
IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Katie Sullivan

Superintendent – Teresa Downs
Secretary Treasurer – Richard Rennie
Deputy Superintendent – Cheryl Schwarz
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Iris Mo
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop
Executive Coordinator – Rebecca Lyle

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Territory Acknowledgement

The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation. The Chairperson welcomed and recognized all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and families in our schools and community. The Chairperson welcomed and recognized the many different cultures that are represented in our schools and community.

2. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the Public Board meeting to order at 6:01pm.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

3. Correspondence

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

The Chairperson advised that members of the public were able to provide input on decision items on the Agenda by emailing board@sd42.ca by no later than 5:30pm on March 5, 2025.

No public input was received.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the February 12, 2025, Public Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Voice

The Vice Principal of Thomas Haney Secondary, Lisa Kania, presented to the board on Student Voice, providing an update on recent student engagement efforts and showcasing student-led designs and creations in schools. She also highlighted student involvement in the budget process, with student voice representatives presenting student priorities for the 2025/26 Preliminary Budget.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on Student Voice.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

D. DEFERRED ITEMS

E. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Strategic Plan Update

The Superintendent reported that the Strategic Plan spans the period of 2022/23 to 2026/27 and is based on a rolling four-year planning cycle that includes an annual review and update process. A revised set of strategic priorities and goals was shared with the board, which includes the following priorities: Literacy and Numeracy, Equity, Social-Emotional Learning, Assessment, Innovation, and Sustainability.

It was recommended that staff engage with each partner group, as well as the Indigenous Education Community Gathering table, to discuss the changes, explain the rationale, and gather input. The feedback collected would be presented at an upcoming board meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board direct staff to engage with First Nations and partners on the proposed changes to the strategic plan and bring the feedback to a future meeting.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2025/26

The Secretary Treasurer shared the proposed schedule for the Board of Education's 2025/26 regular public and closed board meeting dates to support its work as outlined in the Board of Education Annual Work Plan:

- Wednesday, September 17, 2025
- Wednesday, October 15, 2025
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026
- Wednesday, February 11, 2026
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026
- Wednesday, April 15, 2026
- Wednesday, April 29, 2026

- Wednesday, May 13, 2026
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the regular Board meeting schedule for 2025/26 as proposed.

CARRIED

4. Board Committee Reports

a) Finance

i. Facility Rental and Licensing Fees for 2025/26

The Secretary Treasurer shared that, in accordance with Board Policy 10400 Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities and Grounds, Board facilities will be made available to outside users for a fee that, at a minimum, ensures full cost recovery of direct and indirect costs incurred and to be incurred by the Board as a result of making that use available.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that facility rental and licensing fee rates are calculated based on either the full cost recovery per square meter per hour or on market rates which are determined by conducting an annual market analysis.

Discussion ensued.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the proposed facility rental and licensing fees for 2025/26 be approved with the exception of those being applied to the non-profit preferred (youth group) category, pending a review by the Policy Committee and Board of a possible change to the current rental rate pricing policy for non-profit youth groups.

DEFEATED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the proposed facility rental and licensing fees for 2025/26, as presented.

CARRIED

i. 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Statements

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget includes changes resulting from enrolment adjustments, revenue changes announced by the Ministry of Education and Child Care in January 2025, projected revenue and expenditure changes, and proposed additional budget changes to achieve a balanced budget.

Discussion ensued.

Moved/Seconded

- (1) THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be given three reading at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved/Seconded

- (2) THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be given first reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

- (3) THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be given a second reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

- (4) THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be given a third reading, passed and adopted on this 5th day of March 2025.

CARRIED

- b) Facilities Planning
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Education Advisory
- e) Indigenous Education Community Gathering
- f) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent provided the board with a verbal update and presentation on recent school events and activities across the district, including Lunar New Year celebrations, athletic events, theatre productions, and Pink Shirt Day initiatives.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Update, for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Trustee Remuneration for 2025/26

The Secretary Treasurer reported that on May 18, 2022, the previous Board approved that, for the 4-year period from 2022 to 2026, trustee remuneration be adjusted on an annual basis effective on July 1 each year based on the Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index differential for the prior year. Base Trustee Remuneration for 2025/26 is \$32,200 for Trustees, \$33,700 for Vice Chairperson of the Board, and \$35,200 for Chairperson of the Board. In addition, all trustees will continue to receive an annual automobile allowance for in district travel of \$750.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Trustee Remuneration for 2025/26 for information.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Facilities Planning
- c) Board Policy Development

i. Policies for Consultation

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board Policy Development Committee met, reviewed, and is proposing updates to the following policies outlined in the agenda package: Policy 7201: Recruitment and Selection of District Leadership Personnel, Policy 7230: Personal Full-Time Leave of Absence, Policy 7610: Compensation Administration for Excluded Employees, and Policy 7810: Performance Evaluation for Excluded Employees. Input from education partners and the public is invited from March 6 to noon on April 2, 2025. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before the proposed policy is presented to the Board for approval on April 16, 2025.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the following policies for information and continuation of the consultation process:

- 7201: Recruitment and Selection of District Leadership Personnel
- 7230: Personal Full-Time Leave of Absence
- 7610: Compensation Administration for Excluded Employees
- 7810: Performance Evaluation for Excluded Employees

CARRIED

d) Education Advisory

i. Receiving Minutes of Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Education Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on February 19, 2025, for information.

CARRIED

- e) Indigenous Education Community Gathering
- f) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

H. TRUSTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Shaw reported on the February 20, 2025 meeting and shared how well everyone at the meeting shared their thoughts respectfully.

City of Pitt Meadows Community Support & Accessibility Committee

Trustee Sullivan reported on the February 24, 2025 meeting and highlighted the accessibility plan survey open to parents.

Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Table

Trustee Dumore referred to the written memo for highlights on the February 14, 2025 meeting.

Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Shaw reported on the February 24, 2025 meeting and highlighted the deadline for Excellence in Arts scholarship applications.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

Two questions were received and answered on the following topics:

- Total revenue generated by the district-owned EV charging stations for 2024/25.
- How the COLA increase for teachers, education assistants and support staff is reflected in the amended budget.

J. OTHER BUSINESS

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson

Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer