

2022 School Trustee Election

Candidate Information Session

Date: August 31, 2022, 6:30PM

Location: School Board Office, 7811 Granville Ave, Richmond

Indigenous Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered today on the traditional and unceded territories of the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm' language group.



Agenda

- **Land Acknowledgement and Welcome**
 - Superintendent Scott Robinson
- **Context**
 - K-12 Education in British Columbia
 - Relevant legislation
- **Richmond School District**
 - District Overview
 - Board of Education
 - Strategic Plan
 - Role of School Trustees
- **General Election Information**

K-12 Education in British Columbia

- The K-12 education system is co-governed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care (MOE) and Boards of Education
- Ministry of Education
 - Sets overall direction for K-12 education (curriculum, funding)
 - Determines legal framework from which Boards operate
- Boards of Education
 - Operate school district in accordance with MOE direction and based on aspirations of their community
 - School trustees are elected to be a member of a Board of Education for a four-year term
 - There are seven (7) trustees on the Richmond Board of Education

School Boards in British Columbia

- Responsibilities of boards of education are defined in the *School Act*
- Corporate body
 - Trustees are members of corporate board
 - Authority lies with corporate board, not individual trustees
 - Debate ideas
 - Vote on final decisions
 - Uphold decisions of the Board
- Responsible for the provision of publicly funded education within their jurisdiction

School Act

Relevant Legislation – the *School Act*:

- Part 3 – School Personnel
- Part 4 – School Trustees
 - Establishment of Boards of Education
 - Trustee Qualifications
 - Elections
 - Electors
 - Election Proceedings
 - Holding Office
- Part 5 – Conflict of Interest
- Part 6 – Boards of Education
 - Corporate status and meetings
 - Powers and duties
 - School calendars
- Part 7 – School Property
- Part 8 - Finance

Richmond School District Overview

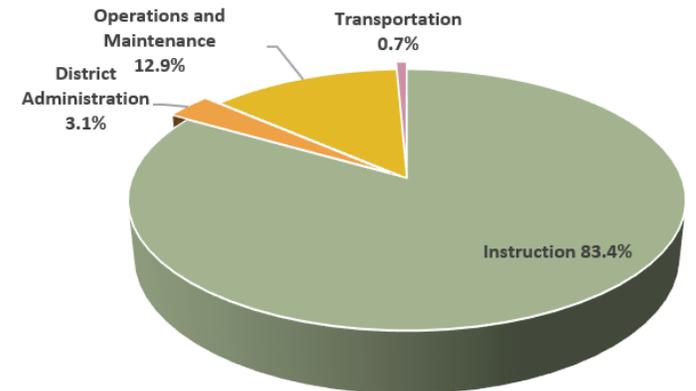
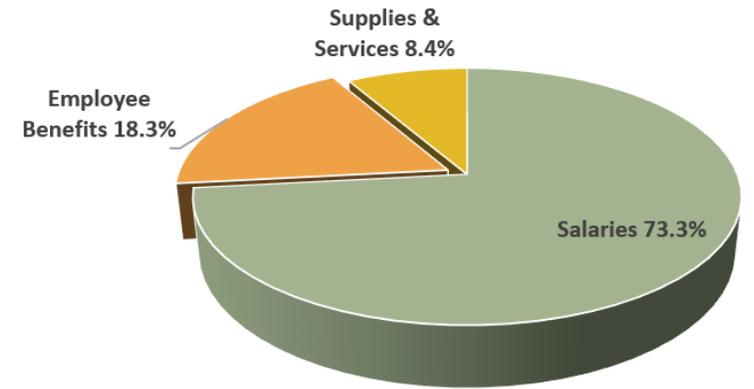
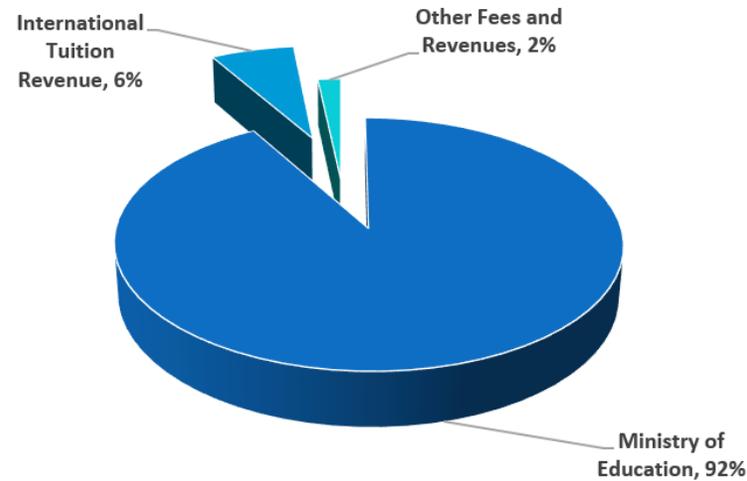
- Located on the traditional and unceded territories of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ language group
- A vibrant learning community that fosters student engagement, creativity and well-being in inclusive and caring learning environments
- Opportunities for all students to help them develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge that will prepare them for an exciting and productive future
- Celebrates and embraces diversity
- Continues to develop positive awareness of and respect for all members of our community

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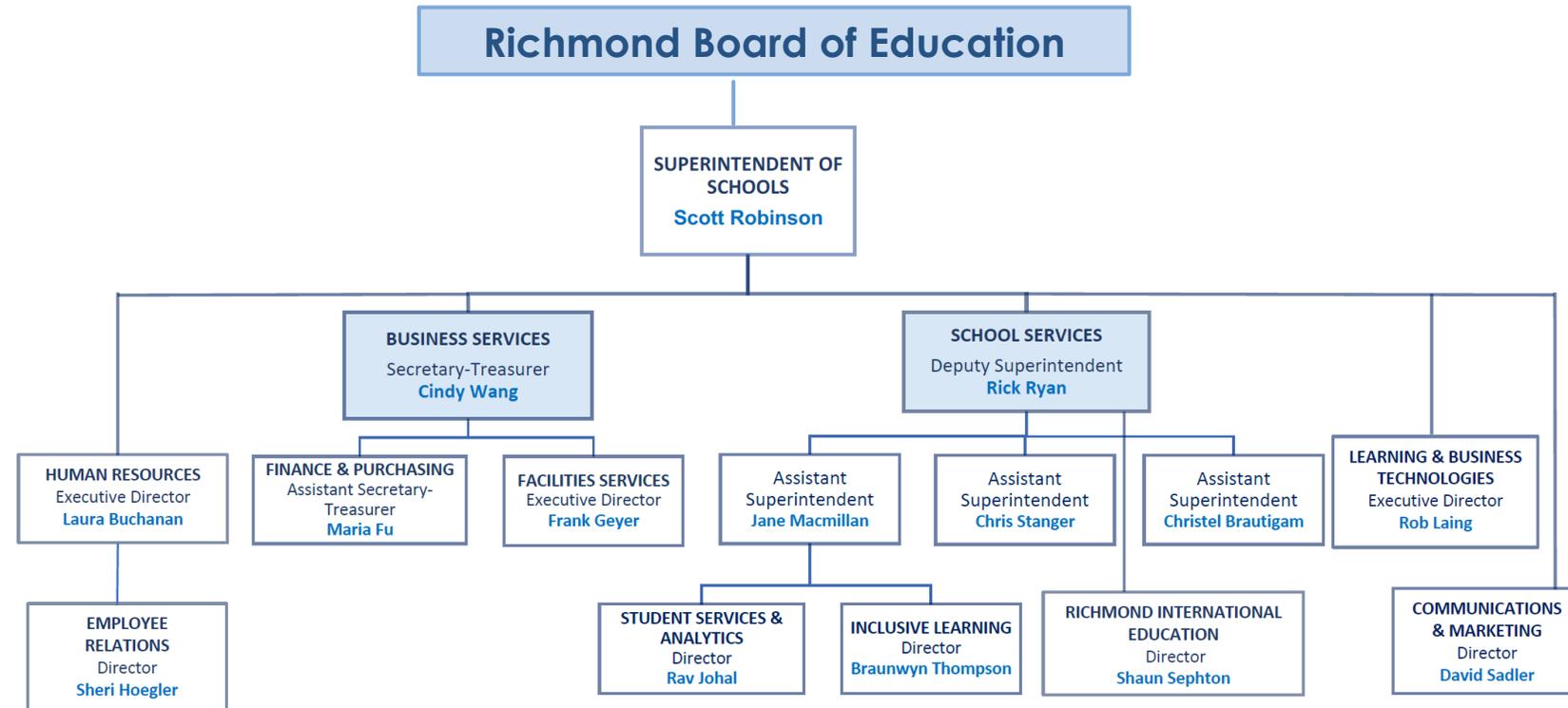
- **47 Schools**
 - 37 elementary schools (K-7)
 - 10 secondary schools (8-12)
 - Richmond International Education
 - Continuing Education
 - Richmond Virtual School
- **20,400 students**
 - 980 students with Ministry designation for diverse learning needs
 - 270 Indigenous education students
 - 6,000 English language learners
 - 700 international students
- **3,300 employees**
 - 1,400 teachers
 - 450 teachers on call
 - 1,000 support staff
 - 300 casual support staff
 - 150 administrators, professional and management staff

District Budget

Total Annual Budget - Over \$280 Million



Organizational Structure



Governance and Management

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Govern the school district
- Formulate policy
- Define board strategic plan
- Make decisions that are legally required
- Approve budget to support strategic directions
- Monitor performance
- Community relations
- Advocacy for the district

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OPERATIONS

- Day-to-day management of the school district
- Guide implementation of all board decisions
- Implement board policy
- Report results to the board
- Corporate executive officers of the board:
 - Superintendent of Schools
 - Secretary Treasurer

Role of Board of Education

- **LOOK, LISTEN & LEARN**
 - School visits, professional development, liaise with partner groups, public consultation and participate in workshops
- **PLAN**
 - Plan, Implement, Evaluate and Plan
 - Five-Year Strategic Plan
 - Facility Plan
 - Budget Planning
- **GOVERN**
 - Set policy, establish priorities, monitor performance, hire and provide superintendent oversight
- **PROVIDE ADVOCACY**
 - BCSTA, Minister of Education, and MLAs

Board Policies

- A framework for good governance, including guiding values, overall purposes and specific goals
- Board Policies:

100 District Philosophy	200 Governance
300 Administration	400 Human Resources
500 Students-Education	510 Students-Programs
520 Students-Services	600 Finance
700 Facilities	800 Community Relations

<https://sd38.bc.ca/board-education/board-policies>

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Inspired Learners

We are all learners — our students and parents, our staff and our community partners. We will provide welcoming and engaging school environments where all can thrive. We aim to inspire everyone in our educational community to be lifelong learners.

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Equity and Inclusion

Equity and inclusion are foundational to learning and leading, and are critical to success, well-being, and fulfillment. It is our mission to ensure that all of our students, families, and staff feel welcomed, are treated respectfully, and have a sense of belonging. We acknowledge our responsibility to support all learners so they may successfully complete their education with a sense of dignity, purpose and options.

3

Optimized Facilities and Technology

We will optimize and improve our facilities and our technology to provide a learning environment that is safe, secure and accessible, and that inspires innovation and creativity.

4

A Progressive Workplace

We will attract and retain the best people by promoting and supporting the health and wellness and professional development of our workforce. We will raise awareness of the Richmond School District as an employer of choice, and as the best place to learn and lead.

5

A Connected Learning Community

Communication and collaboration are crucial within our district, within our schools, and with our partners and communities. We will model collaboration and put in place the opportunities, tools and techniques needed for our communities to connect and to work together.

Strategic Plan 2020-2025

School Facility Capital Projects

Government Support for Capital Projects:

- Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP)
- School Enhancement Program (SEP)
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)
- Bus Replacement Program (BUS)
- Playground Equipment Program (PEP)

Trustee Remuneration

- Trustees represent the public interest in public education, acting as liaison between the community and education system
- Such oversight requires of trustees' knowledge, time and effort
- This work of trustees exercising their duties is recognized by payment of annual stipend
- Annual Remuneration 2022:
 - Chair: \$31,310.24
 - Vice-Chair: \$29,768.96
 - Trustee: \$28,334.80
- Trustee stipends and expenses are governed by Board Policy 203, 203-R and 203-G

Professional Development Opportunities

- Trustees participate in conferences, workshops and seminars that enhance their expertise in the role of trustee
- BC School Trustee Association:
 - Winter Academy (December)
 - Annual General Meeting (April)
- Other self selected or targeted opportunities:
 - BCPSEA
 - Board working sessions (topic specific)

Trustee Time Commitment

- **Monthly Board Meetings:**
 - In-camera meeting
 - Public meeting
- **Board Committees - Monthly Meetings:**
 - Policy Committee
 - Education Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - Finance and Legal Committee
 - Building and Facilities Committee
- **Other Engagement Activities:**
 - Retirement and 25-Year Recognition
 - Partner Group Liaison Meeting
 - Student Leadership Meetings
 - School and Community Events
- **Board Meeting Calendar:** <https://sd38.bc.ca/calendar>

Candidate Eligibility

- Canadian citizen
- 18 or older
- BC resident for 6 months or more
- Must not be disqualified under *School Act* or other legislation from holding office
- Employees of the Board running as candidates in the employer's district
 - Must take a leave from employment effective 1st day of nomination
 - Resign if elected

Important Dates

Key Events	Dates
Nomination Period	August 30 to September 9
Campaign Period	September 17 to October 15
Voting Day	October 15
Inaugural Meeting	November 9
First Board Meeting	November 9
Trustee Orientation	November – early spring

Learn More

- Richmond School District
 - District main page: <https://sd38.bc.ca/>
 - Trustee Election Page: <https://sd38.bc.ca/board-education/trustee-elections>
- *School Act*
 - https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412_00
 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/manual-of-school-law>
- Ministry of Education and Child Care
 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/education>
- BC School Trustees Association
 - <http://www.bcsta.org/>
- BC Public School Employers Association
 - <http://www.bcpsea.bc.ca/>
- City of Richmond Election Page
 - <https://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/elections/services.htm>

Thank You!

Questions?



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