

THAT the Board of Education refer the Richmond Teachers' Association Brief to staff.

CARRIED

4. Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

5. Executive

The Superintendent shared the following highlights:

Thanked students, staff and families for their efforts to the start of the new school year;
Visited 30 schools as well as the Facilities Services Centre, District Resources Centre, Adult Education Centre, and district alternative programs centre;
Emphasized the components of the strategic plan;
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30; and
Non-Instructional Day on September 22, where staff engaged in a day of professional learning with Dr. Dustin Louie.

6. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

(a) A record of an in-camera meeting of the board held Wednesday, June 21, 2023 was included for information.

(b) Regular meeting of the board held Wednesday, June 21, 2023

101/2023 MOVED BY D. SARGENT AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of Wednesday, June 21, 2023, regular meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Prior Minutes

(a) Board Advocacy

The Chairperson highlighted the Board presentation to the Select Standing Committee in June which emphasized the significant challenge posed by space pressure in the City Centre schools. She noted the Government's Budget Consultation Report is included the agenda package. She thanked the Board and stakeholder groups for participating in the joint report and presentation.

The Chairperson also noted she will be attending the BCSTA provincial Advocacy Day on Oct 19 to continue the advocacy work for the district.

(b) Annual Strategic Plan Report to the Board

The Deputy Superintendent provided an update on the achievements related to the 2022/23 school year's objectives and outlined the priorities for the upcoming school year.

Trustees noted their appreciation for the report and commended the achievements in executing the Strategic Plan. The Executive Director, Learning and Business Technologies then responded to a trustee's question regarding the progress and scope of the video surveillance installation project. A comment was also made by a trustee regarding the connection between technology infrastructure and enterprise risk management.

8. New Business

(a) Summer Learning 2023 Highlights

- (b) upon approval to proceed, commence the Project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each Project substantially as directed by the Minister;
- (c) observe and comply with any order, regulation, or policy of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the Project(s); and,
- (d) maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the Project(s), as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2023/2024 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent dated 09 March 2023 is hereby adopted.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 38 (Columbia) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD38-02.

102/2023 FIRST READING MOVED BY R. BELLEZA AND SECONDED BY

(c) Approval of Additional Minor Capital Programs – Food Infrastructure Program

The Secretary Treasurer referred to her report as included in the agenda package. She then responded to a trustee's question regarding the scope of work for the sites and the determination of elementary schools for upgrades. A trustee then requested for a report on the School Food Infrastructure Program.

105/2023 MOVED BY D. SARGENT AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

THAT the Board of Education approve the inclusion of additional Minor Capital Programs – Food Infrastructure Program in the 2024/25 Five-Year Capital Plan.

CARRIED

9. Questions from the Public

The President, Richmond Teachers' Association inquired about the following:

1. Advocacy for Classroom Enhancement Funding (CEF) and the potential negative impact of the change of the funding model on CEF; and
2. Teacher recruitment and retention update.

The Chairperson thanked the President, Richmond Teachers' Association for her comments.

10. Standing Committee Reports

(a) Audit Committee

- (i) RECOMMENDATION: Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023.

The Committee Chairperson provided brief background, noting the clean audit and thanked the Finance staff and the KPMG auditors for their work. The Secretary Treasurer then provided further information on the funding model, cost of expansion of the City Center schools, inflationary cost pressures, and cost pressures for portables following a question from a trustee.

106/2023 MOVED BY D. YANG AND SECONDED BY R. BELLEZA:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, and the Secretary Treasurer be authorized to sign the audited financial statements.

CARRIED

(ii) A meeting was held on September 19, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

(b) Education Committee

(i) Minutes of the meeting held on June 14, 2023, are attached for information.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

(c) Facilities and Building Committee

(i) Minutes of the meeting held on June 7, 2023, are attached for information.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

(d) Finance and Legal Committee

(i) RECOMMENDATION: Trustees Expenses for the Three Months ended June 30, 2023.

The Committee Chairperson noted the main expenses were from the BCSTA AGM.

107/2023 MOVED BY D. SARGENT AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

WHEREAS the Board of Education is paying for expenses incurred by the Trustees in the discharge of their duties,

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the _____, the Board of Education approve Trustees' expenses paid during the three-month period ended June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$11,539.98.

CARRIED

(ii) Minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2023, are attached for information.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 10:00 am.

(e) Policy Committee

