

SPECIAL BOARD/ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in room 114 (the Boardroom), VSB Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. and online in Teams on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in the Room: Janet Fraser, Chairperson, Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson, Fraser Ballantyne, Lois Chan-Pedley, Oliver Hanson, Barb Parrott, Allan Wong

Trustees Present in Teams: Jennifer Reddy

Trustees Absent with Regrets: Carmen Cho

Senior Management Present in the Room: David Green, Secretary Treasurer
Helen McGregor, Superintendent
David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent
Shehzad Somji, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Robert Schindel, Associate Superintendent-Educational Services
Jody Langlois, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services
Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent-Learning and Information Technology
Pete Nuij, Associate Superintendent-Employee Services

Also Present in the Room: Will Hsu, Manager of Budgeting, Forecasting, and Planning
Judy Mah, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are unlearning and relearning on the traditional and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

1.2 Opening Remarks

The Chairperson informed everyone the meeting is being live-streamed and the audio and visual recording will also be available to the public for viewing after the meeting. The footage of the meeting may be viewed inside and outside of Canada. She reviewed meeting decorum for respectful behavior and acknowledged that recent changes have been made to COVID protocols in schools and worksites to reflect the updated guidance from the Public Health Organization. The Chairperson further informed that staff and trustees are meeting in person this evening and that the District will continue to make ongoing adjustments to COVID measures based on public health guidelines.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Meeting of March 8, 2022

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the minutes of March 8, 2022 be adopted.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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3. MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE BOARD MEETING INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by L. Chan Pedley, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the Board dissolve itself into Committee-of-the-Whole.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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4. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT STATUS QUO BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

The Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Treasurer gave a PowerPoint presentation showing details of the draft Status Quo Budget for 2022-2023, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda. The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the agenda for the evening and invited the Superintendent to provide opening comments. In the Superintendent’s opening remarks, she reported that the public engagement process supporting the budget development process closed on March 31, 2022 and that an engagement summary report will be presented at the next Finance Committee Meeting on April 20, 2022.

The Secretary Treasurer continued the PowerPoint presentation, summarizing the Board and legislative requirements which guide the budget process. He further reviewed the District’s balanced budget approach as well as the budget process timeline for the period, February to May 2022.

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer reported on the Ministry of Education Funding Announcement for 2022-2023 and reviewed the details of the funding allocation system for the provincial operating grants and the formula which forms the basis for the development of the 2022-2023 budget.

In reviewing the details of the draft status quo operating fund budget, the Secretary Treasurer reported the **2022-2023 Operating Fund Budget Preliminary Draft Document** dated April 4, 2022, would be posted on the website following the meeting. The report includes further details on the budget process, including the Draft Status Quo 2022-2023 Operating Fund Budget

- Will be subject to changes prior to adoption by the Board.
- Uses the approved, 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget as a starting point.
- Incorporates the Ministry Operating Grant, which was announced by the Ministry of Education on March 11, 2022.
- Contains a revenue and expenditure forecast, with one key fact being that declining student enrolment is impacting the cost structure of the District, resulting in a structural deficit.

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the operating fund revenue and expense (Schedule 2) and assumptions made in creating the preliminary draft status quo budget. He summarized the revenue and expenditure forecast which results in a projected net expense of \$14.7 million. The estimated surplus that will be

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available on June 30, 2022 to offset this projected deficit is \$8.8 million, with a resulting shortfall of \$5.9 million. The projected available surplus was estimated at January 31, 2022 and may change. He reported on the factors contributing to the deficit, and on projected surplus and potential savings.

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer reviewed work that still needs to be done, including the review and potential reclassification of applicable consulting and legal fees from operating to capital costs. The Secretary Treasurer concluded the presentation by summarizing information on mitigating risk factors and next steps.

5. DISCUSSION WITH STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairperson opened a discussion for stakeholder representatives to ask questions and provide feedback on the presented Draft Status Quo Budget for 2022-2023. The following stakeholder representatives were present in Teams for the discussion:

1. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 15: Warren Williams, Kathie Currie, Marisa Dikeakos
2. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 407: Brent Boyd, Charleen Anne Derzak
3. District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC): Gord Lau, Jen Brummitt
4. International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE): Harjit Khangura
5. Professional & Administrative Staff Association (PASA): Scott Deyell
6. Vancouver Association of Secondary School Administrators (VASSA): Alec McInnis, Mike Vulgaris
7. Vancouver Elementary Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (VEPVPA): Rosa Fazio, Joel Levine, Lori Prodan
8. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association (VESTA): Joanne Sutherland, Vanessa Lefebvre, Greg Canning
9. Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association (VSTA): Terry Stanway
10. Building Trades: Neil Munro

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions and staff provided responses.

6. MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the Board rise and report from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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7. MOTION TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING

Moved by E. Gonzalez, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the Board meeting be reconvened.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by E. Gonzalez, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the Board meeting be adjourned.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Janet Fraser, Chairperson