Vancouver School Board

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 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 Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 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 Freddie Zhang (Student Trustee)
Trustees Absent with Regrets:	Jennifer Reddy Joshua Zhang
Senior Team Members Present:	Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Schools Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent Maureen McRae-Stanger, Associate Superintendent Janis Myers, Associate Superintendent Alison Ogden, Associate Superintendent Jessie Gresley-Jones, Executive Director, Facilities Lorelei Russell, Executive Director, Finance
Also Present:	Jiana Chow, Communications Manager Judy Mah, Executive Coordinator (Recorder)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1. Land Acknowledgement

The Chairperson called the meeting to order. She acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

1.2. Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed members of the audience to the meeting. She reviewed meeting decorum, and the process for submitting questions to the Board during question period. She noted that members of the audience could also submit questions for the Public Question Period using the device available in the boardroom. She then encouraged all participants to put their phones away or on silent to ensure effective engagement and interactive discussion.

In her opening remarks, the Chairperson noted that it was the final Board meeting of the year and acknowledged June milestones and achievements across the District, including graduations, sports days and performances. She highlighted the importance of connection, equity and inclusion, and recognized Pride Month, the student-led DEI conference and National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2026. She congratulated graduates and their families, thanked staff for their commitment and support throughout the school year and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Mah requested an amendment to the agenda to add as item 9.2, a proposed motion to pause the suspension of the Britannia Hockey Academy for the 2026-27 school year.

The Chairperson called a recess at 7:08 pm to allow staff time to add the proposed motion to the overhead presentation. The meeting resumed at 7:12 pm.

The Chairperson noted that a two-thirds vote was required to add the proposed motion to the agenda.

Amendment to Agenda

Moved by S. Mah, seconded by C. Richardson, that the following motion be added as item 9.2 on tonight's agenda:

"That the Vancouver School Board pause the suspension of the Britannia Hockey Academy for the 2026-27 school year and that the VSB:

a) establish transparent enrollment targets and timelines for program viability,
b) work with Britannia's PAC, alumni, minor hockey associations, and Indigenous community leaders in 2026-27 to aggressively promote the program and rebuild enrolment, and
c) look for new and innovative ways to promote and publicize this local program for student athletes who are unable to afford the private for-profit hockey academies in the Lower Mainland."

Trustee Mah provided her rationale for the amendment. Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

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

Trustees then voted on the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Public Delegation Meeting of May 25, 2026
3.2 Board Meeting of May 27, 2026
3.3 Public Delegation Meeting of June 15, 2026

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by A. Chien, that the minutes of the May 25, 2026 Public Delegation Board meeting, May 27, 2026 Board meeting and June 15, 2026 Public Delegation meeting 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

3.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

4.1. Superintendent's Highlights

The Superintendent shared a presentation highlighting recent events and achievements across the District, their significance and impact on students and families, and alignment with the VSB Education Plan, including:

- Celebrations for Pride Month and activities commemorating National Indigenous History Month.
- Grade 12 Indigenous Graduation on June 11, 2026 celebrating 105 Indigenous graduates.
- Student Leadership Fund celebration showcasing 74 student-led projects focused on belonging, creative expression, skill development and student voice.

- VSB participation in the Skills Canada National Competition, with four students recognized for their achievements.
- VSB's seventh annual Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Conference on June 5, 2026 at Simon Fraser University featuring the theme, Amplifying Story.
- FIT for Learning webinars on resilience, mental strength, goal setting and media literacy.
- Connecting with Families, featuring an After the Bell episode on digital literacy and building better tech habits.
- Summer learning opportunities across the District, including the Rec & Read Program for students requiring targeted literacy support.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

5.1.1 Report: Meeting of June 3, 2026

The Chairperson of the Committee, P. Faridkot, presented the report of the June 3, 2026 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- 2027-2028 Five-Year Capital Plan and Minor Capital Plan
- Rezoning Requirements for the New Elementary School at Olympic Village
- Child Care Update
- Secure Bike Infrastructure

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by J. Fraser, that the report of the June 3, 2026 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 2027-2028 Five-Year Capital Plan and Minor Capital Plan

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by C. Richardson, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approve the 2027-2028 Five-Year Major Capital Plan and the 2027-2028 Minor Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure;
AND Further;
That the Board request approval from the Ministry of Infrastructure to use $27,360,000 of Ministry Restricted Capital to fund the following capital improvements: up to $11,360,000 for building system upgrades, up to $10,000,000 for accessible inclusive washroom upgrades and up to $6,000,000 for the removal of vacant buildings.

Trustees engaged in discussion, then voted on the motion.

CARRIED

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

5.1.2.2 Rezoning Requirements for the New Elementary School at Olympic Village

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by C. Richardson, that the School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Olympic Village Elementary School Rezoning Charges Bylaw, 2026 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

Trustees engaged in discussion regarding the motion.

In response to a trustee's question, the Secretary Treasurer informed the Board that any debate that occurs at this point should focus on whether three readings of the bylaw should be given at this meeting, and not on the substance of the bylaw itself.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

That the School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Olympic Village Elementary School Rezoning Charges Bylaw, 2026 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

At the Board Chair's request, the Secretary-Treasurer clarified that the abstention was not counted as a vote and therefore did not prevent unanimous approval of the motion. The bylaw was accordingly permitted to proceed through all three readings at the meeting.

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by C. Richardson, that the School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Olympic Village Elementary School Rezoning Charges Bylaw, 2026 be:
Read a first time the 17th day of June, 2026;
Read a second time the 17th day of June, 2026;
Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 17th day of June, 2026.

Following comments from a trustee, the Board voted on the motion that was on the floor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5.2.1 Matters Arising from the November 12, 2025 Meeting

5.2.1.1 Process for Review and Update of the Education Plan and Policy 1 – Foundational Statements

The Superintendent presented the report, titled ***Process for Review and Update of the Education Plan and Policy 1 – Foundational Statements***, a copy of which was on file with the meeting agenda. She provided background on the legislative requirement, process and timeline for boards of education and school districts to develop multi-year strategic plans to guide operations. She described how VSB's current Education Plan, which is embedded in Policy 1 – Foundational Statements, was developed and noted that it would remain in place through the 2026/27 school year while an updated plan is developed for implementation beginning in the 2027/28 school year. She summarized staff's recommendation to review and update VSB's strategic plan and Policy 1 through a phased process, based on feedback received at the November 12, 2025 Policy and Governance Committee meeting.

She concluded her presentation by reading the recommendation in the report, which was then moved and seconded.

Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Board approve the process and timeline for the review and update of the VSB Strategic Plan and Policy 1 – Foundational Statements, as outlined in this report; and that the Board direct the superintendent to undertake evidence gathering, internal engagement and planning for engagement in 2026, with final recommendations being brought to the Board following the 2026 trustee election.

Trustees asked questions and provided comments, with staff providing clarification before the Board voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1. Matters Arising from the May 27, 2026 Board Meeting: Trustee Remuneration

The Chair introduced the report, noting that the matter arose from the Board's adoption of Policy 6 – Trustee Remuneration and Expense Policy at the May 27, 2026 Board meeting. She further noted that the policy requires trustee remuneration levels to be set for the Board term beginning after the 2026 General Local Elections.

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by C. Richardson, that the Board approve the following remuneration levels effective November 1, 2026:

- **Board Chair: $54,100**
- **Board Vice Chair: $47,800**
- **Trustees: $41,600**

Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

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

7. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The Student Trustee presented the final report of the 2025–2026 school year, highlighting student voice through the Vancouver District Students' Council (VDSC) Arts Gala and the June 11, 2026 Student Leadership Fund Celebration, where students shared creative work, project outcomes and reflections on their learning. He noted that the final VDSC General Meeting would be held on June 16, 2026, and reflected on key lessons from the term, including advocacy, student representation and the importance of uplifting underrepresented voices. He also highlighted VDSC's work and achievements related to mental health supports and budget advocacy. He concluded his update by thanking students, staff, the Board and the VDSC Senior Executive team, and reaffirming his commitment to serving students in a second term and ensuring student voices continue to inform District decisions.

Trustees provided comments and asked questions, and the student trustee responded.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the Student Trustee's commitment and contributions over the past year.

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

8. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

8.1 Report from Trustee Mah on the City of Vancouver Youth, Children, and Family Advisory Committee meeting held on May 28, 2026

The Chairperson thanked Trustee Mah for submitting a liaison trustee report for the City of Vancouver Youth, Children, and Family Advisory Committee.

The Chair called a recess at 8:15 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:33 pm.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 6.

The Secretary Treasurer presented the report, titled, ***School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 6,*** a copy of which was on file with the meeting agenda. She informed the Board that the *School Act* requires the Board to adopt a bylaw establishing procedures for trustee elections.

She introduced the proposed School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 6, noting that the bylaw reflect current legislation, aligns with the City of Vancouver's election bylaw, and was developed with advice from legal counsel and BC School Trustees Association, and feedback from City of Vancouver.

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by S. Mah, that the School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 6 be given three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by C. Richardson, that the School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 6 be:
Read a first time the 17th day of June, 2026;
Read a second time the 17th day of June, 2026;
Read a third and final time, passed and adopted 17th day of June, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Trustee Motion

Moved by S. Mah, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Vancouver School Board pause the suspension of the Britannia Hockey Academy for the 2026-27 school year and that the VSB:

a) establish transparent enrollment targets and timelines for program viability,
b) work with Britannia's PAC, alumni, minor hockey associations, and Indigenous community leaders in 2026-27 to aggressively promote the program and rebuild enrolment, and
c) look for new and innovative ways to promote and publicize this local program for student athletes who are unable to afford the private for-profit hockey academies in the Lower Mainland.

Trustee Mah provided her rationale for the motion, and discussion ensued.

Board members provided comments and asked questions and staff responded.

Trustee Fraser requested an amendment to the motion, to remove "pause the suspension of the Britannia Hockey Academy for the 2026-27 school year and that the VSB: establish transparent enrollment targets and timelines for program viability."

Amendment to the Motion:

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by A. Chien, that the Vancouver School Board ~~pause the suspension of the Britannia Hockey Academy for the 2026-27 school year and that the VSB:~~
~~a) establish transparent enrollment targets and timelines for program viability,~~
~~b)~~ a) work with Britannia's PAC, alumni, minor hockey associations, and Indigenous community leaders in 2026-27 to aggressively promote the program and rebuild enrolment, and
~~c.~~ b) look for new and innovative ways to promote and publicize this local program for student athletes who are unable to afford the private for-profit hockey academies in the Lower Mainland.

Trustees engaged in debate on the amendment to the motion. They expressed their views and asked questions and staff responded. Following discussion, trustees voted on the amendment to the motion.

DEFEATED

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

Trustees Chien requested to amend the motion, to extend the deadline to pause the suspension to the end of August 2026.

Amendment to the Motion:

Moved by A. Chien, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Vancouver School Board pause the suspension until the end of August 2026 of the Britannia Hockey Academy for the 2026-27 school year and that the VSB:

a) establish transparent enrollment targets and timelines for program viability,
b) work with Britannia's PAC, alumni, minor hockey associations, and Indigenous community leaders in 2026-27 to aggressively promote the program and rebuild enrolment, and
c) look for new and innovative ways to promote and publicize this local program for student athletes who are unable to afford the private for-profit hockey academies in the Lower Mainland.

Board members engaged in discussion, then voted on the amendment to the motion.

DEFEATED

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

Trustees returned to the main motion.

Main Motion:

That the Vancouver School Board pause the suspension of the Britannia Hockey Academy for the 2026-27 school year and that the VSB:

a) establish transparent enrollment targets and timelines for program viability,
b) work with Britannia's PAC, alumni, minor hockey associations, and Indigenous community leaders in 2026-27 to aggressively promote the program and rebuild enrolment, and
c) look for new and innovative ways to promote and publicize this local program for student athletes who are unable to afford the private for-profit hockey academies in the Lower Mainland.

Board members engaged in discussion, then voted on the motion that was on the floor.

DEFEATED

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

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion submitted for the meeting.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairperson informed the board that three questions were received during the public question period pertaining to the following:

- Decision on Britannia Hockey Academy
- Resource Teacher Staffing
- Board Reporting

12. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION

11.1 Special Meeting of June 8, 2026 and June 9, 2026

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the June 17, 2026 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of June 8, 2026 and June 9, 2026, the Board discussed an appeal matter.

11.2 Special Meeting of June 17, 2026

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the June 17, 2026 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of June 17, 2026, the Board discussed a personnel matter.

The Board Chair noted that there was no report from the June 17, 2026 Private Board meeting, as the private session had not yet concluded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:21 pm.

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer	Victoria Jung, Chairperson