

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (DELTA)

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 23, 2024 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson
E. Beard
N. Daula
A. Dhillon
M. Gooch
N. Kanakos

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent
N. Christ, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Duff, Director of Human Resources
J. Duffin, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
P. Klassen, Director, Learning Services, Inclusive Learning
J. Maranda, Assistant Superintendent
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services –
Education Programs
C. Tucker, Director of Communications
R. Sonsalla, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Trustees: J. Muego, Vice-Chair

K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Windsor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson Windsor opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen First Nation and Musqueam Indian Band and of all the Hun'qumi'num speaking people who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial, and also offered her respect to all the Elders who have gone before us and to all Canadians who are on the journey of Reconciliation.

Chairperson Windsor advised that the Special Budget Input meeting will follow directly after the adjournment of the Regular meeting, and provided information on how the meeting will be conducted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Kanakos / Gooch

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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Chairperson Windsor introduced and welcomed the partners who were attending in the audience:

- Joanne Gill – 1st Vice President, CUPE 1091
- Brenda Viala – Recording Secretary, CUPE 1091
- Darryl Penny – DPVPA Representative
- Susan Yao – President, DTA
- Alison Roche – 1st Vice President, DTA
- Kathy Macfarlane – 2nd Vice President, DTA
- Elen Nikas – Member at Large, DTA
- Sandra Cadez – Alternate Rep, DTA
- James Smith – Editor, North Delta Reporter
- Sandor Gyarmati – Delta Optimist

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING PRESENTATION

Joanne Gill, 1st Vice President, CUPE Local 1091, provided a presentation on the National Day of Mourning, which takes place annually on April 28, and recognizes union workers who have been injured and died while on the job. It is a day to collectively renew our commitment to improving the health and safety in our workplace and to prevent further injuries, illnesses, and deaths. She reported that in British Columbia, 2023 saw slightly fewer people die from injury or disease on the job. She thanked the Trustees and District staff for providing the opportunity to make this presentation.

Trustee Kanakos added a comment that in Canada 2 workers are killed every day on the job and over 60% of those are in the transportation industry. It is crucial that we strive to make the workplace as safe as possible for all workers.

M/S Trustees Beard / Daula

THAT the Delta School District lower flags to half mast on April 26, 2024, and raise them on the morning of April 29, 2024, in honour of the National Day of Mourning.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Dhillon / Daula

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of April 9, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Windsor called upon Trustees to report on their activities.

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Trustee Kanakos reported on the following:

- April 18-20 – Attended the BCSTA AGM, along with Superintendent Sheppard, Secretary Treasurer Christ, Chair Windsor, Vice-Chair Muego, and fellow Trustees Gooch, and Dhillon. It was a great conference.

Trustee Gooch reported on the following:

- Over the past few weeks, she has attended the Healthy Schools Committee meeting, an online Delta Youth Collaborative Meeting, the Read All Day event at Ladner Elementary, and this past week, the BCSTA AGM, along with Superintendent Sheppard, Secretary Treasurer Christ, Chair Windsor, Vice-Chair Muego, and Trustees Kanakos and Dhillon. The meeting was very informative and brought to light the fact that the vast majority of school districts share similar concerns in regard to equity, inclusion, and funding. She recognized the amazing work the Delta School District does, and is proud of our Trustees for advocating for the needs of not only our district, but changes that will positively impact the students around B.C.

Trustee Dhillon reported on the following:

- April 18 – 20 – Attended the BCSTA AGM. She commented on two particularly informative sessions; AI, Bots, and Code: Preparing the Next Generation, as well as Effective Communication – a keynote by Riaz Meghji.
- April 19 – Stepped out of the AGM to attend a meeting of community leaders at a lunch hosted by Premier Eby and a few cabinet ministers to celebrate Vaisakhi. It was a great chance to connect with charities and non-profit organizations throughout Surrey and Delta.
- April 22 – Visited two of her liaison schools, Port Guichon Elementary and Neilson Grove Elementary, along with Assistant Superintendent, Judy Maranda. It was inspiring to witness firsthand the commitment and forward-thinking approach of the leaders and staff at these schools.

Trustee Daula reported on the following:

- April 10 – Attended the South Fraser Regional Science Fair at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. She was present for the award ceremony and enjoyed seeing the kids jump with joy when they were announced as winners.
- April 10 – Was the Trustee representative on the interview committee for the recruitment of Elementary Principals.

Chair Windsor reported on the following:

- April 10 – Attended a reception hosted for the visiting educators from Hackney, England. It was interesting to learn about the governance system in Hackney where a Governor is responsible for a single school, overseeing the Principal of the school and its work. The evening was a productive exchange of ideas and getting to know more about the Hackney system itself was very interesting.
- April 17 – Attended the DYAC session at Sands Secondary School. Using the Spirals of Inquiry, Sands students explained how they were working to ensure that grade 8 students felt a sense of identity in the school. It was a thought-provoking presentation.

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- April 18-20 – Attended the BCSTA AGM & Pre-Conference. A highlight for her was the panel of Indigenous students from Britannia Secondary School in Vancouver. The students were articulate as they responded to questions posed by Gordon Li, BCSTA staff member. It was an interesting and informative event.

2024-25 ACCUMULATED OPERATING SURPLUS PLAN

Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, presented the accumulated operating surplus plan proposal, for integration into the 2024-25 Budget. During her presentation of the proposed plan, she provided an overview of key items within the plan, which will be finalized for integration into the 2024-25 Budget at the April 30 Public Board meeting.

CHANGE TO 2023-24 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, proposed a change to the 2023-24 Board Meeting Calendar. The proposal entailed moving the June Regular Board meeting from June 11 to June 18, 2024.

M/S Trustees Gooch / Kanakos

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendment to the 2023/2024 Board Meeting Calendar as presented.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 30, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Daula / Beard

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of April 23, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:22 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer