



**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, December 3, 2025 (6:00 PM)
Boardroom, District Education Office**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
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:

Trustee – Gabriel Liosis

GUESTS:

Jovo Bikic, Assistant Superintendent

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.

3. Correspondence

- 2025-11-07 Letter from Board Chair re: Letter of Support for McKenney Creek Restoration Project

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

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 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

No public input was received.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the November 12, 2025, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. K to 3 Literacy Initiatives

Assistant Superintendent, Jovo Bikic, provided an overview of the district's K to 3 literacy initiatives developed in response to the Ministry's March 2025 direction on mandatory early literacy screening. Highlights included: the creation of the SD42 K-3 Literacy Guide, the new Kindergarten Screener, and ongoing capacity-building efforts, with next steps focused on expanding interventions and exploring additional screeners for Grades 1-3.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the presentation on K to 3 Literacy Initiatives, for information.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

D. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Student Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The Superintendent reported that, during the October and November Board Workshops, the Board continued its discussions on the purpose and role of a Student Advisory Committee, resulting in a revised Terms of Reference being presented for approval.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Student Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and direct staff to start the work to establish the Student Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

b) School Growth Plans

The Superintendent shared the school growth plans with the Board and reported that goals are aligned with the Board's strategic plan and strategic priorities.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the school growth plans and direct the Superintendent to make the school growth plans available to parents and guardians of students attending each school in the school district.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Preliminary Budget Process and Consultation Timeline for 2026/27

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the budget process and the proposed schedule of meetings to support the development and consultation on the 2026/27 Preliminary Budget.

Discussion ensued regarding when the first reading takes place.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board amend the motion to move the first reading in the Consultation Timeline from April 15, 2025 to April 29, 2025.

DEFEATED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Preliminary Budget Process and Consultation Timeline for 2026/27 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

a) Finance

i. First Quarter Financial Statements for 2025/26

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the First Quarter Financial Statements presented to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole for the quarter ended September 30, 2025.

The Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided financial highlights on the Operating Fund, Special Purpose Funds, the Capital Fund, and the Risk to Projections for the first quarter.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the First Quarter Financial Statements for 2025/26.

CARRIED

- b) Facilities Planning
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Education Advisory
- e) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

6. Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions

a) Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee of The Whole Terms of Reference

The Superintendent presented the Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee of the Whole Terms of Reference for the Board's review.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee of the Whole: Equitable Funding.

CARRIED

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Chairperson's Update

The Chairperson presented an update on the following topic:

- BCSTA Trustee Academy

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups

The Chairperson presented the list of trustee committee and community liaison group appointments for the period from December 2025 to October 2026.

An amendment was made for the Board Policy Development Committee to appoint Trustee Murray as the second representative and remove Trustee Dumore from this Committee.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups for the period from December 2025 to October 2026, as amended, for information.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent presented an update on the following topic:

- Secondary Schedule Engagement – Response to Recommendations

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

4. Committee Business

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

5. Indigenous Education Council
6. Trustee Reports

City of Maple Ridge Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Committee

Trustee Dumore highlighted the Accessibility BC Portal, referencing discussions from the November 20, 2025 committee meeting.

City of Maple Ridge Liveable Community Advisory Committee

Trustee Yamamoto highlighted the school zone road decals, snow clearing, idling prohibitions, and driveway parking clearances, referencing discussions from the September 11 and October 23, 2025 committee meetings.

City of Pitt Meadows Community Support & Accessibility Committee

Trustee Sullivan highlighted the space needs for community services and programs in Pitt Meadows as well as the need for additional storage for food security, referencing discussions from the November 24, 2025 committee meeting.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

Question was received regarding Student Safety Data, Reporting and Independent Review.

A point of order was raised by a trustee when a member of the public spoke during the meeting outside of the established Question Period process.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

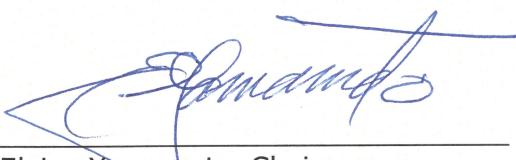
H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer