

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
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

ABSENT:

Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore

GUESTS:

Yas Mann, District Helping Teacher
Jovo Bikic, Assistant Superintendent
Ken Cober, Assistant Superintendent
Louie Giroto, Director, Facilities

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 6:00pm. The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

3. Correspondence

- Letter to Min. Beare from Board of Education re: Cybersecurity

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

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 May 14, 2025.

No input was received.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the April 30, 2025, Public Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Numeracy

District Helping Teacher, Yas Mann, and Assistant Superintendent, Jovo Bikic, presented an update to the Board on the district's evolving approach to numeracy instruction. Three schools have formed Numeracy Exploration Teams this year to pilot the four key focus areas: Hands-On Learning (Play-Based), Teaching & Learning Multiple Strategies, Inquiry-Based Thinking Tasks, and Multimodal Assessment Tool.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on Numeracy.

CARRIED

D. DEFERRED ITEMS

E. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) School Fees Schedule and Specialty Academy Fees Schedule for 2025/26

Assistant Superintendent Ken Cober reported on school fees and specialty academy fees for 2025/26.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following proposed fee schedule for the 2025/26 year:

Fee Category	Fee Description	Proposed 2025/26 Rate
Elementary	School Supplies Fee	\$ 60
Secondary - School Fees	Student Fee	\$ 35
Secondary - School Fees	Athletics	\$ 35
Secondary - School Fees	Yearbook	\$ 65
Continuing Education	Student Fee	\$ 20
Continuing Education	Optional Grad Ceremony Fee	\$ 30

Continuing Education	Graduated Resident Course Fee	\$ 650
Summer Learning	Textbook Deposit (Grades 10–12)	\$ 75
Graduated Resident	Graduated Resident Student Fee	\$ 650
Secondary - Specialty Academies	Basketball	\$ 800
Secondary - Specialty Academies	Interdisciplinary Arts	\$ 200
Secondary - Specialty Academies	Digital Arts	\$ 75
Secondary - Specialty Academies	Soccer – Full-time Athlete	\$ 850
Secondary - Specialty Academies	Soccer – Part-time Athlete	\$ 450
Secondary - Specialty Academies	Softball	\$ 2,000
Secondary - Trade Program Course Fees	Automotive	\$ 275
Secondary - Trade Program Course Fees	Carpentry	\$ 900
Secondary - Trade Program Course Fees	Framing	\$ 900
Secondary - Trade Program Course Fees	Metal Fabrication	\$ 600
Secondary - International Baccalaureate	Grade 11 Full Diploma Fee	\$ 600
Secondary - International Baccalaureate	Grade 12 Individual Exam Fee	\$ 120
Secondary - International Baccalaureate	Grade 12 Full Diploma Fee	\$ 600

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Eligible School Sites Proposal

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Eligible School Sites Proposal is a required component of the capital plan submission. The report estimates the number of eligible school sites required for the School District including approximate number, location and cost of school sites proposed to be included in the 2025/26 Capital Plan. The report specifically estimates that one new site in the Silver Valley Area be acquired for a future elementary school.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following eligible school sites proposal:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) (the "Board") has consulted with the City of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows on these matters;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. Based on information from local government, the Board estimates there will be approximately 8,091 new development units constructed in the School District over the next 10 years, as presented in Schedule 'A';
2. These 8,091 new development units will be home to an estimated 1,201 school-age children, as presented in Schedule 'A';
3. The Board expects one (1) new school site over the next ten years, which will be required due to this growth in the school district. The site acquisitions will generally be located as presented in Schedule 'B';
4. According to the Ministry of Education and Child Care site standards, the Board expects that the eligible school sites will require a total acquisition of 3.42 hectares (8.45 acres) of land, as presented in Schedule 'B'. This site should be purchased within the next year and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$26.09 million; and
5. The adjusted Eligible School Sites Proposal should be incorporated into the 2026/27 Capital Plan and submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion an additional recommendation to strengthen advocacy for the provincial government to expedite funding for both the site acquisition and construction of new school in Silver Valley.

Moved/Seconded (requires 2/3 vote to be considered)

THAT the Board reaffirm its commitment to securing a new school site in the Silver Valley area and advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Government of British Columbia for immediate funding to support the acquisition of the Silver Valley elementary school site;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board call on the provincial government to honour its public commitment made on October 7, 2024, to deliver a new school for the Maple Ridge community;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board direct the Chairperson to write a formal letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Premier of British Columbia and local MLAs expressing the urgent need for site acquisition and new school construction in Silver Valley and requesting a timeline for provincial action;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board encourage continued advocacy and support for this project from key partners and stakeholders, including the City of Maple Ridge and the District Parent Advisory Council.

CARRIED

b) Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2025/26 Amendment

The Secretary Treasurer proposed that the October 15, 2025 regular board meeting date be rescheduled to October 22, 2025.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board the amend the regular board meeting schedule for 2025/26 to reflect the following dates:

- Wednesday, September 17, 2025
- Wednesday, October 22, 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

CARRIED

c) Joint First Nation Student Transportation Plan for 2025/26

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Joint First Nation Student Transportation Plan with Katzie First Nation. As an extra-curricular item was not eligible to be claimed, an amendment to the plan within the agenda package was presented to the Board to reduce the total estimated annual operating costs to be funded by BCTEA from \$153,432 to \$151,695, as agreed to with Katzie First Nation to transport 49 students to and from school in 2025/26.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Joint First Nation Student Transportation Plan for 2025/26, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

a) Finance

i. Third Quarter Financial Statements for 2024/25

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, are presented to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole.

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the major variances from budget.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the financial statements for the third quarter ended March 31, 2025.

CARRIED

b) Facilities Planning

c) Board Policy Development

ii. Policies for Approval

The Secretary Treasurer report that feedback was received, considered, and resulted in further proposed updates the Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability. Additionally, updates to Policy 4410: Travel Expenses were recommended by the Board Policy Development Committee to strengthen cost control measures.

Following discussion, an amendment was made to Policy 6530 to include collaboration with parents and guardians within the policy's philosophy statement.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following updated policies:

- 4410: Travel Expenses, as presented
- 6530: Environmental Sustainability, as amended

CARRIED

d) Education Advisory

e) Indigenous Education Community Gathering

f) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Chairperson's Update

The Chairperson provided the Board with an update on the BC School Trustees Association annual general meeting and shared that three motions the Board submitted were passed at the meeting: Revision to Substance Education Curriculum in Response to the Ongoing Opioid Crisis, Student Voice, and Post-Secondary Transition Rates.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent presented an update on the school district's Opioid Education and Response Implementation Report, confirming that all recommended actions have been implemented.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

1. Secretary Treasurer

a) Environmental Sustainability Update and 2024 Climate Change Accountability Report

The Manager, Energy and Environmental Sustainability reported on the school district's Environmental Sustainability Plan progress regarding energy conservation measures to further reduce emissions from facilities, school district operations and vehicle feet. The goals of the Environmental Sustainability Plan are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 22% by 2026 (compared to 2010 levels) and to improve building efficiency by 20% by 2026. An overview of projects completed in 2024/25 was provided.

The Manager, Energy and Environmental Sustainability further reported that the 2024 Climate Change Accountability Report which summarizes the school district's emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions taken in calendar year 2024 to minimize the District's greenhouse gas emissions, and plans to continue reducing emissions in 2025 and beyond will be submitted to the Climate Action Secretariat and posted to the school district website.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Environmental Sustainability Update and 2024 Climate Change Accountability Report, for information.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Facilities Planning
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Education Advisory

i. Receiving Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Education Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on May 6, 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

I. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received.

J. OTHER BUSINESS

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer