



**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 (6:00 PM)  
Boardroom, District Education Office**

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

**ABSENT:**

Trustee – Gabriel Liosis

**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

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.

Input was received relating to ITEM 2 Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27 – Second and Third Readings. The Chairperson confirmed that trustees had received the input electronically and had sufficient time to review it.

6. Approval of Minutes**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the April 15, 2026, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED****B. PRESENTATIONS****C. DELEGATIONS****D. DECISION ITEMS**

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

## a) Finance

i. Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27 – Second and Third Readings

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27 for second and third readings.

Discussion ensued.

**Moved/Seconded**

Extend the elementary band program for a second and final year and commit to healthy consultation with community, parents and school community, including teachers, to find what the next season in the band program looks like.

**DEFEATED****Moved/Seconded**

1. THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27, as presented on April 15, 2026, be read a second time on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

**CARRIED****Moved/Seconded**

2. THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27, as presented on April 15, 2026, be read a third time, passed and adopted on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

**CARRIED****Moved/Seconded**

3. THAT any additional available operating surplus from 2025/26 be transferred to the local capital fund and allocated as follows:
  - a. First, to top up the contingency reserve held in local capital to 1.50% of budgeted operating expenses for 2026/27 (an increase of \$0.53M);
  - b. Second, to increase temporary classrooms by up to \$0.65M;
  - c. Third, any remaining available operating surplus be allocated as follows:
    - i. 50% to the IT capital plan,
    - ii. 25% to the facilities and equipment capital plan, and
    - iii. 25% to other facilities renewal.

**CARRIED**

- 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
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer
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

- a) Indigenous Education Council Meetings: 2026/27 Budget

The Deputy Superintendent presented the Indigenous Education Council's approved 2026/27 spending plan for Indigenous Education targeted funding.

#### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the following Indigenous Education Council information:

- March 11, 2026 Indigenous Education Council Report confirming approval of the spending plan for Indigenous Education targeted funds
- March 11, 2026 Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes
- April 22, 2026 Indigenous Education Council Report

#### **CARRIED**

6. Trustee Reports and Motions

#### **F. QUESTION PERIOD**

Three questions were received and answered on the following topics:

- Tracking of legal expenses related to Section 11 appeals
- Policies and approval processes of legal expenses
- Responsibilities in the absence of a mentorship helping teacher

#### **G. OTHER BUSINESS**

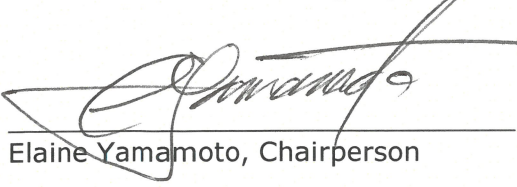
#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

#### **CARRIED**

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.



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Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



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Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer