

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2024 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, September 23, 2024, at 7:00pm. The meeting was live streamed.

Trustees Present:

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

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
Ron Macdonald, Director of Facilities
James deHoop, Senior Manager, Planning
Cherry Mak, Accounting Supervisor
Paul Rosberg, Budget Manager
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), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

1.2. Opening Remarks

In her opening remarks, the Chairperson shared and acknowledged the following on behalf of the Board:

- Best wishes to the school community and staff for the upcoming school year.
- Welcome of Executive Director of Facilities, Jessie Gresley-Jones.

- Unveiling of the new seismically safe Eric Hamber Secondary School and staff and students settling into the new Henry Hudson Elementary School.
- Start of school year gatherings, such as the meeting with VSB Principals and Vice Principals at the Musqueam Cultural Centre.
- The significance of orange shirts and the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. Meeting of June 24, 2024

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by C. Richardson, that the minutes of the June 24, 2024 Board meeting be adopted.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2. Matters Arising from the Minutes - None

3. STUDENT TRUSTEE OATH OF OFFICE

The Secretary Treasurer administered the oath of office for student trustee elect Athena Yu. The Chair welcomed Athena Yu as the student trustee for the 2024-2025 school year.

3.1. Student Trustee Report

The Student Trustee presented the first report of her term. She introduced herself to the Board and noted that the Vancouver District Students' Council would have their first general meeting on September 24, 2024.

The Chair noted that Trustee Chan-Pedley is the trustee mentor for the student trustee.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

4.1. Superintendent's Highlights

The Superintendent shared a presentation that highlighted recent events and achievements for the District, including the following:

- Superintendent's tribute and recognition for positive contributions from Patty Beatch, Employee Wellness Manager and Science World for their work supporting students through the Super Science Club.
- Activities over the summer including summer learning programs through Rec & Read and VLN, staff participation in the Vancouver Pride Parade, and work of the Learning Information Technology team in introducing technological upgrades to support students and staff.
- Work of the VSB Facilities team in completing 94 projects over the summer including accessibility upgrades for washrooms.
- Efforts of the Recruitment team in promoting employment opportunities at the VSB, including participation in Vancouver Career fairs, Main St. Car Free Day and a Work BC event.
- Back to school events including students first day at the new Henry Hudson Elementary, welcome and learning for school administrators at the Musqueam Cultural Centre and acknowledgement of Business Operations staff for their support in welcoming students back to school.

- Students return to Tecumseh Elementary School following the flood and appreciation for school staff in supporting students and their families during this time.
- Unveiling of the new seismically safe Eric Hamber Secondary School.
- Highlighting parent/guardian and teacher communication through an After the Bell Podcast released at the end of September.
- Observance of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on September 30th and school and District staff learning on September 27th.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. EDUCATION PLAN COMMITTEE

5.1.1 Report: Meeting of September 04, 2024

The Chairperson of the Committee, L. Chan-Pedley, presented the report of the September 04, 2024 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Annual Report
- School Learning Plans

Moved by L. Chan-Pedley, seconded by C. Richardson, that the report of the September 04, 2024 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 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Annual Report

Moved by L. Chan-Pedley, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Board approve the District Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Annual Report 2023-2024 for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by October 1, 2024.

Trustees asked questions and the Secretary Treasurer provided clarifying responses. Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

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

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

5.1.2.2 School Learning Plans

Moved by L. Chan-Pedley, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Board approve the school learning plans and direct the Superintendent of Schools to make the school learning plans available to parents/guardians of students attending each school in the Vancouver school district.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Chan-Pedley noted that the school learning plans included in the September 23, 2024 Board package differed slightly from the plans presented at the September 4, 2024 Education

Plan Committee meeting and that some of the data points referenced in the reports first presented were removed to mask potential identification of students.

5.2. AUDIT COMMITTEE

5.2.1 Matters Arising

5.2.1.1 Audited Financial Statements June 30, 2024

Moved by J. Zhang, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approve the Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) for the year ended June 30, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

5.3.1 Report: Meeting of September 11, 2024

The Chairperson of the Committee, J. Zhang, presented the report of the September 11, 2024 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Audited Financial Statements June 30, 2024
- Staffing and Recruitment Update
- Wellness and Occupational Health and Safety Update

Moved by J. Zhang, seconded by A. Chien, that the report of the September 11, 2024 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

5.3.2 Matters Arising - None

5.4. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

5.4.1 Report: Meeting of September 11, 2024

The Chairperson of the Committee, V. Jung, presented the report of the September 11, 2024 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- 2025-2026 Minor Capital Plan
- Child Care Update
- Major Capital and Annual Facilities Grant Projects Update

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by J. Zhang, that the report of the September 11, 2024 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

5.4.2 Matters Arising

5.4.2.1 2025-2026 Minor Capital Plan

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by J. Zhang, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approve the 2025-2026 Minor Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chairperson announced the on-line link for submitting questions to this meeting would now be closed.

6. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION

6.1 Meeting of June 24, 2024

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the September 23, 2024 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of June 24, 2024 the Board discussed personnel, property, legal matters and business interests, and Trustees Faridkot and Richardson recused themselves from the meeting prior to discussion of an item due to a potential conflict of interest.

6.2 Meeting of September 12, 2024

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the September 23, 2024 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of September 12, 2024 the Board discussed property, legal matters and business interests.

The Board Chair informed the Board that there would not be a report on private session for the September 23, 2024 Private Board meeting as the meeting has not yet concluded and that the report on this session would take place at the October 28, 2024 Public Board meeting.

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 July 18, 2024

7.2. Report from Trustee Fraser on the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting held on July 15, 2024

7.3. Reports from Trustee Reddy on:

7.3.1 Older Persons Advisory Committee meeting held on July 19, 2024

7.3.2 Renters' Advisory Committee meeting held on July 31, 2024

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. South Portion of Fleming School Site (1455 EAST 49TH AVENUE): Disposition By-Law

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the report in the agenda package entitled ***South Portion of Fleming School Site (1455 East 49TH Avenue): Disposition By-Law***. She provided background and reviewed the key due diligence steps undertaken since the Board approved the motion to declare the southern portion of the Fleming School site as surplus to the educational needs of the District and authorized staff to proceed with the disposition process. She highlighted the main points in the report, and noted that Ministerial approval was received in December 2022, followed by the City of Vancouver's subdivision approval in June 2023. She reported that Vittori Developments Ltd. was

selected as the tenant, and that the Board had reviewed the terms of the Ground Lease at the September 12, 2024 Private Board meeting. She shared general terms of the ground lease, noting that the land use proposed by Vittori Developments aligns with City policies favouring rental housing and with the District's enablement of workforce housing. She concluded her presentation by informing the Board that the remaining step to complete the due diligence process related to the offer to lease is for the Board to adopt the Disposition Bylaw.

Trustees asked questions and staff provided clarifying responses.

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by J. Zhang, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Southern Portion of Fleming School Site Ground Lease Bylaw, 2024 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

DEFEATED

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

Against: A. Chien, S. Mah, J. Reddy

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by C. Richardson that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Southern Portion of Fleming School Site Ground Lease Bylaw, 2024 be

Read a first time this 23rd day of September, 2024;

Read a second time this 23rd day of September, 2024;

CARRIED

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

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

In response to a trustee's question, the Chair informed the Board that since the motion to approve all three readings of the bylaw was not approved unanimously at the September 23, 2024 Public Board meeting, a Special Public Board meeting will be held on September 25, 2024 for the Board to consider the third reading of the bylaw.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Eric Hamber Secondary Shop Equipment

Associate Superintendent A. Ogden presented a report, entitled ***Eric Hamber Secondary Shop Equipment***, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda. The report was prepared in response to the motion approved by the Board at the April 24, 2024 Public Board meeting and includes information on the cost and implications of replacing the shop equipment with new equipment in the new Eric Hamber Secondary School. She referred to Appendix A that lists a breakdown of costs to replace the current equipment and noted that the estimated total cost, including installation, to replace the current equipment with new equivalent equipment is \$402K.

In response to a trustee's question, the Associate Superintendent clarified that there was a discrepancy in the wording in Appendix A of the report. She explained that although the installation cost is not itemized for each piece of equipment, it is included in the total for each of the three categories and in the grand total of \$402K.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION – None

11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairperson reminded listeners that only questions regarding governance would be addressed at the public question period, and that all operational questions would be referred to staff.

She reported that four questions were received during the public question period related to the following:

- Two questions regarding Audited Financial Statements
- A question regarding enrolment projections
- An operational question regarding a staffing matter

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:37 pm.

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer

Victoria Jung, Chairperson