

Board of Education
Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 7:30 pm
1st Floor Boardroom and via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson	D. Tablotney
Vice Chairperson	H. Larson
Trustee	R. Belleza
Trustee	K. Hamaguchi
Trustee	D. Sargent
Trustee	A. Wong
Trustee	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
District Administrator, Curriculum & Assessment	B. Douglas
Executive Director, Learning & Business Technologies	R. Laing
Executive Director, Facilities Services/Richmond Project Team	F. Geyer
Director, Communications & Marketing	D. Sadler
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	N. Todorovic

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

1. Recognition of Visitors, Announcements and Updates from Trustees

(a) Recognition of Visitors

The Chairperson welcomed the gallery to the meeting.

(b) Announcements

Trustee Larson: Every February, people in Canada are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities. Our school district will celebrate the many achievements of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have contributed greatly to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. Our schools will actively engage in

learning opportunities directly related to Black History Month and will share their learning on their school websites, and social media, so the wider community can learn and celebrate together. Black History Month opens the door not only to conversations about the significant contributions of Black Canadians, but also to the impacts of racism, and our commitment to make the Richmond School District a safe and respectful place for all members of our community.

Trustee Wong: Briefs regarding the 2023/2024 Annual Budget will be accepted without prior notice at the February 22, March 29, and April 26, 2023 regular meetings of the Board. Please note that budget updates will be made available on the District's Budget website. All budget feedback will be considered by the Board as part of the budget process which is anticipated to be completed by May 2023.

Trustee Yang: This week, members of the Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and other East and Southeast Asian communities will celebrate the Lunar New Year, one of the most important celebrations in the lunar calendar. Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, is a time for families to come together, exchange gifts, and feast on traditional foods. The celebration is steeped in ancient traditions, including the lighting of fireworks, lion and dragon dances, and the giving of red envelopes. Lunar New Year is also an opportunity to highlight the many past and current contributions of the Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and other East and Southeast Asian communities who have helped make our country better, fairer, and more inclusive. These communities have played a vital role in shaping our diverse cultural landscape and continue to contribute to our economic, social, and political fabric. The Richmond School District wishes all a happy and prosperous Lunar New Year. May the new year bring good luck, health, and prosperity to all those who are celebrating.

Trustee Hamaguchi: January 27 marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. On this annual day of commemoration, the Richmond School District pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The district is committed to supporting those who identify as being a part of the Jewish faith and will continue to develop educational programs that help prevent antisemitism, racism and other forms of intolerance. The public is invited to join the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre for a pre-recorded commemorative event from Vancouver City Hall on Friday, January 27 from 1:30–2 p.m. by visiting www.vhec.org.

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

The Secretary Treasurer noted all materials had been made available to the public on our website.

Secretary-Treasurer Wang: A reminder was made for those who joined the meeting on Zoom 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 do so via: boardmeetings@sd38.bc.ca.

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

011/2023 MOVED BY A. WONG AND SECONDED BY H. LARSON:

THAT the Wednesday, January 25, 2023 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: Tonight's Agenda

Liz Baverstock, President of the Richmond Teachers' Association, inquired about the status of the status of the amended budget process, including operating grants and special purpose funds.

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the enrollment-based funding, classroom enhancement funds (CEF), and that the amended budget has not been finalized as the district is awaiting the Ministry's announcement on funding for labour settlement.

4. Executive

The Secretary Treasurer gave an update about the superintendent recruitment process and spoke about upcoming opportunities for stakeholder involvement in the recruitment process.

The Superintendent provided a slideshow presentation on recent school activities and events around the district.

5. Approval of Minutes

(a) A record of an in-camera meeting of the Board held Wednesday, December 14, 2022, was included for information.

- (b) A record of an in-camera special meeting of the Board held Wednesday, January 11, 2023, was included for information.
- (c) Regular meeting of the Board held Wednesday, December 14, 2022, for approval.

012/2023 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) approve the Minutes of Wednesday, December 14, 2022, Regular meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising

Nil.

7. New Business

(a) **Innovation Inquiry Grants**

Assistant Superintendent Brautigam and District Administrator Douglas spoke to their report as included in the agenda package. They shared a presentation providing details about the array of work being done around innovation inquiry in the district.

Assistant Superintendent Brautigam and District Administrator Douglas responded to trustees' questions and comments about students' role and involvement in the program and the reasons behind the increase in the number of inquiry grants.

8. Questions from the Public: Tonight's Agenda

No questions.

9. Standing Committee Reports

(a) **Audit Committee**

Chairperson: David Yang

Vice Chairperson: Ken Hamaguchi

(b) **Education Committee**

Chairperson: Heather Larson

Vice Chairperson: David Yang

(i) **RECOMMENDATION: Equity in Action Project Report**

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan and Superintendent Robinson responded to questions and comments from the trustees about the transition to the new Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.

013/2023 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY K. HAMAGUCHI:

THAT the Richmond Board of Education direct staff to proceed with the recommendations contained in the Equity in Action Project report.

CARRIED

- (ii) **RECOMMENDATION:** Aspen Learning Centre Program Review

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan responded to questions and comments from the trustees about growing enrolment in the program and District resources dedicated towards the program.

014/2023 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY D. YANG:

THAT the Richmond Board of Education direct staff to proceed with the recommendations contained in the Aspen Learning Centre Program Review Report.

CARRIED

- (iii) Minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2022, are attached for information.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

- (c) **Facilities and Building Committee**

Chairperson: Ken Hamaguchi

Vice Chairperson: Debbie Tablotney

- (i) Minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2022, are attached for information.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

- (d) **Finance and Legal Committee**

Chairperson: Donna Sargent

Vice Chairperson: Rod Belleza

- (i) **RECOMMENDATION:** Trustee Expenses for 3 Months Ended September 30, 2022

015/2023 MOVED BY D. SARGENT AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

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, 2022, in the amount of \$870.00.

CARRIED

- (ii) **RECOMMENDATION:** Trustee Expenses for 3 Months Ended December 31, 2022

016/2023 MOVED BY D. SARGENT AND SECONDED BY D. YANG:

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 December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$5,432.88.

CARRIED

- (iii) Minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2022, are attached for information.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:00 am.

- (e) **Policy Committee**

Chairperson: Debbie Tablotney

Vice Chairperson: Heather Larson

- (i) **RECOMMENDATION:** Policy 101 – Goals and Objectives

017/2023 MOVED BY D. TABTLOTNEY AND SECONDED BY D. YANG:

THAT the Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Education (Richmond) that the revised initial draft of Policy 101 and proposed new Regulation 101-R, currently referred to as Goals and Objectives, be referred to the stakeholder input process for the period of January 26 to March 6, 2023.

CARRIED

- (ii) **NOTICE OF MOTION:** Policy Section 700 – Facilities Phase 2

- (iii) Minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2022, and December 12, 2022, are attached for information.

A meeting was held on Monday, January 23, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 11:00 am.

10. Correspondence

Nil.

11. Board Committee and Representative Reports

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

A meeting was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

12. Adjournment

018/2023 MOVED BY D. YANG AND SECONDED BY H. LARSON:

THAT the Regular meeting of Wednesday, January 25, 2023 of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adjourned at 8:23 pm.

CARRIED

D. TABLOTNEY,
CHAIRPERSON

C. WANG,
SECRETARY TREASURER