

TRANSCRIPT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (DELTA)  
APRIL 21, 2020

Chairperson Windsor: I would like to call the regular meeting of the Delta School District Board of Education April 21st to order. Before we begin I would like to acknowledge our territory. I would like to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations and of all the Hun'qumi'num speaking people who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial. I would also like to offer my respect to all the Elders who have gone before us and to all Canadians who are on the journey of Reconciliation. And I think we need to acknowledge that our hearts are with the people of Nova Scotia, as they deal with the unspeakable horror of the weekend.

Can I please have a motion to adopt the agenda? Moved Trustee Reid, seconded by Trustee Boisvert. All of those in favour of the agenda as circulated? Those opposed? Thank you.

We traditionally acknowledge the National Day of Mourning at this particular time as well, and usually our CUPE President would be with us to read a statement to us. As this meeting is happening electronically, I would like to read the statement that was provided by CUPE 1091 President Patti Price.

“Thank you once again for the opportunity to present information to you on the April 28<sup>th</sup> National Day of Mourning.

The National Day of Mourning is observed in Canada each year on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This was originally started by the Canadian Union of Public Employees in 1984 and was known as Workers' Memorial Day. The Canadian Labour Congress then declared it as an annual day of remembrance in 1985 and in December 1990 this day became a national observance with the passing of the Workers' Mourning Day Act.

On April 28, 1991 it became officially known as **The National Day of Mourning for persons killed or injured in the workplace**. The date itself – April 28<sup>th</sup> – was chosen because on that day in 1914 the Workers' Compensation Act received its third reading in Parliament.

The April 28<sup>th</sup> Day of Mourning honors those who have been injured or killed in the workplace and it is a renewal of our commitment to improve health and safety in the workplace, and to prevent further injuries, illnesses and deaths.

This year more than ever, as we globally fight the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic, we have become painfully aware of the risks that our front line workers are taking to keep the population safe, healthy and alive. Our doctors and nurses; our health care support workers and cleaners; our grocery and drugstore clerks and many others.

Our own school district EA's are providing daycare to the children of front line workers so they can continue to provide the services our society needs and our custodial staff are working diligently to keep our schools and worksites clean and safe for the staff that work in those buildings and who keep our district running smoothly.

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We must also remember those who have already lost their lives, not only to this pandemic, but also to all the regular workplace accidents that have occurred over the past year. We are all in this together – for health, safety and the ability to return home each day to our loved ones even though we may face danger and adversity.

CUPE Local 1091 respectfully requests that the Delta School District once again declares April 28<sup>th</sup> as a Day of Mourning in our workplaces and gives permission to raise the CUPE Day of Mourning flag in front of the School Board Administration Building on Tuesday, April 28th.

In keeping with the current social distancing requirements, we ask that you join us from a safe distance as we raise the flagpole at 8:00 am on April 28th.”

Approval of the minutes. Can I please have a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting? Trustee Reid and seconded by Trustee Dosanjh. Any errors or omissions? All those in favour of the minutes as circulated? Opposed? The motion is carried.

Unfinished Business there is none. Board of Education Report, are there any Trustees that have anything to report out at this point? Trustee Dixon.

Trustee Dixon: Thank you Chairperson Windsor. I would just like to report on a BC School Centred Mental Health Coalition meeting that we held by Zoom. Over 51 people in a conference and of course this was while we were aware of the COVID 19 crisis, that’s why we were meeting electronically. We had some really valuable discussions and sharing best practices around supporting staff wellness, supporting social emotional learning and mental health for students in schools, and the challenges that are before us. Of course it’s not something you work out in one meeting, it’s always ongoing work, but just the passion of the educators in the various sectors that came together to support everybody in this time was pretty heartening to see.

Chairperson Windsor: Thank you very much. A number of Trustees participated in conference calls with BCPSEA regarding Bargaining. As Board Chair I have been participating in Zoom calls with BC School Trustees Association, the most recent meeting being on Monday and it included the Minister of Education. Trustees have all received summaries of those meetings. Superintendent Sheppard and I have been participating in Zoom meetings with the Mayor and several members of staff. It’s been very informative, they like to know what we’re doing and we like to know what they’re doing, so it’s been an equal exchange of information which has been a good one.

At this point I would like to read into the record that in In-Camera meetings on March 31, April 7 and 14, Trustee Reid recused himself for part of the discussions due to a conflict of interest.

Moving on to Information, Proposals and Reports, the Audit Plan, and at this point I’ll turn it over to Secretary-Treasurer Christ.

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Ms. Nicola Christ: Thank you Board Chair Windsor, I am presenting to you the Audit Plan for the 2019/20 financial year which has been reviewed and recommended for your approval by our Audit Committee. The Audit Plan has been presented by our auditors from Pricewaterhouse whom we chose based on a competitive process, for a period of three years plus three – one year renewals. This is the third year of the initial three-year period of time. The section of the School Act that governs the appointment of auditors is Section number 158. We are asking today for your approval of that particular Audit Plan based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee. The Audit itself will be performed in August and September by the Audit Partner Karen Sawatsky and her team at a cost of \$31,750 to the district. The audited financial statements will be presented at the Board meeting of September 29, 2020 for your approval, and the auditors will be present at that time in order to give you an update on their findings. And with that, I will leave you to make your approval of the Audit Plan.

Chairperson Windsor: Thank you. So the recommended action is that the Delta Board of Education approve the 2019/2020 Audit Plan as recommended by the Audit Committee. Could I please have someone move the recommended motion? Trustee Kanakos, seconded Trustee Boisvert. Is there any discussion on this? All those in favour?

Trustee Boisvert: I would like to have the two public members of the Audit Committee, Mr. Scott Stoilen and Mr. Anthony Lynch, recognized in the minutes for their efforts, so if we could just make sure their names get added that would be great, thank you.

Chairperson Windsor: Trustee Boisvert chairs the Audit Committee. All those in favour then of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried.

Ok Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD37-01, and Secretary-Treasurer Christ.

Ms. Christ: I will pass this topic on to Darren Duff our Director of Facilities who will present this topic to you.

Chairperson Windsor: Thank you very much, your first one.

Mr. Darren Duff: Thank you Chair Windsor. Capital Bylaw CPSD37-01 is in relation to our application in June 2019 for capital planning under the School Enhancement Fund for McCloskey, Brooke, Heath and district wide life safety upgrades, and under the carbon neutral capital program (CNC): for Heath Elementary electrical upgrades; replacements of RTU's at Cougar Canyon and Sands; and AC unit replacements at Hellings, McCloskey and Gibson. Of these projects, three were supported, those are namely Heath Elementary electrical upgrades \$120,000, Brooke Elementary roof refurbishment for \$434,500, and McCloskey Elementary roof refurbishment for \$671,700. \$1.25 million investment by the Ministry or 32.7% of the requested funding. In accordance with the Ministry's Project Procurement Procedures and Guidelines, the three projects must be adopted through a Capital Bylaw before they can be authorized. The recommended action is that approval be given for three readings at one meeting of the Capital Project Bylaw 2020/21-CPSD37-01, and the Capital Project Bylaw be given three readings and adopted.

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Chairperson Windsor: So we're looking to move the recommended action, so we need approval for three readings at one meeting of the Capital Project Bylaw. Can someone please move that? Trustee Beard, seconded Trustee Boisvert. All those in favour? Those opposed? Ok so three readings then, would someone like to move that Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD37-01 be given three readings and adopted. Motion Trustee Kanakos, seconded Trustee Dosanjh. All those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried. So first motion that it be given three readings and adopted, that was the first time, now we're going into number two here, we need a mover and seconder for the second reading. Trustee Reid, and Trustee Boisvert. That was for the second reading. Are there any questions, comments of our Facilities Director? No, all those in favour of the motion then of the second reading? And third and final reading, can I have a mover? Vice-Chair Dixon, seconded by Trustee Kanakos. All those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried. Thank you very much.

No New Business. There is nobody to ask us any questions, so the next thing is the date, time and place of the next meeting. The next scheduled meeting is next Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Could I please have a motion to adjourn this meeting? Trustee Reid and seconded Trustee Beard. All those in favour? Ok, and now we'll move into the Special Budget Consultation meeting of the Board of Education.



TRANSCRIPT OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET CONSULTATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
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Chairperson Windsor: I would like to call this meeting to order. Could I please have a mover for adoption of the agenda, a mover and seconder? Trustee Kanakos, seconded Trustee Dosanjh. All those in favour of the adoption of the agenda which you saw printed before you?

Ok the agenda has one item on it, and that is public input into the proposed 2020/2021 budget. My comments are very basically brief. We received one submission only, and at the last minute the questions were withdrawn, therefore, there being no other submissions to us for budget consultation, I would like a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Dixon, seconded Trustee Boisvert. All those in favour? And that ends the public consultation meeting.