



**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 (6:00 PM)
Boardroom, District Education Office**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

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

GUESTS (in attendance for portions of the meeting):

Nicole Rowley, volunteer delegate, New Westminster & District Labour Council
Louie Giroto, Director, Facilities

ABSENT:

Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Deputy Superintendent – Cheryl Schwarz

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

- 2026-02-24 Letter from Member of Public to Board of Education re Human Rights Tribunal Decision
- 2026-03-05 Letter from Ministry of Education and Child Care re Extension to the Board's Freedom of Information Request – CommunityLINK funding allocations

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the agenda be amended to add a Chairperson's Update Information Item before Item 8 on the circulated agenda.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

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 March 4, 2026, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. DELEGATIONS

1. 2026 National Day of Mourning Delegation

A volunteer delegate with the New Westminster & District Labour Council (NWDLC), Nicole Rowley, recognized April 28, 2025, as the National Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job.

The Chairperson then led a minute of silence.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the 2026 National Day of Mourning, for information.

CARRIED

D. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Proposed Preliminary Budget & Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27

The Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent presented the Proposed Preliminary Budget for 2026/27 with highlights on the budget process and timeline, student enrolment and staffing trends, funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, base operating budget projections, proposed budget changes, and budget consultation.

Discussion ensued on the Proposed Preliminary Budget 2026/27.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27, as presented on April 15, 2026, be read a first time this 15th day of April 2026.

CARRIED

b) Capital Plan Bylaw for 2026/27

The Secretary Treasurer reported that, to access funding for approved capital projects included in the Ministry of Infrastructure response letter to the district's capital plan submission, the Board must adopt a single Capital Bylaw.

Moved/Seconded

(1) THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD42-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved/Seconded

(2) THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD42-01 be given first reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

(3) THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD42-01 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

(4) THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD42-01 be given a third reading, passed and adopted on this 15th day of April 2026.

CARRIED

c) Annual Facilities Grant Expenditure Plan for 2026/27

The Secretary Treasurer reported that school-districts must provide the Ministry of Infrastructure with a 2026/27 Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Expenditure Plan that includes a list of all AFG projects and expenditures to be undertaken from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. The Director, Facilities, provided highlights of the expenditure plan.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Annual Facility Grant Expenditure Plan for 2026/27 and authorize the Secretary Treasurer to submit it to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

CARRIED

d) Trustee Elections Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer reported that a Trustee Elections Bylaw (2026) has been prepared to replace the current bylaw, ensuring compliance with the School Act and alignment with municipal election practices. The draft was reviewed by both municipalities and updated to clarify responsibilities. The bylaw confirms electoral areas, sets Board-determined election requirements, and repeals the existing bylaw.

Moved/Seconded

(1) THAT the Bylaw 1 – Trustee Elections Bylaw (2026) be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved/Seconded

(2) THAT the Bylaw 1 – Trustee Elections Bylaw (2026) be given first reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

(3) THAT the Bylaw 1 – Trustee Elections Bylaw (2026) be given a second reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

(4) THAT the Bylaw 1 – Trustee Elections Bylaw (2026) be given a third reading, passed and adopted on this 15th day of April 2026.

CARRIED

e) BCSTA Policy Review Report

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the BC School Trustees Association Policy Review Report, which highlights the need for clearer separation between governance policies and administrative procedures across districts. In preparation for the 2026 trustee election, this work will be brought to the Board Policy Development Committee to strengthen role clarity for current and prospective trustees, support consistent governance practice, and align SD42 with the BCSTA Policy Review recommendations without expanding into operational detail.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the BCSTA Policy Review Report for information;
AND FURTHER THAT the Board direct the Board Policy Development Committee add the following items to its work plan, with the intent of supporting Board approval prior to the 2026 trustee election:

- Establishment of a new policy for Role of the Trustee; and
- Establishment of a new bylaw for Indemnification of Trustees and Officers.

CARRIED

4. Committees

- a) Finance
- b) Facilities Planning
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Education Advisory
- e) Accessibility Advisory
- f) Ad Hoc Advocacy on Equitable Funding

5. Indigenous Education Council

6. Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Chairperson's Update

The Chairperson highlighted the recent BCSTA AGM held in Vancouver, noting that 29 substantive motions were considered. Two motions submitted by this Board received strong support.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent shared a video presentation of a Story of Inclusion.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) Framework for Enhancing Student Learning: Feedback Report

The Superintendent shared the feedback received for the school district's September 2025 Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report and discussed next steps.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report Feedback, for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Committees

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

i. Policies for Consultation

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer reported that on April 8, 2026, the Board Policy Development Committee met to review board policies and is proposing updates to the following policies: 2919 Trustee Code of Conduct, Policy 9325 Education Programs for Non-Residents, and Policy 9801 Fees and Financial Hardship.

Input from education partners and the public is invited from April 16 to May 22, 2026. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before proposed policy updates are presented to the Board for approval.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive, for information and continuation of the consultation process, the proposed policy updated as outlined in this Information Memo dated April 15, 2026.

CARRIED

d) Education Advisory

i. Receiving Minutes of Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for Education Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on April 1, 2026, for information.

CARRIED

e) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

6. Trustee Reports and Motions

City of Maple Ridge Liveable Community Advisory Committee

Trustee Shaw referred to the written report on the meetings held on February 26 and March 26, 2026.

Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Shaw referred to the written report on the meeting held on March 30, 2026.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

One question was received and answered on the following topic:

- Clerical and lunch hour supervisor staffing reductions in the proposed budget

G. OTHER BUSINESS

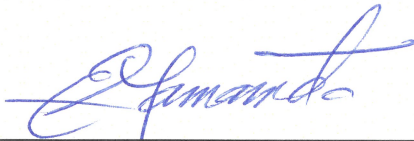
H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

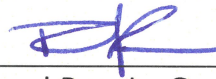
THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer