

**Board of Education**  
**Special Public Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 2:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

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**Present:**

Chairperson	H. Larson
Vice Chairperson	K. Hamaguchi
Trustee	D. Tablotney
Trustee	A. Wong
Trustee	D. Yang
Superintendent of Schools	C. Usih
Secretary Treasurer	C. Wang
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	T. Lee

**Regrets:**

Trustee	R. Belleza
Trustee	D. Sargent

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

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. Adoption of Agenda**

**113/2024 MOVED BY K. HAMAGUCHI AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:**

**THAT** the Wednesday, August 7, 2024 special meeting agenda of the Board of Education be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. New Business**

**(a) John G. Diefenbaker Elementary Seismic Replacement Project**

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to her report as included in the agenda package. She then responded to various questions from trustees noting that there are no potential concerns for the project, confirming that the estimated cost of \$298,000 will come from the district's local capital reserves, discussing the Ministry of Education and Child Care's initiative to

build Neighbourhood Learning Centres, and explaining how the options were developed during the seismic project definition process between the Ministry and the school district.

Trustees thanked the Secretary Treasurer for the comprehensive report and expressed their appreciation to the staff for all their hard work.

The Secretary Treasurer then responded to a question from the President, Richmond District Parent Committee regarding the Province's allocation of \$52 million for the replacement project.

Following discussion, trustees voted on the two motions.

**MOTION #1:**

**114/2024 MOVED BY D. YANG AND SECONDED BY K. HAMAGUCHI:**

**THAT** the Board of Education approve the allocation of two hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$298,000) towards the John G. Diefenbaker Elementary School Seismic Replacement Project No. 150384 from Local Capital Reserves.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION #2:**

**115/2024 MOVED BY D. YANG AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:**

**THAT** the Board of Education approve the Board Chair and Secretary Treasurer to sign the Capital Project Funding Agreement for the John G. Diefenbaker Elementary School Seismic Replacement Project No. 150384 when authorized to do so by the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

**CARRIED**

**3. Adjournment**

**116/2024 MOVED BY D. TABLOTNEY AND SECONDED BY K. HAMAGUCHI:**

**THAT** the special meeting of Wednesday, August 7, 2024 of the Board of Education be adjourned at 2:16 pm.

**CARRIED**

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H. LARSON  
Chairperson

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C. WANG  
Secretary Treasurer