

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 38 (RICHMOND)
7811 GRANVILLE AVENUE, RICHMOND, BC (via ZOOM)
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present:	Chairperson	S. Nixon
	Trustees	D. Tablotney
		N. Goldstein
		K. Hamaguchi
		H. Larson
		D. Sargent
		R. Lee
	Superintendent of Schools	S. Robinson
	Deputy Superintendent	R. Ryan
	Secretary Treasurer	C. Wang
	Assistant Superintendent	L. Archer
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Brautigam
	Executive Director, Facilities Services	F. Geyer
	Executive Director , Learning Services	J. MacMillan
	Executive Director, Learning & Business Technologies	R. Laing
	Director, Communications & Marketing	D. Sadler
	Director, Richmond International Education	S. Sephton
	Executive Assistant, Recording Secretary	J. Coronel
	Executive Assistant, Recording Secretary	H. Shen

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Z. Xu, Student, Richmond International Education presented as part of Item 6 (b)

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the hənq̓əminəm' (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Secretary-Treasurer Wang - A reminder was made for those who joined the meeting to please ensure that video was turned off and microphones muted to eliminate background noise; there will be two question periods as pertain to the agenda, and questions sent to the Board meeting email account will be read out. For those who have not already submitted questions, there is an opportunity to via: boardmeetings@sd38.bc.ca; or through the Q and A feature in Zoom.

For the public joining the meeting, they are able to listen to the meeting but not speak or use chatbox during the meeting; and an audio/video recording of the meeting will be made available for viewing after this meeting.

1. Recognition of Visitors, Announcements and Updates from Trustees

(a) Recognition of Visitors

The Chairperson welcomed the gallery to the meeting.

- (b) **Trustee Tablotney** - On November 5, 2021, the Richmond School District celebrates our support staff and the numerous contributions they make throughout the year. Within our District, there are over one thousand support staff roles that operate in a variety of capacities, and all of these individuals play a part in the success of our school system in one way or another.

During the pandemic, their contributions have become even more important, and we are grateful for the way our support staff have gone above and beyond in so many ways.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to express my gratitude to all of our support staff who help to make the Richmond School District the best place to learn and lead.

- (c) **Any materials not included in packages available to the public.**

The Secretary Treasurer noted that all materials had been made available to the public.

2. Adoption of Agenda

118/2021 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY D. SARGENT:

THAT the Wednesday, September 22, 2021 Regular agenda of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations, Special Recognitions, Briefs and Questions from the Public

- (a) **Presentations**

Nil.

- (b) **Special Recognitions**

Nil.

- (c) **Briefs**

Nil.

- (d) **Questions from the Public**

4. Executive

The Superintendent welcomed all attendees and provided a presentation titled "Around the District". The presentation highlighted a wide variety of school activities both in and out of the classroom over the last two months. While there is a sense of excitement for many about being back in person as people are gradually moving towards a greater sense of normalcy, the District acknowledges there are also many students, families and employees who are still dealing with the effects of the pandemic.

The District will continue to be sensitive to the challenges relating to the pandemic but is grateful to be in a much more positive position overall compared to a year ago. The Superintendent expressed gratitude to staff across the district, both in and out of schools, who are going above and beyond to support our students.

5. Approval of Minutes

- (a) Regular meeting of the Board held September 22, 2021

119/2021 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY N. GOLDSTEIN:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) approve the Minutes of Wednesday, September 22, 2021 Regular meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) A Record of an In-camera meeting of the Board held September 22, 2021 was included for information.

6. Business Arising

- (a) **2021 FTE Enrolment Update**

The Deputy Superintendent presented highlights from his report which provided an update regarding K-12 school-aged fulltime equivalent (FTE) totals and corresponding funding implications when comparing projections to actuals for September 2021. Trustees had a number of questions.

- (b) **Richmond International Education Update**

The Director, International Education presented his report which outlined the recent successes and challenges of the program as well as future plans to facilitate continued success. A current student in the Richmond International Education program shared his learning and cultural experience. Trustees had a number of questions and positive comments for the student and the Director.

7. New Business

- (a) **K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies**

Trustee Larson declared a conflict of interest, and read the following statement: *I have received advice from the BC Public School Employer's Association indicating that I should not participate in any board of education discussion or decision pertaining to the issue of a mandatory employee vaccination policy due to a conflict of interest. A close family member is an employee of the Richmond School District. I am therefore formally declaring myself to be in a position of conflict of interest and will be excusing myself from any discussion regarding this matter.*

Trustee Larson left the meeting at 8:18pm

A report from the Superintendent of Schools was provided under separate cover and uploaded to the District site. A summary of the K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies was provided.

Trustee Larson rejoined the meeting at 8:30pm.

(b) **Board Advocacy - Foundational Skills Assessment**

Trustee Sargent expressed that she will not be in support of the Board Advocacy letter, referencing that representatives of FNSEC (First Nations Education Steering Committee) have advocated for results to be shared publicly to bring awareness and to inform additional support to improve First Nations student successes.

120/2021 MOVED BY S. NIXON AND SECONDED BY D. TABLOTNEY:

THAT the Richmond Board of Education write to the Minister of Education in support of the request made through Motion 12 (passed at the BCSTA 2021 AGM), that the Ministry of Education only provide access to the results of the Foundation Skills Assessment to school district staff and parents/guardians;

AND FURTHER THAT, to seek clarity as to whether the Ministry is legally required to publicly disclose FSA results.

CARRIED

NEGATIVE: N. Goldstein
R. Lee
D. Sargent

8. Questions from the Public: Tonight's Agenda

There were no questions regarding the agenda items.

9. (a) Audit Committee

Chair: Donna Sargent

Vice Chair: Norman Goldstein

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022.

(b) Education Committee

Chair: Heather Larson

Vice Chair: Donna Sargent

(i) Minutes of meeting held June 16, 2021 were attached for information.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6 pm.

(c) Facilities and Building Committee

Chair: Ken Hamaguchi

Vice Chair: Norman Goldstein

(i) Minutes of meeting held June 2, 2021 were attached for information.

A meeting was held on October 6, 2021. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

(d) **Finance and Legal Committee**

Chair: Debbie Tablotney

Vice Chair: Ken Hamaguchi

- (i) Minutes of meeting held May 19, 2021 were attached for information.
- (ii) Trustee Expenses for 3 months ending June 30, 2021

121/2021 MOVED BY D. TABLOTNEY AND SECONDED N. GOLDSTEIN BY:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond) is paying for expenses incurred by the Trustees in the discharge of their duties,

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond) approves Trustees' expenses paid during the three-month period ended June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$2,368.17.

CARRIED

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 11 am.

(e) **Policy Committee**

Chair: Sandra Nixon

Vice Chair: Debbie Tablotney

- (i) Minutes of the meetings held June 14, 2021 and September 27, 2021 were attached for information.
- (ii) A Notice of Motion for a Recommendation was presented. Policy 310/310-R: *Emergency Management* will be presented for final approval at the November 24, 2021 Public Board meeting.
- (iii) A Notice of Motion for a Recommendation was presented. Policy 204/204-R: *Creation and Revision of Policy and Regulations* will be presented for final approval at the November 24, 2021 Public Board meeting.
- (iv) **RECOMMENDATION:** Policy 204: *Creation and Revision of Policy and Regulations*.

122/2021 MOVED BY D. TABLOTNEY AND SECONDED BY H. LARSON:

In accordance with Board Policy 204: *Creation and Revision of Policy and Regulations*, this RECOMMENDATION to the October 27, 2021 Public meeting of the Board of Education (Richmond) is to approve that **Policy 804.1/804.1-R: Community Use of District Facilities** and **Policy 804.4: Fees for Use of District Facilities** be entered into the Stakeholder Consultation process for feedback and questions by December 3, 2021.

CARRIED

A meeting was held on October 18, 2021. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 11 am.

10. Correspondence

- (a) Nil.

11. Board Committee and Representative Reports

- (a) **Council/Board Liaison Committee**

A meeting was held on October 13, 2021. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 9:30 am.

123/2021 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY D. TABLOTNEY:

THAT the Regular meeting of Wednesday, October 27, 2021 of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adjourned at 9:07 pm.

CARRIED

S. NIXON,
CHAIRPERSON

C. WANG,
SECRETARY TREASURER