

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (DELTA)
MARCH 10, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: March 10 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Main Boardroom, School Board Office, 4585 Harvest Drive, Delta

PRESENT: Trustees: J. Muego, Chairperson
E. Beard
N. Kanakos
V. Windsor

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent
J. Gray, Assistant Superintendent
C. Bromley, Director, Information Technology Services
R. Dhiman, Director of Finance
J. Duffin, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Klassen, Director, Learning Services – Inclusive Learning
P. McLoughlin, Director, Facilities & Planning
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services – Education Programs
L. Tait, Director, Learning Services – Equity & Success
C. Tucker, Director of Communications
K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs

REGRETS: Trustees: A. Dhillon, Vice-Chairperson
N. Daula
M. Gooch

D. Duff, Director of Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Muego called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

He then acknowledged 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. He offered his respect to all the Elders who have gone before us and to all Canadians who are on the journey of Reconciliation.

Chairperson Muego introduced the following education partners attending the meeting, and thanked them for their participation:

- Kathy Macfarlane, 1st VP, Delta Teachers' Association
- Cherie Nagra, 2nd VP, Delta Teachers' Association
- John Pavao, President, Delta Principals & Vice-Principals Association
- Bill Richards, Economic Welfare Rep, Delta Principals & Vice-Principals Association
- Daun Frederickson, President, CUPE Local 1091
- Angela Keulan, DPAC, Chair

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S Trustees Kanakos and Beard

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - REMEMBRANCE CONTEST

Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, introduced representatives from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 (Delta BC) who presented two Delta students with certificates and prizes for their involvement in the Legion's National Youth Remembrance Day contests. The Legion representatives included Sharon Davies (Past Ladies Auxiliary President), Barbara Dyck (Youth Chair), and Jann Kwasnicki (Committee Member and former Principal at Neilson Grove Elementary).

The contest included multiple levels of competitions. Students submitted posters and/or literacy works which competed first at the Legion branch level, with winning entries moving forward to the Zone level, then the Provincial level. The students recognized were Kylie Madsen from Neilson Grove Elementary and Matthew Friesen from Delta Secondary. The students were accompanied by their families and their teachers - Neilson Grove Principal Mareva Hope and teachers from Delta Secondary, Colleen Blatz, Jess McMillan and Todd Allan.

Following the presentation to the students, Barb then expressed the Legion's appreciation to Cathryn Tucker, Director of Communications at the Delta School District, for all her efforts and support for the Legion and its initiatives. Barb presented Cathryn with a certificate of appreciation.

Chair Muego thanked the Legion for their advocacy on behalf of veterans. Trustee Windsor commended the students for their participation in what she described as a valuable project.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Patrick Klassen, Director of Learning Services, provided the Board with an update on Inclusive Education initiatives in the district, including how they align with the district's Strategic Plan and across the Plan's five priority areas.

Updates were provided on creating inclusive and inspiring learning environments through welcoming spaces, mental health supports, sexual health curriculum, and programs such as Feeding Futures.

The presentation also emphasized the district's literacy and numeracy initiatives, including targeted reading interventions like *ThirdQuest* and *ReadTopia*, noting the work being carried out to clarify and define effective literacy practices within science classrooms.

Workforce development efforts focused on accessibility, training, and shared decision making, while governance updates highlighted collaboration with Finance, Facilities, IT, and union partners to strengthen resource stewardship and accessibility planning.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos and Beard

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 17, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Kanakos reported the following:

- February 15: Attended One Delta, Many Voices, Shared Future. The session included a review of Delta's immigration and demographic profile, a panel discussion on initiatives supporting newcomers, and an open conversation identifying gaps and opportunities to strengthen newcomer services. Mary Daniel, Head of the LINC program at Delta Community College, was among the panel speakers.
- February 12: Attended the Battle of the Badges event at Sungod Arena, featuring a hockey game between the Delta Police and Delta Fire Department. The event aimed to raise awareness about bullying in the community and was extremely well attended.
- February 27: Attended the Ignite Gala in Surrey, which highlighted women's empowerment and included a panel discussion as well as awards recognizing women for their exemplary service.
- February 27 & March 6: As Board representative, attended two BCPSEA sector calls that provided updates to its member representatives.
- March 5: Attended the Science Fair at Scottsdale Mall as a judge, along with Chair Muego and Trustee Windsor. The event provided the opportunity to evaluate students' science projects and to walk through the displays, seeing the impressive ideas and creativity the students brought to their work.

Trustee Beard reported the following:

- March 4: Attended the district Audit Committee meeting, along with Chair Muego. The meeting included informative discussion around asset retirement and the district's obligations in that area.

Trustee Windsor reported the following:

- February 20: Attended a Pro-D Day, where they screened a documentary *Counted Out* at Seaquam. It highlighted the importance of mathematics in everyday life and proved both informative and thought-provoking, with a valuable discussion following the viewing.
- February 23: Attended the DPAC meeting, the program featured a presentation on Mental Health and Behavioural Supports in Delta by District Principal Richard Kirincic and his team, highlighting the district's rapidly growing MH&B department and its integrated approach involving school staff, Family Support Workers, and Fraser Health to provide wrap-around support for vulnerable students and their families.
- February 25: Attended the annual Battle of the Badges Pink Shirt Day anti-bullying event, where nearly 1,900 Delta students were present and the Delta Police won 3-0. This event

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is a friendly hockey game between the Delta Police Department and the Delta Fire & Emergency Services Department in support of Pink Shirt Day - an annual initiative dedicated to raising awareness and taking a stand against bullying. This year's Pink Shirt Day theme is 'Kindness Starts Here'

- February 26: Participated in the Metro-Trustees meeting in Coquitlam, which included remarks from BCSTA Deputy CEO Michael Rossi, discussion of the upcoming CSBA conference, mandated policy reviews, and new candidate guides for municipal elections; Vice-Chair Dhillon presented Delta's motion for the BCSTA AGM with clarity and strong subject knowledge.
- March 4: Attended the ELL Consortium meeting, where they discussed changes to SWIS mandates, concerns about reduced funding for newcomer families, and challenges assessing students who lack the language for evaluation and whose home-country documentation is often not accepted.
- March 4: Attended the DYAC meeting at Seaquam, where students explored the theme "Language that Hurts," focusing on passive racism and creating posters now displayed throughout the school.
- March 5: Attended the annual Delta School District Science Fair at Scottsdale Mall as a guest judge, where many talented young scientists showcased their work.
- March 6: Attended the CUPE International Women's Day lunch in Ladner, opened by Elder Ruth Adams and attended by many women in union leadership, council, and the community, with thoughtful conversations about the evolving experiences of women in the workplace.
- March 10: Attended the talent show at Sunshine Hills Elementary, enjoyed a wide range of student performances including music, dance, adapted plays, and a taekwondo demonstration.

Chair Muego reported the following:

- Between February 25 and March 5: Participated in a number of budget workshops and discussions with the district's education partners, including the DTA, CUPE Local 1091, and the IEC. Chair Muego thanked the education partners in the room for allowing him to be present at the meetings to hear their concerns.
- February 19: Attended the Joint Ministers of Infrastructure and Education and Child Care, and Chair of Boards Meeting.
- February 23 and 27: Visited Beach Grove Elementary and Delta Secondary (Feb 23), and Cougar Canyon, Gibson, and McCloskey (Feb 27). Chair Muego noted how inspiring it is to see the administrators, staff, and students of each school embracing the district's Vision.

Chair Muego also attended:

- February 18: DPAC Budget Workshop
- February 25: Battle of the Badges
- February 27: Ignite Gala - Celebration of Women's Empowerment
- March 4: Audit Committee meeting
- March 5: Delta District Science Fair

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LEAD IN DRINKING WATER REPORT

Peter Mcloughlin, Director of Facilities, presented a report to the Trustees to provide an update on the annual Lead in Drinking Water reporting process, and on the outcome of the report submitted to the Ministry on February 13, 2026. The report was well received, and no further action items were required at this time.

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions relating to agenda items were presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustee Kanakos and Chair Windsor

THAT the Delta Board of Education Regular Board meeting of March 10, 2026, be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Time 7:56 pm

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer