented her rationale for the motion.

In response to a trustee's question, the Secretary Treasurer provided the Board with examples of the types of provincial initiatives that the Board would advocate for full sustainable funding for, as referred to in the proposed motion.

Following discussion, trustees voted on motion that was on the floor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Jung assumed the Chair, then asked Trustee Chien to present his notice of motion.

9.3 Notice of Motion from Trustee Chien: Stakeholder Communications (Amended)

Trustee Chien called a point of privilege before presenting his proposed motion. He apologized for his recent social media post which raised privacy concerns, and reinforced the message that all trustees are committed to listening to parents and community members and reminded everyone that communication should be respectful and conveyed through appropriate channels. He also highlighted concerns pertaining to social media bullying and called for respect of privacy and safety.

The Board Chair reminded an audience member to adhere to board decorum and meeting protocol, and to refrain from taking photos in the Boardroom as it was prohibited.

Trustee Mah called a point of privilege asking for clarity regarding the presentation of Trustee Chien's proposed motion. The Chair explained that Trustee Chien had requested a point of privilege to issue a statement before moving his proposed motion.

Trustee Chien informed the Board that he had amended his earlier proposed motion, noting that the revised version more accurately reflects the recent constructive dialogue that had taken place.

Trustee Mah called a point of order. The Board Chair asked Trustee Chien to read his amended motion and informed him that he could speak to the motion, once it had been seconded.

Moved by A. Chien, seconded by J. Zhang, that the matter of collecting feedback on respectful communication and the matter of developing and/or updating guidelines for respectful and nondisruptive stakeholder communications be referred to the Policy and Governance Committee for consideration.

Trustee Mah objected to the consideration of the motion. Trustees voted on the objection to consider the motion.

DEFEATED

For: S. Mah

Against: L. Chan-Pedley, A. Chien, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Trustees returned to the motion that was on the floor.

Trustees Chien and Zhang provided rationale for the motion, and discussion ensued.

Trustee Mah moved to table the motion; however, the motion was not seconded. She provided her views on the motion.

Trustee Fraser asked to make an amendment to the motion. She asked that the word "and nondisruptive" be omitted from the motion.

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by C. Richardson, the words, "and nondisruptive" be removed from the motion.

CARRIED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, A. Chien, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah

Trustees voted on the main motion as amended.

That the matter of collecting feedback on respectful communication and the matter of developing and/or updating guidelines for respectful stakeholder communications be referred to the Policy and Governance Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, A. Chien, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah

The Chair called a recess at 8:36pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:51 pm.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairperson reported that questions were received during the public question period regarding:

- Development around the Carleton Elementary School Site.
- Inquiry regarding the DPAC Inclusive Education Working Group.
- The notice of motion or item 9.3 on the May 5, 2025 Public Board agenda.
- Trustee participation in board meetings online.

In response to a trustee's question, the Chair informed the Board that the approval of the third reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw would take place at the May 26, 2025 Public Board meeting.

A trustee questioned why the approval of the third reading would be scheduled on May 26, 2025 instead of May 7, 2025, noting that in the past, the practice was to hold the third reading of the bylaw two days after the two readings had been approved.

The Chair informed trustees that the Board had approved the 2025-2026 Financial Plan at the May 5, 2025 Public Board meeting, which allows staff to proceed with the implementation of any required changes as outlined in the Financial Plan. She also noted that it was unnecessary to organize and hold an additional meeting earlier than May 26, 2025 to consider the third reading of the bylaw.

In response to the Chair's question, the Secretary Treasurer confirmed that the business of the meeting was conducted appropriately since trustees had considered and voted on all motions presented at the meeting. She also explained that two motions had been presented for approval: the 2025-2026 Financial Plan, which the Board had approved and would enable staff to begin implementation of the changes included in the plan, and the Annual Budget Bylaw, which is required by the provincial government for formal budget approval.

Trustee Mah asked to move a motion.

Moved by S. Mah, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the Budget Bylaw be considered at a meeting on May 7, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

In response to the Chair's question, the Secretary Treasurer explained that there was no advantage to scheduling the meeting on May 7th and that the only difference between the two dates was that holding it on May 7th would require that staff prepare an additional agenda and organize an extra meeting, which trustees would be required to attend.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion that was on the floor.

DEFEATED

For: S. Mah

Against: L. Chan-Pedley, A. Chien, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:12 pm.

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer

Victoria Jung, Chairperson

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Date of Meeting: May 26th, 2025

Student Trustee: Athena Yu

In this brief Student Trustee report, I will provide an update on the VDSC's current initiatives, preview topics of discussion for our upcoming May 27th General Meeting and reflect on my recent attendance at the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Annual General Meeting.

VDSC Arts Gala

VDSC's annual Arts Gala is in full swing, and submissions are open until June 2nd. This year's theme is Childhood Nostalgia, and we're excited to see how students from across the district express their creativity. After submissions close, we'll open up voting district-wide to celebrate the talent in our schools and bring students together through art. Winning entries will be displayed on the screens in the VSB Education Centre lobby.

Senior Executive Elections

At our upcoming General Meeting, we'll also be starting the election process for next year's VDSC Senior Executive Team. This is a really exciting time that is not just about voting and new student leaders but also giving students a chance to engage in leadership, get involved, and be part of shaping and sharing student voices throughout the district.

Engaging in an election, whether by running, voting, or simply learning more, can be a powerful way for students to explore what leadership entails and consider the type of change they wish to see. As we look to the future, we're optimistic that the incoming team will carry on the work of building a strong, inclusive, and collaborative VDSC.

OSTA AGM Reflection

Finally, from May 22nd to 24th, I had the privilege of attending the Ontario Student Trustees Association's Annual General Meeting, which featured sessions on the structure and governance of OSTA, community-building among current and incoming Student Trustees, and keynote speakers and discussion regarding topics such as student wellbeing, curriculum, public education, Truth and Reconciliation, and more.

I was grateful for this valuable opportunity to learn from other structures of student voice, discuss ways of addressing common student concerns, and deepen my understanding of these complex and critical issues. I am excited to share what I've learned with VDSC at our upcoming GM.

I look forward to providing further updates on VDSC's initiatives and discussions.

May 26, 2025

ITEM 5.1

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Senior Team

RE: 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw

*Reference to
[Education Plan](#)*

GOAL:

The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by...

OBJECTIVE:

- Ensuring the alignment among school district, and provincial education plans.
- Improving stewardship of the District's resources by focusing on effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

INTRODUCTION

At the May 5, 2025, Public Board meeting, the Board approved the 2025-2026 Financial Plan and considered the adoption of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026 in the amount of \$ 794,526,466. The bylaw was given the first two readings at this meeting.

It is recommended that the bylaw be given a third and final reading, passed, and adopted at the May 26, 2025, Public Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026 be:

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted the 26th day of May, 2025.

Attachment: 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw

Annual Budget

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

June 30, 2026

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

June 30, 2026

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*NOTE - Statement 1, Statement 3, Statement 5, Schedule 1 and Schedules 4A - 4D are used for Financial Statement reporting only.

ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (VANCOUVER) (called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the *Act*, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$794,526,466 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 5th DAY OF MAY, 2025;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 5th DAY OF MAY, 2025;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 26th DAY OF MAY, 2025;

(Corporate Seal)

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true original of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026, adopted by the Board the 26th DAY OF MAY, 2025.

Secretary Treasurer

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Statement 2

Annual Budget - Revenue and Expense
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	2026 Annual Budget	2025 Amended Annual Budget
Ministry Operating Grant Funded FTE's		
School-Age	51,068.000	51,104.688
Adult	164.000	134.750
Other	1,243.000	1,243.250
Total Ministry Operating Grant Funded FTE's	52,475.000	52,482.688
Revenues	\$	\$
Provincial Grants		
Ministry of Education and Child Care	681,214,860	681,578,366
Other	8,757,686	8,872,382
Federal Grants	3,068,057	3,407,449
Tuition	23,687,024	24,842,423
Other Revenue	25,643,443	25,507,536
Rentals and Leases	7,599,706	7,730,139
Investment Income	5,761,766	6,247,968
Amortization of Deferred Capital Revenue	31,959,959	30,157,151
Total Revenue	787,692,501	788,343,414
Expenses		
Instruction	631,688,282	638,753,229
District Administration	25,877,630	34,134,395
Operations and Maintenance	128,778,838	126,424,971
Transportation and Housing	3,531,181	4,651,884
Debt Services	79,981	186,498
Total Expense	789,955,912	804,150,977
Net Revenue (Expense)	(2,263,411)	(15,807,563)
Budgeted Allocation (Retirement) of Surplus (Deficit)		13,823,573
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year	(2,263,411)	(1,983,990)
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year comprised of:		
Operating Fund Surplus (Deficit)		
Special Purpose Fund Surplus (Deficit)		
Capital Fund Surplus (Deficit)	(2,263,411)	(1,983,990)
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year	(2,263,411)	(1,983,990)

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Revenue and Expense
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	2026 Annual Budget	2025 Amended Annual Budget
Budget Bylaw Amount		
Operating - Total Expense	648,217,237	660,648,829
Operating - Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	1,158,869	1,841,066
Special Purpose Funds - Total Expense	101,195,768	103,689,690
Special Purpose Funds - Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	661,685	661,685
Capital Fund - Total Expense	40,542,907	39,812,458
Capital Fund - Tangible Capital Assets Purchased from Local Capital	2,750,000	3,787,765
Total Budget Bylaw Amount	794,526,466	810,441,493

Approved by the Board

Signature of the Chairperson of the Board of Education	Date Signed
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Signature of the Superintendent	Date Signed
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Signature of the Secretary Treasurer	Date Signed
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School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Changes in Net Financial Assets (Debt)
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	2026 Annual Budget	2025 Amended Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(2,263,411)	(15,807,563)
Effect of change in Tangible Capital Assets		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets		
From Operating and Special Purpose Funds	(1,820,554)	(2,502,751)
From Local Capital	(2,750,000)	(3,787,765)
From Deferred Capital Revenue	(45,070,645)	(53,207,876)
From Lease	-	(1,891,199)
Total Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(49,641,199)	(61,389,591)
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	39,910,664	38,673,698
Total Effect of change in Tangible Capital Assets	(9,730,535)	(22,715,893)
	-	-
(Increase) Decrease in Net Financial Assets (Debt)	(11,993,946)	(38,523,456)

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Operating Revenue and Expense
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	2026 Annual Budget	2025 Amended Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Provincial Grants		
Ministry of Education and Child Care	596,048,530	593,184,509
Other	79,767	78,135
Federal Grants	3,068,057	3,407,449
Tuition	23,687,024	24,842,423
Other Revenue	18,020,032	18,010,710
Rentals and Leases	5,549,626	5,631,738
Investment Income	4,479,506	5,583,506
Total Revenue	650,932,542	650,738,470
Expenses		
Instruction	533,606,344	537,188,344
District Administration	25,177,624	33,506,773
Operations and Maintenance	86,048,791	85,448,522
Transportation and Housing	3,384,478	4,505,190
Total Expense	648,217,237	660,648,829
Net Revenue (Expense)	2,715,305	(9,910,359)
Budgeted Prior Year Surplus Appropriation	-	13,823,573
Net Transfers (to) from other funds		
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	(1,158,869)	(1,841,066)
Other	(1,556,436)	(2,072,148)
Total Net Transfers	(2,715,305)	(3,913,214)
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year	-	-

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Schedule 2A

Annual Budget - Schedule of Operating Revenue by Source

Year Ended June 30, 2026

	2026 Annual Budget	2025 Amended Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care		
Operating Grant, Ministry of Education and Child Care	587,537,137	577,658,415
Other Ministry of Education and Child Care Grants		
Pay Equity	7,294,124	7,294,124
Funding for Graduated Adults	1,122,225	1,109,550
Student Transportation Fund	53,423	53,423
FSA Scorer Grant	41,621	43,871
Labour Settlement Funding		5,781,415
Forecasted Enrolment Increase		1,243,711
Total Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care	596,048,530	593,184,509
Provincial Grants - Other	79,767	78,135
Federal Grants	3,068,057	3,407,449
Tuition		
Summer School Fees	985,186	886,453
Continuing Education	422,300	422,300
International and Out of Province Students	22,279,538	23,533,670
Total Tuition	23,687,024	24,842,423
Other Revenues		
Other School District/Education Authorities	1,415,017	1,804,825
Miscellaneous		
Instructional Cafeteria Revenue	985,148	1,096,108
Miscellaneous Fees and Revenue	2,788,028	2,668,618
School Generated Funds	12,159,539	12,159,539
Other Grants	672,300	257,300
Other Grants - Child Care		24,320
Total Other Revenue	18,020,032	18,010,710
Rentals and Leases	5,549,626	5,631,738
Investment Income	4,479,506	5,583,506
Total Operating Revenue	650,932,542	650,738,470

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Schedule 2B

Annual Budget - Schedule of Operating Expense by Object
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	2026 Annual Budget	2025 Amended Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Salaries		
Teachers	271,178,116	275,299,958
Principals and Vice Principals	30,507,157	31,313,342
Educational Assistants	60,347,852	55,328,397
Support Staff	67,976,748	67,560,217
Other Professionals	14,054,667	13,771,044
Substitutes	15,422,202	17,874,622
Total Salaries	459,486,742	461,147,580
Employee Benefits	132,292,249	127,250,081
Total Salaries and Benefits	591,778,991	588,397,661
Services and Supplies		
Services	13,254,726	23,940,842
Student Transportation	3,343,754	4,469,353
Professional Development and Travel	1,402,426	2,220,359
Rentals and Leases	960,801	954,016
Dues and Fees	915,456	1,040,840
Insurance	1,769,750	1,762,295
Supplies	23,806,865	26,374,309
Utilities	10,984,468	11,489,154
Total Services and Supplies	56,438,246	72,251,168
Total Operating Expense	648,217,237	660,648,829

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Operating Expense by Function, Program and Object

Year Ended June 30, 2026

	Teachers Salaries	Principals and Vice Principals Salaries	Educational Assistants Salaries	Support Staff Salaries	Other Professionals Salaries	Substitutes Salaries	Total Salaries
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Instruction							
1.02 Regular Instruction	201,646,901	4,248,639	290,630	4,168,392	-	11,458,537	221,813,099
1.03 Career Programs	257,466	162,260	-	146,746	-	14,650	581,122
1.07 Library Services	6,787,239	-	-	133,607	-	386,202	7,307,048
1.08 Counselling	8,620,350	-	-	-	262,595	490,508	9,373,453
1.10 Inclusive Education	33,714,218	1,340,073	55,217,762	1,099,619	126,143	1,689,313	93,187,128
1.20 Early Learning and Child Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.30 English Language Learning	12,165,158	172,051	2,645,223	491,997	221,344	692,212	16,387,985
1.31 Indigenous Education	1,026,060	364,614	1,417,899	143,108	-	-	2,951,681
1.41 School Administration	-	21,269,965	-	11,445,035	-	447,316	33,162,316
1.60 Summer School	2,032,937	311,704	573,572	221,147	-	-	3,139,360
1.62 International and Out of Province Students	4,927,787	186,494	194,015	349,237	336,090	243,464	6,237,087
1.64 Other	-	-	-	742,712	211,895	-	954,607
Total Function 1	271,178,116	28,055,800	60,339,101	18,941,600	1,158,067	15,422,202	395,094,886
4 District Administration							
4.11 Educational Administration	-	2,278,755	-	447,783	1,359,901	-	4,086,439
4.40 School District Governance	-	-	-	103,027	868,197	-	971,224
4.41 Business Administration	-	172,602	8,751	3,707,022	5,863,932	-	9,752,307
Total Function 4	-	2,451,357	8,751	4,257,832	8,092,030	-	14,809,970
5 Operations and Maintenance							
5.20 Early Learning and Child Care	-	-	-	-	103,905	-	103,905
5.41 Operations and Maintenance Administration	-	-	-	1,851,696	4,700,665	-	6,552,361
5.50 Maintenance Operations	-	-	-	38,723,397	-	-	38,723,397
5.52 Maintenance of Grounds	-	-	-	4,145,360	-	-	4,145,360
5.56 Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Function 5	-	-	-	44,720,453	4,804,570	-	49,525,023
7 Transportation and Housing							
7.70 Student Transportation	-	-	-	56,863	-	-	56,863
Total Function 7	-	-	-	56,863	-	-	56,863
9 Debt Services							
Total Function 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Functions 1 - 9	271,178,116	30,507,157	60,347,852	67,976,748	14,054,667	15,422,202	459,486,742

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Operating Expense by Function, Program and Object

Year Ended June 30, 2026

	Total Salaries	Employee Benefits	Total Salaries and Benefits	Services and Supplies	2026 Annual Budget	2025 Amended Annual Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Instruction						
1.02 Regular Instruction	221,813,099	59,930,473	281,743,572	16,681,510	298,425,082	309,913,919
1.03 Career Programs	581,122	168,361	749,483	329,423	1,078,906	1,779,074
1.07 Library Services	7,307,048	2,015,377	9,322,425	1,808,336	11,130,761	12,202,573
1.08 Counselling	9,373,453	2,560,108	11,933,561	455,636	12,389,197	13,819,415
1.10 Inclusive Education	93,187,128	30,943,813	124,130,941	1,974,739	126,105,680	109,230,166
1.20 Early Learning and Child Care	-	-	-	-	-	302,863
1.30 English Language Learning	16,387,985	4,795,270	21,183,255	530,545	21,713,800	25,877,963
1.31 Indigenous Education	2,951,681	976,465	3,928,146	104,257	4,032,403	4,377,648
1.41 School Administration	33,162,316	9,264,913	42,427,229	499,145	42,926,374	43,335,545
1.60 Summer School	3,139,360	914,935	4,054,295	199,015	4,253,310	4,262,102
1.62 International and Out of Province Students	6,237,087	1,777,257	8,014,344	1,814,422	9,828,766	12,087,076
1.64 Other	954,607	295,150	1,249,757	472,308	1,722,065	-
Total Function 1	395,094,886	113,642,122	508,737,008	24,869,336	533,606,344	537,188,344
4 District Administration						
4.11 Educational Administration	4,086,439	1,062,734	5,149,173	1,508,589	6,657,762	7,818,346
4.40 School District Governance	971,224	199,940	1,171,164	380,658	1,551,822	1,406,978
4.41 Business Administration	9,752,307	2,848,597	12,600,904	4,367,136	16,968,040	24,281,449
Total Function 4	14,809,970	4,111,271	18,921,241	6,256,383	25,177,624	33,506,773
5 Operations and Maintenance						
5.20 Early Learning and Child Care	103,905	24,984	128,889	-	128,889	168,712
5.41 Operations and Maintenance Administration	6,552,361	1,666,548	8,218,909	3,155,898	11,374,807	9,033,200
5.50 Maintenance Operations	38,723,397	11,719,706	50,443,103	7,207,829	57,650,932	57,970,047
5.52 Maintenance of Grounds	4,145,360	1,106,473	5,251,833	653,655	5,905,488	6,791,707
5.56 Utilities	-	-	-	10,988,675	10,988,675	11,484,856
Total Function 5	49,525,023	14,517,711	64,042,734	22,006,057	86,048,791	85,448,522
7 Transportation and Housing						
7.70 Student Transportation	56,863	21,145	78,008	3,306,470	3,384,478	4,505,190
Total Function 7	56,863	21,145	78,008	3,306,470	3,384,478	4,505,190
9 Debt Services						
Total Function 9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Functions 1 - 9	459,486,742	132,292,249	591,778,991	56,438,246	648,217,237	660,648,829

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)
Annual Budget - Special Purpose Revenue and Expense
Year Ended June 30, 2026

Schedule 3

	2026 Annual Budget	2025 Amended Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Provincial Grants		
Ministry of Education and Child Care	85,166,330	88,393,857
Other	8,677,919	8,794,247
Other Revenue	7,176,890	7,050,304
Investment Income	836,314	118,516
Total Revenue	101,857,453	104,356,924
Expenses		
Instruction	98,081,938	101,564,885
District Administration	700,006	627,622
Operations and Maintenance	2,267,121	1,350,489
Transportation and Housing	146,703	146,694
Total Expense	101,195,768	103,689,690
Net Revenue (Expense)	661,685	667,234
Net Transfers (to) from other funds		
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	(661,685)	(661,685)
Other		(5,549)
Total Net Transfers	(661,685)	(667,234)
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year	-	-

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Changes in Special Purpose Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	Annual Facility Grant	Learning Improvement Fund	Special Education Equipment	Scholarships and Bursaries	Special Education Technology	School Generated Funds	Strong Start	Ready, Set, Learn	OLEP
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
Revenues									
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care	2,238,404	2,031,012			9,946,115		608,000	218,050	790,003
Provincial Grants - Other									
Other Revenue				86,912		6,455,889			
Investment Income				16,900	2,500				5,850
	2,238,404	2,031,012	-	103,812	9,948,615	6,455,889	608,000	218,050	795,853
Expenses									
Salaries									
Teachers					2,873,117				146,866
Principals and Vice Principals					323,086				
Educational Assistants		1,474,419				1,119	430,637		
Support Staff	1,266,865				1,420,643	98,311		58,142	
Other Professionals									
Substitutes						796		5,122	65,148
	1,266,865	1,474,419	-	-	4,616,846	100,226	430,637	63,264	212,014
Employee Benefits	412,007	556,593			1,335,293	27,916	149,307	23,320	58,721
Services and Supplies	559,532			103,812	3,996,476	6,102,899	28,056	131,466	485,001
	2,238,404	2,031,012	-	103,812	9,948,615	6,231,041	608,000	218,050	755,736
Net Revenue (Expense) before Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	224,848	-	-	40,117
Interfund Transfers									
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased						(224,848)			(40,117)
	-	-	-	-	-	(224,848)	-	-	(40,117)
Net Revenue (Expense)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Changes in Special Purpose Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	CommunityLINK	Classroom Enhancement Fund - Overhead	Classroom Enhancement Fund - Staffing	First Nation Student Transportation	Mental Health in Schools	Changing Results for Young Children	Early Childhood Education Dual Credit Program	SEY2KT (Early Years to Kindergarten)	ECL Early Care & Learning
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues									
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care	10,647,334	4,604,881	41,910,572	146,694	47,000	11,250	25,000	21,243	199,956
Provincial Grants - Other									
Other Revenue									
Investment Income									
	10,647,334	4,604,881	41,910,572	146,694	47,000	11,250	25,000	21,243	199,956
Expenses									
Salaries									
Teachers	2,119,928	-	32,714,634						
Principals and Vice Principals	168,530	-							160,465
Educational Assistants	3,134,850	2,258,576				3,069			
Support Staff	206,610	60,113							
Other Professionals	1,574,684	486,404							
Substitutes		556,335				4,080		16,181	
	7,204,602	3,361,428	32,714,634	-	-	7,149	-	16,181	160,465
Employee Benefits	2,307,700	1,148,059	9,195,938			2,251		4,332	39,491
Services and Supplies	1,135,032	95,394		146,694	47,000	1,850	25,000	730	
	10,647,334	4,604,881	41,910,572	146,694	47,000	11,250	25,000	21,243	199,956
Net Revenue (Expense) before Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers									
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Revenue (Expense)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Changes in Special Purpose Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	Feeding Futures Fund	Professional Learning Grant	CAYA	Work Experience Enhancement	AT-BC	PRP	PRCVI	Miscellaneous	CommunityLink Other
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues									
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care	5,548,306	204,125		50,000		2,710,000	3,208,385		
Provincial Grants - Other			3,583,000		5,094,919				
Other Revenue								405,656	228,433
Investment Income			385,655		389,638		27,750	8,021	
	5,548,306	204,125	3,968,655	50,000	5,484,557	2,710,000	3,236,135	413,677	228,433
Expenses									
Salaries									
Teachers				31,365		1,604,984	268,726		
Principals and Vice Principals						171,531			
Educational Assistants						97,917		8,466	8,463
Support Staff	2,106,472		690,495		798,043	152,687	931,229		
Other Professionals	74,454		275,773		1,067,438		332,012		
Substitutes						33,046			
	2,180,926	-	966,268	31,365	1,865,481	2,060,165	1,531,967	8,466	8,463
Employee Benefits	678,589		311,048	8,817	563,958	562,736	480,957	3,196	3,195
Services and Supplies	2,688,791	204,125	2,691,339	9,818	3,055,118	87,099	1,214,286	15,621	215,374
	5,548,306	204,125	3,968,655	50,000	5,484,557	2,710,000	3,227,210	27,283	227,032
Net Revenue (Expense) before Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,925	386,394	1,401
Interfund Transfers									
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased							(8,925)	(386,394)	(1,401)
	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,925)	(386,394)	(1,401)
Net Revenue (Expense)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Annual Budget - Changes in Special Purpose Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2026

	TOTAL
	\$
Revenues	
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care	85,166,330
Provincial Grants - Other	8,677,919
Other Revenue	7,176,890
Investment Income	836,314
	101,857,453
Expenses	
Salaries	
Teachers	39,759,620
Principals and Vice Principals	823,612
Educational Assistants	7,417,516
Support Staff	7,789,610
Other Professionals	3,810,765
Substitutes	680,708
	60,281,831
Employee Benefits	17,873,424
Services and Supplies	23,040,513
	101,195,768
Net Revenue (Expense) before Interfund Transfers	661,685
Interfund Transfers	
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	(661,685)
	(661,685)
Net Revenue (Expense)	-

School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Schedule 4

Annual Budget - Capital Revenue and Expense

Year Ended June 30, 2026

	2026 Annual Budget			2025 Amended Annual Budget
	Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Local Capital	Fund Balance	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues				
Other Revenue	171,679	274,842	446,521	446,522
Rentals and Leases		2,050,080	2,050,080	2,098,401
Investment Income		445,946	445,946	545,946
Amortization of Deferred Capital Revenue	31,959,959		31,959,959	30,157,151
Total Revenue	32,131,638	2,770,868	34,902,506	33,248,020
Expenses				
Operations and Maintenance		552,262	552,262	952,262
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets				
Operations and Maintenance	39,910,664		39,910,664	38,673,698
Debt Services				
Capital Lease Interest		79,981	79,981	186,498
Total Expense	39,910,664	632,243	40,542,907	39,812,458
Net Revenue (Expense)	(7,779,026)	2,138,625	(5,640,401)	(6,564,438)
Net Transfers (to) from other funds				
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	1,820,554		1,820,554	2,502,751
Capital Lease Payment		1,556,436	1,556,436	2,077,697
Total Net Transfers	1,820,554	1,556,436	3,376,990	4,580,448
Other Adjustments to Fund Balances				
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased from Local Capital	300,000	(300,000)	-	
Tangible Capital Assets WIP Purchased from Local Capital	2,450,000	(2,450,000)	-	
Principal Payment				
Capital Lease	1,476,455	(1,476,455)	-	
Total Other Adjustments to Fund Balances	4,226,455	(4,226,455)	-	
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year	(1,732,017)	(531,394)	(2,263,411)	(1,983,990)

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Committee Report to the Board, May 26, 2025

The Chairperson of the Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

This meeting was live-streamed, and both the audio and visual recordings were also available to the public for viewing after the meeting. Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

A master PowerPoint presentation detailing the flow of the agenda was shown throughout the meeting, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

1. School Fee Schedule for 2025-2026

The Director of Instruction presented a report dated May 14, 2025, titled **School Fee Schedule 2025-2026**, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda. He reviewed the legislative framework for school fees under Section 82 of the *School Act* and presented the proposed fees for elementary and secondary schools, noting that they align with standardized school fee schedules and comply with legislation and Administrative Procedure 505. He highlighted changes to the school fee schedules including additional supplemental fee schedule definitions, format and language standardization to provide more clarity and consistency for parents and guardians.

Committee members, trustees and stakeholder representatives provided feedback and staff answered questions and provided clarification on various points.

There was unanimous consent from committee members to forward the following recommendation to the Board for consideration:

THAT the Board approve the school fee schedules for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. 2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Update

The Executive Director of Finance presented a report dated May 14, 2025, titled **2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Update**, which provides the financial results for the nine months ended March 31, 2025, compared to the amended budget.

He reviewed the year-to-date financial results providing a breakdown of the operating fund revenues and expenses and noted that the District reported a \$11.66M deficit for the period, with \$4.14M remaining in the annual budgeted deficit of \$15.80M. This includes a \$10.46M deficit in

the operating fund and \$1.20M in the capital fund. Risks to budget estimates mentioned include changes to enrolment and unexpected cost pressures, cost of capital projects, and contingencies.

Trustees and stakeholder representatives asked questions and provided feedback and staff provided clarification on various points.

This report was provided for information.

3. Recruitment Strategy

The Executive Director, Employee Services presented a report dated May 14, 2025, titled **Recruitment Strategy**, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda. He acknowledged the feedback from Committee members and employee groups on enhancing VSB's recruitment strategy with impactful initiatives, recognizing alignment with current strong practices. He noted that the BC Public School Employers' Association recruitment review provided further analysis along with recommendations and next steps.

Committee members, trustees and stakeholder representatives provided feedback and staff answered questions and provided clarification on various points.

4. Wellness and Occupational Health and Safety Update

The Director of Enterprise Safety Management presented a report dated May 14, 2025, titled **Wellness and Occupational Health and Safety Update**, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda. He shared an update on VSB's 4th and largest Employee Health Fair to date on February 14, 2025, that offered an extensive number of workshops, health service providers and other activities and received highly positive feedback from over 400 registrants.

On the topic of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Project, he detailed the progress since the board approved the development of a comprehensive AED installation plan on January 27, 2025 and highlighted that the project remains on schedule and on budget after the recent completion of procurement, with AED units expected to be in place for the 2025/26 school year.

Committee members, trustees and stakeholder representatives provided feedback and staff answered questions and provided clarification on various points.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Janet Fraser, Chairperson

Committee Members Present:

Janet Fraser(Chair)
Alfred Chien (Vice-Chair)
Joshua Zhang (5:11 pm)
Lois Chan-Pedley (Alt.)

Committee Members Absent:

Preeti Faridkot

Other Trustees Present:

Victoria Jung
Suzie Mah
Christopher Richardson

Senior Team Members Present:

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer
Helen McGregor, Superintendent
Dan Blue, Executive Director, Finance
Michel Gray, Executive Director, Employee Services

Stakeholder Representatives Present:

David Schaub, DPAC
Tim De Vivo, IUOE
Tyson Shmyr, PASA
Benita Kwon, VASSA
Kai Nishimura, VDSC
Vanessa Lefebvre, VEAES
Dana Aweida, VEPVPA
Carl Janze, VSTA

Also Present:

Aaron Davis
Hans Loeffelholz
Cherry Mak
Paul Rosberg
Cornelia Haack (recorder)

May 26, 2025

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Finance and Personnel Committee

RE: School Fee Schedules for 2025-2026

*Reference to
Education Plan*

GOAL: The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by...

OBJECTIVE: Improving stewardship of the District's resources by focusing on effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

INTRODUCTION

The School Fee Schedules for 2025-2026 is presented to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee which met on May 14, 2025 to review the fee schedules for VSB elementary and secondary schools.

BACKGROUND

Under Section 82 of the *School Act*, "a board must publish a schedule of the fees to be charged, and deposits required and must make the schedule available to students and to children under section 13 and to the parents of those students and children before the beginning of the school year."

This report provides the fee schedule for each elementary and secondary school in the Vancouver School District for the 2025-2026 school year.

The following are attached:

- [Elementary School Fees](#)
- [Secondary School Fees](#)

All elementary and secondary school fee schedules align with the standardized school fee schedules and comply with legislation and Administrative Procedure 505. There are no registration fees associated with enrolling in district choice programs in elementary schools.

All fee schedules contain the Vancouver School District's Financial Hardship clause.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the school fee schedules for the 2025-2026 school year.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Committee Report to the Board, May 26, 2025

The Chairperson of the Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

This meeting was live-streamed, and both the audio and visual recordings were also available to the public for viewing after the meeting. Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

A master PowerPoint presentation detailing the flow of the agenda was shown throughout the meeting, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

1. Receipt of Advocacy Subcommittee Reports

Trustee Mah, Chair of the Advocacy Subcommittee presented the March 12, 2025 and May 7, 2025 Advocacy Subcommittee reports, copies of which are on file with the meeting agenda. She highlighted the focus of the March 12, 2025 meeting on aligning advocacy objectives with the Ministry of Education and Child Care's Service Plan and identifying shared-benefit advocacy areas. She also noted that at the May 7, 2025 meeting, the subcommittee had prioritized brainstorming advocacy priorities for the 2026 Provincial Budget consultation and discussed key elements of a proposed letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, Ministry of Finance, and Vancouver MLAs.

The reports of the March 12, 2025, and May 7, 2025 Advocacy Subcommittee meetings were received by consensus.

2. Policy Review: Policy 7 Board Operations and Policy 8 Board Committee

The Secretary Treasurer presented a report dated May 14, 2025 titled ***Policy Review - Policy 7 Board Operations and Policy 8 Board Committees***. The report included a summary of feedback received for Policies 7 and 8 from the March 3rd Policy and Governance Committee meeting, and two board motions referred to the Policy and Governance Committee concerning Democracy, Accountability and Public Participation at VSB Board and Committee Meetings and stakeholder communication guidelines. She informed the committee that the guiding questions included in the report would serve as a framework for collecting feedback on the suggestions brought forward through the motion and its subsequent amendments and would help inform policy changes pertaining to public delegations, board meeting procedures, distribution of agendas and guidelines for stakeholder communications that would be considered in the planning process for the upcoming year.

The live broadcast ended as Committee members, trustees and stakeholder representatives engaged in small group discussion and dialogue to gather input for the update of Policy 7 —Board Operations and Policy 8— Board Committees.

The feedback collected from various participants regarding Policies 7 and 8 highlighted several themes and preferences.

For the timing of public delegations, Option A (during Board meetings with a 20-minute limit) received some support, especially if more time is allowed per speaker or supplemented elsewhere, but concerns were raised about limited engagement and collaboration. Option B (separate meeting the same week) was widely favored for allowing more dedicated time and flexibility, seen as less restrictive and more inclusive. Option C (no changes) received minimal support, with some preferring not to lengthen board meetings but suggesting increasing speaker time if unchanged.

Regarding delegation topics, Option A (only on decision items or active engagement processes) was supported for maintaining focus and efficiency, while Option B (any topic relevant to Board business) was preferred for openness and inclusivity, with emphasis on respectful communication and relevance to governance.

For the frequency of speaking on a topic, Option A (speak only once) was supported to prevent repetition and manage time, with suggestions for clarifying questions, while Option B (multiple times with new information) was favored for evolving issues and updates, with emphasis on a fair application process and delegate behavior standards.

Regarding speaking time, Option A (5 minutes) was strongly preferred, seen as necessary for meaningful input, especially on complex topics, while Option B (2 minutes) was generally viewed as too short, with some suggesting 3 minutes as a compromise. For the Board meeting day, Option A (move to Wednesday) received unanimous support for predictability and better alignment with delegation timing, while Option B (keep Monday) received no support, with some suggesting a hybrid model with delegations on Monday and meetings on Wednesday.

Regarding questions at committee meetings, Option A (submit questions in advance) was supported for preparation and better responses and Option B (ask during meeting, respond later) was also supported for flexibility and documentation, with some suggesting combining both approaches. A proposed Option C suggested a hybrid model with real-time and follow-up responses, including documentation.

For electronic participation, Option A (establish policy) was supported for accessibility and inclusivity, especially in emergencies, with emphasis on clear guidelines and limited use, while Option B (no changes) was supported based on concerns about authenticity and engagement quality in hybrid meetings, with some expressing a preference for in-person participation but acknowledging the need for flexibility.

Other considerations included questions about the purpose of Board meetings, suggestions to clarify roles and processes, proposals to separate Finance and Personnel into two committees and simplify procedures, and emphasis on respectful, culturally responsive, and accessible communication, including clear points of contact, codes of conduct, norms of collaboration, and follow-through and transparency.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Lois Chan-Pedley, Chairperson

Committee Members Present:	Lois Chan-Pedley (Chair) Suzie Mah (Vice-Chair) Janet Fraser Christopher Richardson (Alt.)
Committee Members Absent:	Jennifer Reddy
Other Trustees Present:	Victoria Jung
Senior Team Members Present:	Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer Helen McGregor, Superintendent Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent Maureen McRae-Stanger, Associate Superintendent Pete Nuij, Associate Superintendent Alison Ogden, Associate Superintendent
Stakeholder Representatives Present:	Suzette Magri, CUPE 15 Ishi Dinim, DPAC Hayden O'Connor, PASA Angie Haveman, VASSA Freddie Zhang, VDSC Marjorie Dumont, VEAES Trevor Wrinch, VEPVPA Carl Janze, VSTA
Also Present:	Cornelia Haack (recorder)

LIAISON TRUSTEE REPORT

Name of Committee/Organization: Childcare Council of Vancouver

Liaison Trustee: Lois Chan-Pedley

Date of Meeting: 2025-04-08

Topics Discussed Most Relevant to the VSB:

- CoV to pause land search for child care spaces, since site searches/getting designs/applications done and having only a very few of them approved by the Ministry means a lot of wasted effort.
- Timing of when Ministry approves child care spaces is not in sync for the three offices; Ministry also mandates confidentiality so we cannot compare notes.
- Child care operators are switching away from \$10 A Day model because they cannot afford staff wages under the funding model.

Committee / Organization Actions:

May 26, 2025

ITEM 9.1

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Christopher Richardson, Trustee

RE: Notice of Motion – Allocation of Contingency Reserve to Support Summer Clinic Psychoeducational Assessments

*Reference to
Education Plan*

**GOALS AND
OBJECTIVES:**

Goal 1: The Vancouver School Board will improve student achievement, physical and mental well-being, and belonging by...

- Increasing literacy, numeracy and deep, critical, and creative thinking.

Goal 2: The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by...

- Eliminating gaps in achievement and outcomes among students.

REFERENCE TO VSB POLICY

*Please indicate if the proposed motion relates to an existing policies from the [Board Policy Handbook](#).
You must check one or more boxes.*

- ☐ Relates to Policy No.
- ☒ This is an action motion and does not change or contradict any existing policies from the Board Policy Handbook

PROPOSED MOTION

THAT the Board of Education allocate \$80,000 from the contingency reserve to fund psychoeducational assessments in a Summer 2025 Clinic and that the contingency reserve be replenished by surplus funds, if available at the end of the 2024-2025 financial year.

RATIONALE

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) has a practice of utilizing surplus funds to finance additional assessments during the summer period. The one-time allocation of \$80,000 will ensure that this practice continues in the summer of 2025, enabling up to 28 additional assessments to be carried out in a Summer 2025 Clinic. This initiative will provide classroom teachers and school teams additional information to inform supports as students commence the 2025 – 2026 academic year.

Vancouver School District Open Board Meeting

May 26, 2025



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Meeting Decorum

The Board has a strong commitment to ethical conduct. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that our meetings are conducted in a safe and respectful manner.

As a Board of Education for a school district, it is important that we model the behavior that we expect of students in their schools.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introductions

Introductions of Trustees and Staff

ITEM 2.0

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

That the minutes of the May 5, 2025 meeting be adopted.

ITEM 3.0

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

SUPERINTENDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS

May 26, 2025

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRIBUTE



Neighbourhood Houses

OUR VSB

Improving student achievement

Science and technology



Improving student achievement - *Arts*



Increasing equity and improving stewardship of resources



Continuing Reconciliation



Indigenous-focused learning



VSB After the Bell



Episode 33 - Sexual Education

Wellness, Health and Safety Statement

ITEM 4.0

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

ITEM 5.1

2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW (THIRD READING)

5.1 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw (Third Reading)

That School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026
be:

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 26th day of May, 2025.

ITEM 6.0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1.1 Finance and Personnel Committee Report Meeting of May 14, 2025

That the report of the May 14, 2025 meeting be received.

6.1.2 Matters Arising School Fee Schedules for 2025-2026

That the Board approve the school fee schedules for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.2.1 Policy and Governance Committee Report Meeting of May 14, 2025

That the report of the May 14, 2025 meeting be received.

ITEM 7.0

REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION

ITEM 8.0

REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE

REPRESENTATIVES

ITEM 9.0

NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Notice of Motion from Trustee Richardson

Allocation of Contingency Reserve to Support Summer Clinic Psychoeducational Assessments

THAT the Board of Education allocate \$80,000 from the contingency reserve to fund psychoeducational assessments in a Summer 2025 Clinic and that the contingency reserve be replenished by surplus funds, if available at the end of the 2024-2025 financial year.

9.2 Notice of Motion from Trustee Jung

Research to inform advocacy for fully funded Universal Food Program for all Vancouver School Board schools

To be brought forward at the June 23, 2025 meeting.

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Vancouver School District Meeting in session

The meeting will resume shortly

ITEM 10

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

ITEM 11

ADJOURNMENT

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TIME**
