



**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 (6:00 PM)  
Boardroom, District Education Office**

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**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:**

David Vandergugten, Assistant Superintendent  
Tammy Maidment, Manager, Child Care  
Ken Cober, 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 6:00pm.

3. Correspondence

- 2025-12-24 Letter from Min. Sharma to Board Chair re: Tobacco Settlement Funds
- 2025-12-03 Letter from Member of Public to Board re: Student Safety and Accountability

**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](mailto: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 December 3, 2025, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

##### **CARRIED**

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

##### 1. Child Care Quality Assessment Tool

Child Care Manager, Tammy Maidment presented the district's new Child Care Quality Assessment Tool for evaluating the 11 district-based child care centres currently operating on school district sites.

##### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the Child Care Quality Assessment Tool, for information.

##### **CARRIED**

#### **C. DELEGATIONS**

#### **D. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

##### a) Superintendent's Update: 2026/2027 District Organizational Structure

The Superintendent presented the proposed 2026/27 District Organizational Structure to the Board, resulting in nearly \$250,000 in ongoing annual savings.

##### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2026/2027 ongoing base budget changes resulting from the presented district organizational structure changes.

##### **CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees
  - a) Finance
  - b) Facilities Planning

##### i. Residential Development Report

The Secretary Treasurer shared the Residential Development Report with the Board which outlines future residential developments in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows and provides key context for

enrolment projections, long-range facilities planning, eligible school site proposals, and capital plan submissions to the Ministry.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve appending the Residential Development Report to the Strategic Facilities Plan and authorize its publication on the school district website.

**CARRIED**

- c) Board Policy Development
  - d) Education Advisory
  - e) Accessibility Advisory
  - f) Ad Hoc Advocacy on Equitable Funding
- i. Freedom of Information Request & Engagement regarding CommunityLINK Funding Allocations

The Board Chairperson presented the motion for approval, as recommended at the Committee's first meeting on December 10, 2025.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve:

1. The submission of a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for records from January 2021 to present relating to CommunityLINK funding allocations;
2. A parent information sheet describing our current problem with CommunityLINK funding allocations and our requested solution; and
3. The Chairperson engaging with chairs of other boards in a comparable situation.

**DEFEATED**

Discussion followed regarding amending the date range in the FOI request to include all records and reports since the inception of CommunityLINK funding.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve:

1. The submission of a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for all records, reports and correspondence since inception of CommunityLINK funding to present relating to CommunityLINK funding allocations;
2. A parent information sheet describing our current problem with CommunityLINK funding allocations and our requested solution; and
3. The Chairperson engaging with chairs of other boards in a comparable situation.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

5. Indigenous Education Council
6. Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions
  - a) Trustee Motion for BCSTA AGM: Review of Modular Plan and Costing to Meet Area Standards for Modular Additions

Trustee Shaw presented the motion to the Board for approval.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2026 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting; and that the motion be presented to the BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch at the January 2026 AGM for co-sponsorship:

"BE IT RESOLVED:

*THAT the BCSTA request the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Education and Child Care to complete a review of the current modular plan and costing, to ensure sufficient funding is available to apply the same area standards to modular additions with respect to both classroom and ancillary areas as is standard in new school construction;*

*AND FURTHER THAT particular emphasis be given to alternate learning spaces to support diverse learners, to ensure we recognize the range of needs outside of the classroom, when preparing the formula for future modular classrooms additions."*

**CARRIED**

- b) Trustee Motion for BCSTA AGM: Strengthening Preservice Teacher Education in Literacy, Numeracy, and Inclusive Instruction in British Columbia

Trustee Sullivan presented the motion to the Board for approval.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2026 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting; and that the motion be presented to the BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch at the January 2026 AGM for co-sponsorship:

"BE IT RESOLVED:

*THAT the BC School Trustees Association advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, and all British Columbia Faculties of Education to require mandatory preservice coursework in:*

1. Evidence-based reading instruction;
2. Foundational, evidence-based numeracy instruction; and
3. Inclusive instructional approaches, including differentiation and Universal Design for Learning (UDL); as part of all initial teacher education programs in the province; and

*THAT BCSTA further request that Faculties of Education publish clear, transparent information on required coursework within their teacher education programs."*

**CARRIED**

## **E. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) District Operational Plan: Progress Report

The Superintendent presented a progress report on the 2025/26 District Operational Plan that documents the status of annual objectives identified for the current school year.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the 2025-2026 District Operational Plan: Progress Report, for information.

**CARRIED**

- b) Extracurricular Elementary Band Program Update

Assistant Superintendent, Ken Cober, presented an update to the Board on the search for a cost-neutral model to operate the extracurricular elementary band program beyond the 2025/26 school year.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the extracurricular elementary band program update, for information.

**CARRIED**

- c) School District Calendars for 2026/27 for Consultation

The Deputy Superintendent presented the proposed 2026/27 district school calendars to be shared with the public for consultation.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive for information the proposed district school calendars and approve the calendars to be shared with the public in order to receive public feedback.

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer

4. Committee Business

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

d) Education Advisory

- i. Receiving Minutes of Meeting

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive for Education Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on December 10, 2025, for information.

**CARRIED**

e) Accessibility Advisory

- i. Receiving Minutes of Meeting

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on December 12, 2025, for information.

**CARRIED**

5. Indigenous Education Council

- a) Report on November 7, 2025 Indigenous Education Council Meeting

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the Report on the November 7, 2025 Indigenous Education Council Meeting, for information.

**CARRIED**

6. Trustee Reports

- a) Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Murray highlighted the Foundation's new executive and approval of the Jones mental wellness bursary, referencing discussions from the November 17, 2025 committee meeting.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation's 2024/25 annual report on earnings, expenses, and distributions of the SD42 Fund, for information.

**CARRIED**

**F. QUESTION PERIOD**

Two questions were received and answered regarding the following matters:

- Procedural verification of the multi-step process for addressing concerns before matters advance to the Board
- Board oversight of staff communications with parents

**G. OTHER BUSINESS**

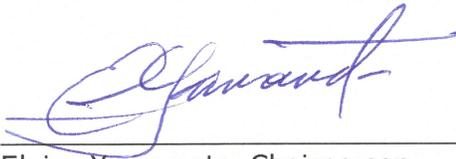
**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer