

School District No. 38 (Richmond)
7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC V6Y 3E3

FINANCE & LEGAL COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of a **PUBLIC** meeting of the Finance & Legal Committee held via Zoom meeting, on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Present:

Deborah Tablotney, Chairperson
Ken Hamaguchi, Vice-Chairperson
Richard Lee, Trustee Member
Heather Larson, Trustee Alternate
Cindy Wang, Secretary Treasurer
Maria Fu, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Frank Geyer, Executive Director, Facilities Services/Richmond Project Team
Liz Baverstock, President, Richmond Teachers' Association
Tim Mccracken, 1st Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association
Tanya Major, President, Richmond Association of School Administrators
Roger Corbin, Richmond Management Administrators Professional Staff
Dave Madeira, Vice President, Richmond District Parents Association
Joyce Coronel, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Laura Buchanan, Executive Director, Human Resources

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 22, 2021 public meeting was approved as circulated.

3. **TRUSTEES' EXPENSES FOR THE 3 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

It was agreed that a **RECOMMENDATION** be forwarded to the November 24, 2021 meeting of the Board:

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 September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$870.00.

4. **2022/2023 BUDGET PROCESS TIMELINES**

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the draft budget process timelines as included in the agenda package. She explained that the Budget 2022/2023 process and timeline will continue with the same process used in the previous year. The process will provide the opportunity for stakeholders, staff, trustees and public to provide input and feedback through the budget development process from January to April 2022. The 2022/2023 Budget process and timeline will come to the Board for their approval in the December 15 Public Board Meeting.

Following inquiry from the President, Richmond Teachers' Association, discussion ensued on the district's request for additional funding under the Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF). The Secretary Treasurer clarified that they have yet to receive feedback from the Ministry of Education on the funding recalculation.

The Chairperson suggested the option of the Board advocating for additional CEF funding. The President, Richmond Teachers' Association suggested to wait for the Ministry's response before the Board starts on advocacy efforts.

5. **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET 2022 CONSULTATION**

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the Report on the Budget 2022 Consultation from the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, with Recommendations on the following areas for the K-12 Education Sector:

- Capital Funding
- Operational Funding

- Distributed Learning and Independent Schools
- Recruitment and Retention
- Students with Special Needs
- Vulnerable Students

The Chairperson noted that it is unfortunate that a recommendation on providing seismic upgrade projects was not included in the Report.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE – WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19, 2022 at 11:00 am

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Tablotney, Chairperson
Finance & Legal Committee