

# SPECIAL BOARD/ COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00pm

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met online in Teams on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in Teams: Janet Fraser, Chairperson, Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson, Carmen Cho, Lois Chan-Pedley, Barb Parrott, Jennifer Reddy, Allan Wong

Trustees Absent with Regrets: Fraser Ballantyne, Oliver Hanson

Senior Management Present in Teams: Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Schools  
J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer  
David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent  
Pete Nuij, Associate Superintendent-Employee Services  
Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent-Learning & Information Technology  
Jody Langlois, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services  
Rob Schindel, Associate Superintendent-School Services  
Shehzad Somji, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

Also Present in Teams: Will Hsu, Manager of Budgeting, Forecasting, and Planning  
Judy Mah, Executive Assistant  
Tiffany Lee, Administrative Office Assistant (Recorder in Training)

## 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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (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.

In taking a roll call, the Chairperson informed everyone that three representatives from each stakeholder group had also been invited to take part in the Teams meeting for discussion purposes during the Committee of the Whole. The following stakeholder representatives participated in the Teams meeting:

1. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 407: Brent Boyd, Charleen Anne Derzak
2. District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC): Gord Lau
3. International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE): Harjit Khangura
4. Professional & Administrative Staff Association (PASA): Scott Deyell
5. Vancouver Association of Secondary School Administrators (VASSA): Alec McInnis, Mike Vulgaris, Hilary Watt

6. Vancouver Elementary Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (VEPVPA): Rosa Fazio, Joel Levine, Lori Prodan
7. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association (VESTA): Joanne Sutherland, Vanessa Lefebvre
8. Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association (VSTA): Terry Stanway, Treena Goolieff

## **2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Meeting of April 4, 2022**

The Chairperson requested the word override be changed to guide in paragraph 2, under section 4, Presentation of the Draft Status Quo Budget for 2022-2023.

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by E. Gonzalez, that the minutes of April 4, 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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### **2.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **2.2.1 Draft Status Quo Budget Update**

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the draft Status Quo Budget with a PowerPoint presentation, which includes responses to questions and information requests from the April 4, 2022 Special Board / Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the PowerPoint is on file with the meeting agenda.

The PowerPoint presentation includes a revised Status Quo Budget, and a summary of status quo budget revisions. The Secretary Treasurer reported on the additional reduction of the status quo budget to \$13,865,867 from \$14,734,020. The reduction of \$868,153 relates to the removal of items that were included in the April 4<sup>th</sup> Status Quo Budget but should instead be considered as Budget Proposals. He also explained that a transfer from Local Capital Reserve is the correct process to offset the capital purchases in the status quo budget rather than the original assumption of charging capital purchases to Local Capital.

The Secretary Treasurer continued his presentation and provided answers to questions from the April 4, 2022 meeting, including the average salaries for other employee groups, and provided some clarity and next steps in the budget process timeline.

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions and staff provided responses.

The Secretary Treasurer concluded the PowerPoint presentation, reviewing the structural deficit and the work that still needs to be done with the Status Quo Budget.

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

Moved by C. Cho 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. DELEGATIONS RE DRAFT STATUS QUO BUDGET FOR 2022-2023**

The Chairperson reviewed the Procedure for Delegations to the Board.

The following delegates presented their views regarding the development of the Vancouver Board of Education 2022-2023 Draft Status Quo Budget. Those that presented were:

1. Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association (VESTA) – Joanne Sutherland, Rob McGowan, and Vanessa Lefebvre
2. Krista Sigurdson

Trustees asked questions and the delegations provided responses pertaining to their presentations.

The Chairperson informed everyone that any delegations wishing to present may do so at the May 3, 2022 Special Board/Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting, and registrations will be accepted by email to the budget email address *budget2022-2023@vsb.bc.ca*. She also informed that anybody wishing to provide input on the 2022-2023 budget without coming before the Board may do so by email.

**5. MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by A. Wong seconded by E. Gonzalez that the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

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

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**6. MOTION TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING**

Moved by A. Wong seconded by E. Gonzalez 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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**7. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:42 PM.

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J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

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Janet Fraser, Chairperson