



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 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  
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO  
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President  
David Tether, CUPE President  
Violeta Malfair, COPVPA Social Representative  
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC President  
James Ropotar, DSC Co-President

**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 6:05 pm.

**AGENDA**

*Add: New Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23" 4.2 RSS "Company" Virtual Dance Video*

**Main 20P-107**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of June 24, 2020 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - June 10, 2020**

#### **Main 20P-108**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 10, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ABSTAINED:** Trustee Tiede

## **RECOGNITION**

### **Canadian Parents for French Competition Winner - Mihai Covaser, Grade 11 French Immersion Student at École Kelowna Secondary School**

In attendance:

Troy White, Principal at École Kelowna Secondary School

Christey Hughes, Vice-Principal at École Kelowna Secondary School

Shannon Bracken, Teacher at École Kelowna Secondary School

The Board of Education recognized Mihai Covaser for winning a National contest put on by the Canadian Parents for French, with over 800 students from across Canada entered. Students were asked to show their experiences in quarantine after the schools were closed due to COVID-19. Mihai won the grade 11 French Immersion division. The Variety Club was chosen as Mihai's charity of choice.

The Board invited Mihai back to a September Public Board Meeting to present his video submission.

### **Schulich Scholarship Winner (\$100,000) - Jamie Ropotar, Grade 12 Indigenous Student at Okanagan Mission Secondary School**

In attendance:

Jasmine Lemon, Vice-Principal at Okanagan Mission Secondary

The Board congratulated James Ropotar, 2020 Graduate of Okanagan Mission Secondary School, who won the prestigious Schulich Scholarship. The award is for \$100,000 towards an Engineering/Applied Science degree at the University of British Columbia and makes the 2020 graduate part of an esteemed network of national STEM scholars.

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

### **Central Okanagan Public Schools Pride Video**

At the June 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education declared June as "Pride Month" in Central Okanagan Public Schools. A video was created with several Trustees, senior staff and members of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association. The video was presented and can be viewed on the School District website: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/Pride-Month-Message.aspx#/=>

### **RSS "Company" Virtual Dance Video**

Jennifer Skogstad, Dance Teacher at Rutland Senior Secondary School, worked alongside her Company Dance Class during the COVID-19 pandemic, to prepare a dance video. Dance students conducted their dance individually and a video was collated to the song "Rainbows". The dance video can be viewed at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=HllodWWCElw&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=HllodWWCElw&feature=emb_title)

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Kathy Chin:** Ms. Chin expressed her appreciation for the Board's statement regarding Systemic Racism and the positive intentions of the Board to be actively against perpetuating systemic racism.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2020**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented his 2020 report on student achievement. Highlighting the impacts of COVID-19, the signing of the Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation Agreement, partnerships for early learning, and areas requiring additional supports for students. The full presentation is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website under Documents and Publications: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/pages/Publications.aspx#/=>

### **Main 20P-109**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education accept the Superintendent of Schools/CEO's Report on Student Achievement 2020.**

**CARRIED**

### **Superintendent of Schools/CEO 'Year in Review'**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented an overview of the 2019/2020 school year overviews impacts, responses, and supports put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic and identifying student achievements, special events, challenges and business involving the Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO thanked the Board of Education, all staff

members, partner groups, and the community for their efforts to support student achievement this year. The full 'Year in Review' presentation is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website under Documents and Publications: [http://www.sd23.bc.ca/pages/Publications.aspx#/=](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/pages/Publications.aspx#/)

## **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

**Trustee Fraser** queried what impact the bus registration deadline extension had on the final registration numbers.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO shared that over 1,000 applications were received after the extension was announced to families. Currently, the Transportation Department is working on processing registrations and will notify parents accordingly.*

**Trustee Geistlinger** requested a progress update on the construction of H.S. Grenda Middle School.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the contractor has started to pour the third floor and it's anticipated to be closed up for the winter. Construction is progressing and on target.*

**Trustee Baxter** stated that the District really won't know the status of Transportation until the last minute.

*The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that Superintendents and the province are reviewing what school bus regulations will be needed for the Fall. He also advised that the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and the Transportation Manager are developing response plans for each stage of the K-12 Education Restart Plan and will present their plans at the August 19, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw**

The Secretary Treasurer/CFO confirmed that in approving the budget, the Board of Education is also approving a transfer of approximately \$3 million into local capital to fund the Technology Refresh and new portable purchases.

### **Main 20P-110**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 in the amount of \$284,166,432.**

**CARRIED**

**Main 20P-111**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 in the amount of \$284,166,432 be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted on the 24th day of June 2020.**

**CARRIED**

**Systemic Racism Discussion/Action**

The Board discussed the importance of having discussions to establish processes to assess and support education throughout the District regarding systemic racism, ensuring that correct members are involved in the discussions - including student voices.

**Main 20P-112**

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Central Okanagan Public Schools Board of Education put in place a process to assess and support education throughout the school district regarding systemic racism, anti-racist education, and historic and contemporary content by and about Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour.**

**Amendment 20P-113**

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: Semi-colons be placed after 'systemic racism' and 'anti-racist education'.**

**CARRIED**

**The question was called on Main 20P-112 as amended by 20P-113.**

**THAT: The Central Okanagan Public Schools Board of Education put in place a process to assess and support education throughout the school district regarding systemic racism; anti-racist education; and historic and contemporary content by and about Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported that he had no emergent issues to report.

### **Superintendent's Pandemic Update**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared the student school attendance for Stage 3 of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the elementary school level there were 5,977 students, 1,530 middle school students and 951 students at the secondary school level in attendance. As well, 1,078 Special Education designated students were in attendance.

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020 and 2020/2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – June 2, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – June 4, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – June 9, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – June 10, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – June 16, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Financial Update - International Education Program**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **COVID-19 Pandemic Financial Analysis**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Impact of Bill 8 - Education Statutes Amendment Act**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Year-End Reporting Guidelines**

The Board reviewed the information.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Sent:**

### **Received:**

G. Friesen, June 10, 2020, Re Advisory to the Board on LGBT2Q+ Topics

COTA, June 12, 2020, Re Invite to COTA Summer Conference

R. Volk, June 13, 2020, Re Rutland Middle School

### **Main 20P-114**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: At the June 24, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Board of Education Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO expressed the following:

- enjoyment in watching the virtual grad ceremonies by video.
- congratulations to all graduates including those transitioning from elementary and middle school.
- gratitude to all staff who have worked hard over the past three months for the education of our learners.
- thank you to the videographers, Graduation Coordinators, staff and parents who have done so much to support the virtual graduation activities this year.
- Make Some Noise for the Class of 2020 – On Friday, June 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm, the Class of 2020 asks that the community go outside, turn up their radio, and make some noise to help celebrate graduation this year. Local radio stations will be playing "I Lived" by One Republic.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

**Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm (TBC)

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

- Mihai Covaser, Grade 12 French Immersion Student at École Kelowna Secondary School, Canadian Parents for French Competition Video Submission

**MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the media.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO