

**MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (RICHMOND),
7811 GRANVILLE AVENUE, RICHMOND, BC
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present:	Chairperson	D. Tablotney
	Vice Chairperson	H. Larson
	Trustees-Elect	R. Belleza
		K. Hamaguchi
		D. Sargent
		A. Wong
		D. Yang
	Superintendent of Schools	S. Robinson
	Deputy Superintendent	R. Ryan
	Secretary Treasurer	C. Wang
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Brautigam
	Assistant Superintendent	J. MacMillan
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Stanger
	Executive Director, Facilities Services	F. Geyer
	Executive Director, Learning & Business Technology	R. Laing
	District Administrator, Equity and Inclusion	N. Savory
	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	N. Todorovic

1. Welcome

Elder Shane Point, from *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm*, welcomed trustees elect and guests to the traditional territory.

2. Call to Order

The Superintendent of Schools assumed the chair.

The Richmond School District welcomed Trustees-Elect, Belleza, Hamaguchi, Larson, Sargent, Tablotney, Wong, and Yang to the Board of Education (Richmond).

The Superintendent introduced Iris Chan, and under her direction, the Choir from Palmer Secondary School led the meeting in the singing of In Flanders' Fields.

3. Election Returns

In accordance with Board Policy 201, the Secretary Treasurer announced the official results of the election held October 15, 2022.

4. Oath of Office

The Secretary Treasurer called forward the Trustees-Elect to take the Oath of Office or the Solemn Affirmation of Office in accordance with Section 50 of the *School Act*.

Trustee Elect Rod Belleza made the Oath of Office, as prescribed in Section 50 of the *School Act*, before the Secretary Treasurer.

Trustee Elect Ken Hamaguchi made the Oath of Office, as prescribed in Section 50 of the *School Act*, before the Secretary Treasurer.

Trustee Elect Heather Larson made the Oath of Office, as prescribed in Section 50 of the *School Act*, before the Secretary Treasurer.

Trustee Elect Donna Sargent made the Oath of Office, as prescribed in Section 50 of the *School Act*, before the Secretary Treasurer.

Trustee Elect Deborah Tablotney made the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance, as prescribed in Section 50 of the *School Act*, before the Secretary Treasurer.

Trustee Elect Alice Wong made the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance, as prescribed in Section 50 of the *School Act*, before the Secretary Treasurer.

Trustee Elect David Yang made the Solemn Affirmation of Office, as prescribed in Section 50 of the *School Act*, before the Secretary Treasurer.

5. Appointment of Returning Officer and Scrutineer

Cindy Wang, the Secretary Treasurer, was appointed as Returning Officer and Deputy Superintendent Rick Ryan was appointed as the Scrutineer for the election of the Board Chairperson, Board Vice-Chairperson, BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council Representatives and BC Public Schools Employers' Association Representatives.

6. Election of Chairperson of the Board

The Superintendent of Schools called for nominations, by ballot, for the Office of Chairperson of the Board.

Ballot forms were distributed. The Scrutineer collected the ballots, and he and the Returning Officer left the Boardroom to examine the ballots.

During the time that the Returning Officer and the Scrutineer were examining ballots, the Superintendent of Schools spoke about current events in schools around the district.

Upon their return, the Returning Officer announced that Trustee Tablotney had been nominated for the Office of Chairperson. Trustee Tablotney accepted the nomination. The Returning Officer then declared Trustee Tablotney as Chairperson of the Board by acclamation for a one-year term.

Trustee Tablotney then assumed the Chair.

7. Election of Vice-Chairperson of the Board

The Chairperson called for nominations, by ballot, for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

Ballot forms were distributed. The Scrutineer collected the ballots, and he and the Returning Officer left the Boardroom to examine the ballots.

The Superintendent of Schools continued his presentation about current events at schools around the district.

Upon their return, the Returning Officer announced that Trustees Larson and Wong had been nominated for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Trustees Larson and Wong accepted the nomination.

Election ballot forms were distributed. The Scrutineer collected the ballots, and he and the Returning Officer left the Boardroom to examine the ballots.

Chairperson Tablotney spoke about the implementation of the strategic plan while the ballots were being counted.

Upon their return, the Returning Officer declared Trustee Larson was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term.

8. Election - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Representative

Chairperson Tablotney called for a show of interest for the positions of BCSTA Representative to the Provincial Council as well as the alternate representative. Trustee Larson expressed interest in the position of BCSTA Representative. Trustee Yang expressed interest in the position of alternate Representative.

Trustee Larson was declared as BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for a one-year term. Trustee Yang was declared the alternate Representative for a one-year term.

9. Election - BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative

Chairperson Tablotney called for a show of interest for the positions of BCPSEA Representative as well as the alternate representative. Trustee Sargent expressed interest in the position of BCPSEA Representative. Trustee Tablotney expressed interest in the position of alternate Representative.

Trustee Sargent was declared as BCPSEA Representative for a one-year term. Trustee Tablotney was declared the alternate Representative for a one-year term.

10. Destruction of Ballots

105/2022 MOVED BY D. YANG AND SECONDED BY D. SARGENT:

THAT the ballots for the offices of Chairperson of the Board, Vice-Chairperson of the Board, BCSTA Representative and BCPSEA Representative be destroyed.

CARRIED

11. Committee Appointments

Trustees were asked to indicate to the Chairperson by November 16, 2022 as to which committees they would be willing to serve on.

12. Authorized Signatories

106/2022 MOVED BY D. SARGENT AND SECONDED BY H. LARSON:

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond) approve the following signing authorities effective immediately and until they are so changed, shall be the Board Chairperson, Deborah Tablotney, and the Secretary Treasurer, Cindy Wang, except for the issuance of cheques when the required signatures shall be:

Any one of:

Board Chairperson: Deborah Tablotney
Board Vice-Chairperson: Heather Larson
Superintendent: Scott Robinson

And any one of:

Secretary Treasurer: Cindy Wang
Assistant Secretary Treasurer: Maria Fu
Manager Financial Services: Pramod Chauhan

Such signatures may be affixed by hand, or by cheque-writing facsimile machine in accordance with established Board policy.

CARRIED

13. Honouring Ceremony

Elder Shane Pointe performed an Honouring Ceremony for the trustees. Chairperson Tablotney thanked Elder Shane Pointe for his welcome, acknowledgement and honouring the new trustees to the Board of Education. The Chairperson expressed that the board was honoured by the Elder's presence and presented a gift as a sign of the board's desire to connect with the land and gratitude to the Musqueam Nation for their friendship.

14. Adjournment

107/2022 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

THAT the Wednesday, November 9, 2022 inaugural meeting of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adjourned at 7:56 pm.

CARRIED

D. TABLOTNEY
CHAIRPERSON

C. WANG
SECRETARY-TREASURER