



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson  
Trustee N. Bowman  
Trustee R. Cacchioni  
Trustee C. Desrosiers  
Trustee J. Fraser  
Trustee A. Geistlinger

Absent: Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO  
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant (recorder)  
Yvonne Hildebrandt, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President  
David Tether, CUPE President  
Michael Dornian, COPVPA Treasurer  
Deannie Zahara, COPAC Representative  
Grace Mallette, DSC - Grade 11 at RSS

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

**AGENDA**

Main 20P-028

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 10, 2021 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - January 27, 2021**

Main 21P-029

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes be amended.

#### **CARRIED**

Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Bowman

*Amendment: Page 3 – Trustee Geistlinger's query as follows:*

**Trustee Geistlinger** *stated that some parents have also contacted her to say that the Board did not thoroughly discuss Board Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students during their January 13, 2021 debate ~~and that this Policy would have been relevant to the vote.~~*

Main 21P-030

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 27, 2021 be adopted as amended.

#### **CARRIED**

Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### **Inclusive Education Month**

February is Inclusive Education Month. This is a time to promote and raise awareness about inclusive education. A Partners for Inclusive Education committee has been established which meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 pm, and is a safe place where families, staff and community partners can connect to better understand supports for learners with diverse abilities within the District and the community. The Partners for Inclusive Education meetings provide an opportunity for parents to have open communication about inclusive education. A video was shown highlighting a student at Bankhead Elementary School.

### **Lunar New Year**

Participating by Zoom:

Violeta Malfair, Principal, Hudson Road Elementary School

Rob Reid, Teacher, Hudson Road Elementary School

Wayne Lai, Asian-Canadian Special Events Association

Charlie Wu, Asian-Canadian Special Events Association  
Shirley Zhao, Asian-Canadian Special Events Association

Hudson Road Elementary School Students:

Taylor Linde, Austin Vanderwyk, Xander Surinak, Lucas Beliveau, Bristen Kerber, Ryder Vella-Chircop, Ben Larson, Raif Esmail, Emery Lindemann, Callie Johnston, Isabella Abel, Summer Schneider, Sharlise Vanderwyk, Jessa Hudson, Ella Davenport, Vivian Lange, Soren Jonasson, Scarlett Stephanson, Madison Spence

Students at Hudson Road Elementary learned about Lunar New Year which occurs on Friday, February 12, 2021. In terms of the Chinese zodiac animal, it is the Year of the Ox. The students made paper art "firecrackers" along with schools in the Lower Mainland with the online help of the Asian-Canadian Special Events Association.

## **DECLARATIONS**

### **Harmony Day - February 17, 2021**

Participating by Zoom:

Leigh-Ann Yanow, Harmony Day Committee Co-Chairperson

This year marks the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Harmony Day. Leigh-Ann Yanow, Co-Chairperson of the Harmony Day Committee, announced that this year's Harmony Day theme is "Courage". Many events will be happening in schools on February 17, 2021 including the Harmony Day Middle/Secondary Virtual Living Library featuring keynote speaker Kevin Lamoureux. For more information, visit the Harmony Day website at: [www.harmonyday.ca](http://www.harmonyday.ca).

The Chairperson of the Board of Education declared:

WHEREAS: Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan bring unique gifts to this community through their diversity; and,

WHEREAS: Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS: Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,

WHEREAS: Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan Public Schools to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,

THEREFORE I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2021 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day - February 24, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, February 24, 2021 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

### **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

There was a query if the recent cold temperatures were affecting the transportation department.

*Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, confirmed that there have been no delays or interruption of service due to the recent cold weather.*

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of the 2020/2021 Amended Annual Budget**

Recommendations of the Finance and Audit Committee – January 20, 2021

Main 21P-031

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: At the February 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education give first, second and third readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2020/2021.**

**CARRIED**

Main 21P-032

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2020/2021 in the amount of \$297,709,172 be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 10th day of February, 2021.**

**CARRIED**

**Affirmation of Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee**

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee – January 20, 2021

Main 21P-033

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting.  
CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 541 - Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses and Appendix 541A - Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses (Appendix)**

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – January 20, 2021

Main 21P-034

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 541 - Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses and Appendix 541A - Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses (Appendix), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting.  
CARRIED**

**Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Global and Intercultural Studies 12**

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – January 20, 2021

Main 21P-035

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Global and Intercultural Studies 12 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached the Agenda, and as presented at the February 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting.  
CARRIED**

**Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Global and Intercultural Experience 12**  
Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – January 20, 2021

Main 21P-036

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Global and Intercultural Experience 12 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached the Agenda, and as presented at the February 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**  
**CARRIED**

**Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) Exposure**

Notice of Motion by Trustee Geistlinger at the Public Board Meeting January 27, 2021

Main 21P-037

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education respond to Dr. Devra Davis's email (dated November 26, 2020 from 'Environmental Health Trust') with an invitation for their organization to meet with our Board to present their advice for how Central Okanagan Public Schools can reduce and mitigate the risks of radiation exposure in our schools.**

Amendment 21P-038

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education respond to Dr. Devra Davis's email (dated November 26, 2020 from 'Environmental Health Trust') with an invitation for their organization to meet with our Board to present ~~their advice for how Central Okanagan Public Schools can reduce and mitigate the risks of radiation~~ on radiation exposure in our schools.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Desrosiers and Trustee Bowman**

**Abstained: Trustee Cacchioni**

**The question was called on Main Motion 21P-037**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Desrosiers, Trustee Bowman and Trustee Fraser**

**Abstained: Trustee Cacchioni**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

### **Deannie Zahara – COPAC Representative**

On the Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary, Chief Tomat Elementary is listed as having two field trips at the end of the school year.

*The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that under the current Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings, field studies are not permitted. The Guidelines will be further reviewed at the time of the scheduled field study.*

### **Jennifer Huber**

Given the capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School, queried the number of International students who currently attend École Kelowna Secondary School.

*The Board Chairperson confirmed that there have been previous commitments made for International students to attend École Kelowna Secondary School which the District must follow through on. The Board has set a cap of International students at École Kelowna Secondary School to a maximum 65 FTE and an annual review of the cap will be conducted by mid-October for as long as the capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School persist.*

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

There were no Superintendent's Emergent Issues.

### **Superintendent's COVID-19 Update**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools, including that numbers of exposures continue to trend downwards and one week had zero exposures.

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

*7:06: The COPVPA representative left the meeting.*

### **General Statement – January 27, 2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Financial Update - December 31, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **2021/2022 Budget Survey Questions - DRAFT**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Canadian Union Public Employees Local 3523 Executive - January 2021 - November 2021**

The Board reviewed the information and congratulated Mr. Tether and the CUPE Executive.

### **Suspension Summary Report: 2014-2015 to 2019-2020**

The Board reviewed the information and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO responded to questions.

### **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

An overview of a recent Health Promoting Schools Committee Meeting was provided.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Sent:**

Response to G. Jennens, January 25, 2021, Mandatory Masks in School District No. 23

#### **Received:**

G. Jennens, January 22, 2021, Mandatory Masks in School District No. 23

R. Neid, January 24, 2021, School Calendar Survey

D. Bee, February 2, 2021, FSA Tests

J. Huber, February 3, 2021, Recruitment and Contracting of International Students

M. Peever, February 3, 2021, Proposed Changes to KSS for September 2021

Main 21P-039

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: At the February 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

### **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Trustees reported on the following:

1. On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, the **graduation of students in the SD23/BCIT Dual Credit Program** was celebrated. One year ago, fifteen students from across the District began their journey in the Electrical dual credit program. Students and their instructor celebrated in person while special guests, including parents and family members, participated in the graduation ceremony by Zoom. Congratulations to all the graduates.
2. The first **Long Term Facilities Plan Townhall Meeting** pertaining to the Rutland Family of Schools was held on Monday, February 8, 2021. To learn more about the other areas of the Central Okanagan Public School District, attend any of the following virtual Townhall Meetings:

**Central Family of Schools** – February 11th at 5:00 pm via Zoom:

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/67008480957>

**Westside Family of Schools** – February 16th at 5:00 pm via Zoom:

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/63055897586>

**Mission/Lake Country Family of Schools** – February 18th at 5:00 pm via Zoom:

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/67658073343>

3. A reminder that the community and staff are invited to review the proposed School Calendar for 2021/2022 and to provide input prior to February 19, 2021. The proposed calendar and survey are located on the Central Okanagan School District website ([www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)).
4. On Friday, **February 12th**, CUPE and COTA will be hosting their **professional development days**, and therefore school will not be in session.
5. Also, a reminder that **Monday, February 15th is Family Day** and schools again will not be in session.
6. Okanagan Mission Secondary School's annual January/February Drama plays were available via livestream this year.

*7:41 pm: The COPAC representative left the meeting.*

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Provincial Council**

February 20, 2021 via Zoom

### **BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting**

February 26-27, 2021 via Zoom

### **BCSTA Annual General Meeting**

April 15-17, 2021 - virtual

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Finance and Audit Committee

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

There were no items for a future agenda.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the media.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO