



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (LANGLEY)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Location: Langley School Board Office

Trustees Present:	Candy Ashdown	Chairperson
	Charlie Fox	Trustee
	Joel Neufeld	Trustee
	Tony Ward	Trustee
	Marnie Wilson	Trustee

Trustees Absent:	Holly Dickinson	Trustee
	Sarb Rai	Trustee

Staff Present:	Mal Gill	Superintendent
	Brian Iseli	Secretary-Treasurer
	Woody Bradford	Deputy Superintendent
	Lisa Lainchbury	Assistant Superintendent
	Marcello Moino	Assistant Superintendent
	Shind Chand	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
	Joanne Abshire	Communications Manager
	Judy Swanson	Executive Assistant
	Pol Babao	Technical Support Specialist 3
	Vincent Montefrio	Technical Support Specialist 3
Kendra Simonetto	District Principal of Instructional Services	
Mike Pue	District Principal, Indigenous Education	

Partner Groups:	Jessie Cowger	CUPE 1260 Acting President
	Carey Schafer	CUPE 1851 President
	Paul Trattle	LPVPA President
	Taylor Fauteux	LTA President

1. AUDIO VISUAL RECORDING (LIVESTREAMING) OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Those in attendance were informed that as per Policy No. 7 - Regular and Special Meetings of the Board may be streamed live, archived and accessed online. The Board reserves, at its sole discretion, via motion at any meeting, the right to not stream live or archive a meeting or a portion of a meeting. Further, the Board reserves the right to edit any recorded portion of a meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and began the meeting with the introduction stating: "I would like to acknowledge that the Langley School District is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations. We gather here tonight in an understanding of the importance of ya:yəstəl' (**y-eye yes tel**) /sq'eq'o yoyes (**sckecka y-eyes**) (working together) and nə́cəʔmat (**not sa mot**) /lets'emó:t (**let sa mot**) (**uniting** ourselves with one mind, one heart) to ensure that we support and inspire all learners to reach their full potential."

Chairperson welcomed everyone and introduced attendees.

2.1 NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Board Chairperson Candy Ashdown made an announcement to acknowledge the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

3. REPORT FROM "IN CAMERA"

The Vice-Chair reported that the items discussed in the 'In Camera' meeting pertained to legal, personnel and property.

The items from the September 3, 2024 In Camera Meeting that will be reported out at the Regular Meeting will include property, personnel and legal.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

R24/09/24-01

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education adopts the consent agenda items as provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4.1 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
- 4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 4.2.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE
 - 4.2.2 FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
- 4.3 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 4.3.1 CITY OF LANGLEY ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL (Trustee Ward)
 - 4.3.2 CITY OF LANGLEY / SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 LIAISON (Trustee Ward)
 - 4.3.3 JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 / TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY MUNICIPAL LIAISON (Trustee Rai)
 - 4.3.4 LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (Trustee Dickinson)
 - 4.3.5 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE ACT (PIDA) REPORT

5. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

R24/09/24-02

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Wilson

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 COMMUNITY JUSTICE INITIATIVES ASSOCIATION

Marcela Villaca from Community Justice Initiatives Association presented to the Board of Education.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

7.1 STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026: YEAR IN REVIEW

R24/09/24-03

Moved By: Trustee Ward

Seconded By: Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education receives the update on the Strategic Plan 2023-2026 for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING

R24/09/24-04

Moved By: Trustee Wilson

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education receives the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2024-2025 for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 SCHOOL START-UP

R24/09/24-05

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education receives the report on School Start-up for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 NAMING OF NE LATIMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

R24/09/24-06

Moved By: Trustee Ward

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education requests the Superintendent commence the process for naming the future NE Latimer Elementary School as per Policy 19: Naming of Schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORTS

8.1 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN (MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAMS) 2025/2026

R24/09/24-07

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Wilson

In accordance with provisions under Section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) hereby approves the proposed Capital Plan (Minor Capital Programs) for 2025/2026, as provided on the Capital Plan Summary for 2025/2026 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. AUDIT COMMITTEE

9.1 APPROVAL OF AUDITED 2023-2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

R24/09/24-08

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Wilson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) approves the 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statements and request staff to submit them to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (FSD&A)

R24/09/24-09

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) approves the Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis (FSD&A) be included with the 2023/2024 Financial Statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 SURPLUS RESTRICTIONS

R24/09/24-10

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) approves the following internally restricted surplus amounts, as described in note 12 of the 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statements.

- Internally restricted for commitment 2023/2024 for \$3,022,083
- Internally restricted for initiatives not completed in 2023/2024 for \$139,000
- Internally restricted for Administration supports for \$445,000
- Internally restricted for Middle school initiatives for K-7 schools for \$50,000
- Internally restricted for Accessible playground equipment for \$400,000
- School Generated funds for \$2,862,690
- Internally restricted to balance future budgets \$2,936,333
- Internally restricted for student capacity needs \$3,607,331
- School surpluses \$428,032
- Internally restricted for classroom furniture for \$420,000
- Internally restricted for ERP replacement for \$950,000
- Internally restricted for Project Management costs for Smith Middle/Secondary for \$300,000
- Internally restricted for Cyber security for \$250,000
- Internally restricted for Facility upgrades for \$600,000
- Restricted for future District capital contributions \$30,919

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 INTERFUND TRANSFERS

R24/09/24-11

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Wilson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) approves the transfer of \$70,329 from the special purpose fund and \$10,304,214 from the operating fund to the capital fund, as described in note 13 of the 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustees welcomed back partner groups, students and staff and encouraged everyone to enrich their learning for Indigenous/Orange shirt day.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period is provided at Board Meetings. The purpose is to ensure that those present in the audience have an opportunity to obtain clarification concerning business conducted during that meeting. Priority will be given to responding to one question per person before considering further questions from any individual.

The following will help the public develop questions for Question Period at a Board Meeting that is keeping with the goal of a respectful and focused meeting.

Questions:

1. Need to be directed to the Chair and not to staff;
2. Need to be related directly to the topic on the agenda;
3. Need to be succinct, focused and not be a statement;
4. May not be asked that are related to personnel or directed at an individual trustee;
5. May not be asked that are related to contract negotiations; and
6. The questioner shall provide their name so that it can be reflected in the minutes.

All of the above are directions provided for in Board Policy No. 7 - Board Operations. The Chair may answer, may defer to staff or indicate a question may not be in keeping with the above guidelines.

The Board appreciates the public's interest and wants to ensure a professional meeting is conducted, with Question Period focused on providing guests with the clarification they seek.

Trustees also welcome questions from members of the public apart from Question Period. Their contact information is available on the School District website.

The Chair called for questions from the public.

Questions were received from Evan regarding ERP, TOL Liaison Committee, school naming process, electric buses and TOL Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT

R24/09/24-12

Moved By: Trustee Wilson

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE CANDY ASHDOWN

BOARD CHAIR

BRIAN ISELI, CPA, CMA

SECRETARY-TREASURER