

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: February 20, 2024 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson
J. Muego, Vice-Chair
E. Beard
N. Daula
N. Kanakos

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

ABSENT: Trustees: A. Dhillon
M. Gooch

D. Duff, Director, Facilities & Planning
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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Daula / Beard

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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

- Daun Frederickson - President, CUPE Local 1091

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- Deb Kabesh - Sec Treasurer, CUPE
- Rosey Hussein - Diversity Vice President, CUPE
- Brenda Viala - Recording Secretary, CUPE
- Kim Barnes - Lead Shop Steward, CUPE
- Kevin Vasconcelos - DPVPA Representative
- Jim Hope – DPVPA Representative
- Alison Roche - 1st VP, DTA
- Kathy Macfarlane - 2nd VP, DTA
- Elen Nikas - Health and Safety Chair, DTA
- Sukhi Aujla - Member at Large (BIPOC), DTA

EDUCATION PARTNER BUDGET INPUT

The following education partners provided input to the 2024/2025 Budget:

- a) Daun Frederickson, CUPE Local 1091
- b) Alison Roche, DTA

Chairperson Windsor thanked the speakers for their input.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Vice-Chair Muego / Trustee Kanakos

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

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Windsor called upon Trustees to report on their activities.

Vice-Chair Muego reported on the following:

- Attended Reading days at Cougar Canyon and Beach Grove Elementary schools. He enjoyed connecting with the classroom teachers and students.
- February 14 - Attended the Audit Committee meeting.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following:

- January 25 – Attended the British Columbia Public Employers Association Annual General Meeting. This year is a bargaining year for teachers.
- January 25 – Attended the Bill Edwards Appreciation Night at North Delta Secondary. Bill has been coaching basketball at NDSS for the last 50 years, and the event was well attended by former National Team players, coaches, and former players.

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- February 15 – Attended the District Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting. The Seaquam noon hour drill was reviewed, and the committee also examined their goals for the upcoming year.
- February 20 – Sat on a committee to determine Educational Leave for Teachers in Delta who wish to further their educational development at a postsecondary institution.

Trustee Beard reported on the following:

- February 14 - Attended the Audit Committee meeting.
- February 12 – Attended the Delta Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) meeting via Zoom. It was a great presentation and received a lot of engagement from those attending.

Chair Windsor reported on the following:

- January 24 – Attended a Celebration of Student Learning at Delview Secondary, where students presented their projects from semester one. Displays included Children’s books published by Innovation 10 students, Video games created by InfoTech students, as well as independent directed studies projects that ranged from song writing and playwriting to 3D printing.
- February 9 – Attended the Partner Liaison Meeting, which consisted of various presentations by mainly Assistant Deputy Ministers of the Ministry. It was interesting to learn about a variety of topics, and to have the opportunity to share stores with other districts on the many trials they survived, including Covid 19, heat domes, wildfires and flooding.
- February 14 – Attended Reading Day at Heath Elementary. It was a pleasure to share her passion for reading with students in two grade 3 and 4 classes.
- February 16 – Attended District Day 2024 at South Delta Secondary. This was the first District Day since Covid and over 1,100 Delta employees were in attendance. She attended the Speakers Panel Discussion which included various panelists who were asked to respond to 3 questions: How can schools help students to thrive in today’s world, what’s the number one thing that schools need to do more of, and what is one piece of research that you wish every educator was aware of? Later in the day, she had the pleasure of serving at the candy station, where she had the opportunity to speak with folks as they dropped by for a “sweet fix”. She thanked Neil Stephenson and the organizing committee for doing an outstanding job.

POLICY 4 – TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT

Ms. Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, provided Trustees with the revised Trustee Code of Conduct (Policy 4) for Board approval.

M/S Trustee Kanakos / Vice-Chair Muego

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the updated Trustee Code of Conduct (Policy 4), as presented.

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Ms. Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, presented to the Board the 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw Amount. She reviewed some of the highlights of the budget and reviewed where the dollars were spent. The full amended budget will be made available on the district website.

M/S Trustee Kanakos / Vice Chair Muego

THAT the Board of Education give approval for three readings at one meeting of the 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

THAT the 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$233,303,120 be given three readings and adopted.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Kanakos / Vice Chair Muego

THAT the 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$233,303,120 be given a FIRST reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Daula / Beard

THAT the 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$233,303,120 be given a SECOND reading.

CARRIED

M/S Vice Chair Muego / Trustee Kanakos

THAT the 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$233,303,120 be given a THIRD reading and adopted.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Vice-Chair Joe Muego provided information on the most recent Audit Committee meeting that took place on February 14, 2024, and made a recommendation to re-appoint BDO Canada as the Districts' auditor for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

M/S Vice Chair Muego / Trustee Daula

THAT the Delta Board of Education re-appoint BDO Canada as its auditor for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

CARRIED

2024-25 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

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Val Windsor, Chairperson, provided information regarding the 2024-25 Budget Engagement Process, and encouraged parents/caregivers, staff, partners and right-holders to share their priorities for the upcoming school year.

BAA COURSES

Two courses developed under the Board/Authority Authorized process, are being brought forward for Board approval. Ms. Judy Maranda, Assistant Superintendent, introduced the following proposed courses, developed at South Delta Secondary School:

- First Responders 11/12
- Mental Health and Wellness 11/12

M/S Trustees Beard / Daula

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses listed above (First Responders 11/12 and Mental Health and Wellness 11/12).

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

March 12, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Vice Chair Muego / Trustee Kanakos

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of February 20, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:09 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer