



BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education:

Trustee J. Fraser, Chair
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Jon Rever, Acting Deputy Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups:

Nicola Baker, COPAC President and Jeannette Watson, COPAC Vice-President
David Johnson, COPVPA Executive
Shelley Yost, CUPE Executive
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting at 6:40 pm on Zoom*)

There was no representative from District Student Council.

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

6:04 pm: The Superintendent of Schools/CEO joined the meeting.

AGENDA

Main 25P-010

MOVED by Trustee Broughton
SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 19, 2025 be adopted (as amended, if appropriate).

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - January 22, 2025

Main 25P-011

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers
SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 22, 2025, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Inclusive Education - Bamfield Marine Science Program for Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired

In attendance:

Randy Horne, Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education
Allison Goreas, Acting District Principal – Inclusive Education
Lynn Wales, TSVI Program Creator and Coordinator
Seth Gizen, former Central Okanagan Public Schools student

The Bamfield Program offers students who are blind or visually impaired an opportunity to learn through their unique learning modalities and highlights the importance of inclusive educational experiences. Established by Lynn Wales in 2010, this program has successfully hosted seven camps, fostering a sense of belonging and enthusiasm for scientific discovery. Designed as an inclusive, outdoor learning experience, the program allows students to engage meaningfully in hands-on scientific exploration. In 2024, nine students, nine vision professionals, representatives from eight school districts, and UBC participated in this enriching experience.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:29 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:32 pm.

DECLARATION

Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day - February 26, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, February 26, 2025 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Property Bylaw No. 160 – BC Hydro Statutory Right-of-Way for George Pringle Secondary School

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee meeting - January 29, 2025:

Main 25P-012

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education give first reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 160 (Registration of a Statutory Right of Way) for registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 1 & 2, Plan KAP82274, DL 486 & 807, ODYD, known as George Pringle Secondary School.

CARRIED

Main 25P-013

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education give second reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 160 (Registration of a Statutory Right of Way) for registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 1 & 2, Plan KAP82274, DL 486 & 807, ODYD, known as George Pringle Secondary School.

CARRIED

Main 25P-014

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education give all three readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 160 (Registration of a Statutory Right of Way) for registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 1 & 2, Plan KAP82274, DL 486 & 807, ODYD, known as George Pringle Secondary School, at the February 19, 2025 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 25P-015

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education give third reading and grant approval to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 160 (Registration of a Statutory Right of Way) for registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 1 & 2, Plan KAP82274, DL 486 & 807, ODYD, known as George Pringle Secondary School.

CARRIED

Annual Review of Finance and Planning Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee meeting - January 29, 2025.

Main 25P-016

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 156 - Finance and Planning Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 19, 2025 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2024/2025 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee meeting – February 12, 2025.

Main 25P-016

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$384,094,443.

CARRIED

Main 25P-017

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$384,094,443.

CARRIED

Main 25P-018

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$384,094,443.

CARRIED

Main 25P-019

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$384,094,443 on the 19th day of February 2025.

CARRIED

2025/2026 School Fees Summary

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee meeting – February 12, 2025.

Main 25P-020

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the school supply fee increase from \$35/student to \$40/student effective July 1, 2025, as presented at the February 19, 2025 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

Review of Transportation Fees for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee meeting – February 12, 2025.

Main 25P-021

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee at \$525 per year for each bus rider for the period effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, as presented at the February 19, 2025 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

Review of Secondary School Bus Routes

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting - February 12, 2025:

Main 25P-022

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education requests the Transportation Department to perform a review of secondary school bus routes to determine if school buses are providing service where reliable BC Transit Service is available.

CARRIED

Three Year Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan 2025/2026 - 2027/2028

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting - February 12, 2025:

Main 25P-023

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2025/2026 through 2027/2028, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 19, 2025 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Proposed Catchment Boundary Adjustment – Webber Road Elementary and Shannon Lake Elementary

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting - February 12, 2025:

Main 25P-024

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the adjustment to the catchment boundary between Shannon Lake Elementary and Webber Road Elementary, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 19, 2025 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement – North Glenmore Elementary Rubber Surface

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting - February 12, 2025:

Main 25P-025

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with North Glenmore Elementary School for the installation of playground swing and rubber surface, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 19, 2025 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent’s Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2025/2026

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Update – December 31, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – January 22, 2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - January 29, 2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - February 3, 2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - February 10, 2025

The Board reviewed the information.

CUPE Local 3523 Executive 2025/2026

The Board reviewed the information and congratulated Shelley Yost, as the CUPE rep present at the meeting, on the election of the Executive for 2025/2026.

ADVOCACY

The Board Chair confirmed that two motions were being put forth to BCSTA Legislative Committee for consideration at their AGM.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Desrosiers, along with Trustee Tiede attended the Indigenous Education Council meeting, where the Indigenous Education Council approved the preliminary budget for 2025/2026 school year.

Trustee Fraser attended the District Student Council meeting where they had a guest speaker from the Kelowna Art Gallery.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Johnson noted the email from Trustee Desrosiers, that should be listed as 'Sent'

From:

- 2025-01-20 Email from T Durjik re Discrimination in School Transportation Service
- 2025-01-22 Email from C. Simpson re: Enhancement Agreements/Outdoor Learning Spaces
- 2025-01-24 Email from Lloyd Manchester re: BTK Spray Program for 2025
- 2025-01-31 Email from Rhianda Lindsell re: Indigenous Studies
- 2025-02-04 Email from Lloyd Manchester re: West Kelowna Branch of the KCSA Leads Change in Halting 2025 Aerial BTK Spray Program.
- 2025-02-05 Email from Action4Canada re: Urgent, the BC Conservatives need you at their AGM
- 2025-02-06 Email from Lloyd Manchester re: CUFCA Applauds Decision not to Spray BC Communities

Sent:

- 2025-01-20 Email from Trustee Desrosiers to T Durjik re Discrimination in School Transportation Service

Main 25P-026

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the February 19, 2025 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair, Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO, spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
 - Celebrating the graduation of 16 students from the Gateway Program, a partnership between Okanagan College and Central Okanagan Public Schools designed to strengthen the connection between secondary and post-secondary education for Central Schools students by establishing early awareness and insight into viable career opportunities. A special thank you was expressed to donors for their support and commitment to this program.
 - OKM Triple Threat Theatre musical presentation of Hadestown: Teen Edition.
 - 50th Western Basketball Tournament (Best of the West) hosted by École Kelowna Secondary School.
 - Grade 9 Course Selection night at École George Elliot Secondary School.
 - Primary Winter Gathering presented by the Indigenous Education Department.
 - Mar Jok 10th Anniversary Assembly and Lunar New Year.
 - Graduation of students from the Okanagan College Electrical Program.
 - UBCO WWEST (Westcoast Women in Engineering, Science and Technology) hosted middle and secondary school students on Friday, February 14 2025.
 - UBCO hosted Experience UBCO Student and Faculty Fair for students from all across the Okanagan.

Upcoming events include:

- Proud for Prom on Saturday, March 8, 2025 – volunteers will be hosting a one-day event where graduates can select formal wear and accessories to ensure that every graduate can celebrate Prom in style.
- Mount Boucherie Theatre Company is presenting the musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on February 26th – 28th and March 5th – 7th, 2025.
- École Glenrosa Middle School and Constable Neil Bruce Middle School are currently hosting students and staff from Haruhigaoka Junior High in Kasugai, Japan.
- The link to the 2025/2026 Public Budget Survey is on the District website (www.sd23.bc.ca). As the District plans the 2025/2026 annual budget for the next school year, we are asking for feedback on the 2025/2026 preliminary budget process. The due date for the survey is March 3, 2025.
- The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2025 (for the 2025/2026 school year) is now open and is available on the District website.
- A reminder that the initial enrollment application dates for the 2025/2026 school year have been set as February 3, 2025 at 7:00 am through to March 14, 2025. The closing date of enrollment applications, to apply the Board's enrollment priorities as established in Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), is set as August 28, 2025.
- Congratulations to the École Kelowna Secondary School AAA Senior Boys Basketball team who are currently ranked 3rd in the Province.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Provincial Council

Saturday, February 22, 2025
(Virtual)

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

February 28-March 1, 2025
Penticton, BC

The Board Chair shared that at the BCSTA Resolutions Committee Meeting on February 18, 2025 the Committee spoke of having defibrillators in schools. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that the District has AED devices in all secondary schools, and all but two middle schools. At the Board Chair meeting, recent cyber-attacks and the letter from the Ombudsperson were discussed.

Partner Liaison Meeting

March 6-7, 2025
Richmond, BC

AGM

April 24-26, 2025
Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board Meeting with District of Lake Country

The Joint Board Meeting with District of Lake Country which was scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2025 has been postponed to the fall.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Education and Student Services Committee
- Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 4:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO