



## Board Meeting Highlights October 18, 2023

### Indigenous Education 2022/23 Targeted Funding Surplus

The board approved for inclusion in the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget a spending plan for the 2022/23 targeted Indigenous Education funding surplus of \$350,905. This targeted funding supports the development and delivery of Indigenous education programs and services that integrate academic achievement, social and emotional supports, and Indigenous culture or language or both. The spending plan for this targeted funding surplus is outlined in the [October 18, 2023, agenda package](#).

### School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

The board approved the Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The full report is available on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/financial-information/>.

### 2023/24 Capital Plan Bylaw

The board gave three readings to and adopted 2023/24 Capital Plan Bylaw #02 to access funding for the addition of two School Food Infrastructure Programs projects confirmed as supported by the Ministry of Education and Child Care on September 15, 2023.

### Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon spoke to the board about the school district's Land Acknowledgement, which had been developed over the course of the 2016/17 and 2017/18 school years in consultation with Elders from Katzie First Nation, Kwantlen First Nation, and Golden Ears Métis Society. Superintendent Dhillon then played for trustees a district highlights story about a land acknowledgement activity at Maple Ridge Elementary during National Truth and Reconciliation Week. The video and accompanying story are posted on the district website under district highlights at <https://www.sd42.ca/district-highlight/students-land-acknowledgements/>.

### Policy Review Updates

The board approved housekeeping changes to the following policies:

- *Policy 2301: Role of the Board*
- *Policy 2303: Board Delegation of Authority*
- *Policy 3201: Role of the Superintendent of Schools*
- *Policy 3202: Role of the Secretary Treasurer*

The housekeeping changes are documented in the [October 18, 2023, agenda package](#). The approved policies are posted in the online [Policy Manual](#).

The board also received for information and approved for continuation with the consultation process *Policy 7110: Whistleblower Protection*. This policy was revised in response requirements articulated in *The Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA)*, which goes into effect for school districts on December 1, 2023. The board welcomes public input on this draft policy, which is available for review on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on November 15, 2023.**