

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

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

GUESTS (in attendance for portions of the meeting):

Kathleen Anderson, District Principal, Indigenous Education
Ken Cober, Assistant Superintendent
Louie Giroto, Director, Facilities

ABSENT:

Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore

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

- 2026-05-04 Letter from MLA Beare to Members of the Board re Harry Hooge Elementary students Inquiry Project on Funding

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.

Input regarding Item 4 – Ridge Meadows College was received and circulated to all trustees prior to the meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the April 29, 2026, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Indigenous Student Voice

The District Principal, Indigenous Education, presented to the Board on the Indigenous Student Voice event held at the Malcolm Knapp research Forest on April 30, 2026 and shared that the day was structured around three themes; creating safe spaces, exploring identity through story, and sharing experiences in education or a sense of belonging.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Indigenous Student Voice, for information.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

D. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) School Fees Schedule and Specialty Academy Fees for 2026/27

Assistant Superintendent Ken Cober reported on school fees and specialty academy fees for 2026/27.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following proposed fee schedule for the 2026/27 year:

Fee Category	Fee Description	Proposed 2026/27 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

b) Ridge Meadows College Review

The Board considered a recommendation for the phased discontinuation of the Ridge Meadows College program following an independent annual review that identified significant sustainability concerns and resource requirements not feasible within the current budget.

Discussion ensued.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the phased discontinuation of the Ridge Meadows College program;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to develop and implement a transition plan that:

- supports currently enrolled learners in completing or transitioning within their programs with minimal disruption;
- supports affected employees through established district processes and applicable collective agreements; and
- includes a communication plan for students, staff, and partner organizations regarding the transition process and timelines.

DEFEATED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Eligible School Sites Proposal & School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Eligible School Sites Proposal is a required component of the capital plan submission and includes estimates of school site needs based on residential growth.

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 6,747 new development units constructed in the School District over the next 10 years, as presented in Schedule 'A';
2. These 6,747 new development units will be home to an estimated 1,014 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 Area Standards, the Board expects that the eligible school site 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 \$24.16 million; and
5. The adjusted Eligible School Sites Proposal should be incorporated into the 2027/28 Capital Plan and submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

CARRIED

It was also reported that the School Site Acquisition Charge ("SSAC") rates remain unchanged for new development units; however, the existing bylaw must be replaced following Capital Plan approval, requiring adoption of a new SSAC Capital Bylaw 2026. Secretary Treasurer presented an amendment to the SSAC Capital Bylaw 2026 to correct the land value and chargeable units value, presented in section 1 of the bylaw.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the amended School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) School Site Acquisition Charge Capital Bylaw 2026 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved/Seconded

THAT the amended School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) School Site Acquisition Charge Capital Bylaw 2026 be given first reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the amended School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) School Site Acquisition Charge Capital Bylaw 2026 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the amended School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) School Site Acquisition Charge Capital Bylaw 2026 be given a third reading, passed and adopted on this 13th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

- b) Pitt Meadows Secondary School Replacement Joint Use Statutory Right of Way in Favour of the City of Pitt Meadows

The Secretary Treasurer reported that a bylaw is required to legally authorize the removal and relocation of the existing community artificial turf field at Pitt Meadows Secondary School.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Pitt Meadows Secondary School Replacement Joint Use Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2026 be given all three (3) readings at this one meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved/Seconded

THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Pitt Meadows Secondary School Replacement Joint Use Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2026 be given first reading

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Pitt Meadows Secondary School Replacement Joint Use Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2026 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Pitt Meadows Secondary School Replacement Joint Use Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2026 be given a third reading, passed and adopted on this 13th day of May, 2026.

CARRIED

4. Committees

a) Finance

- i. Third Quarter Financial Statements for 2025/26

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2026, are presented to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole.

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

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the financial statements for the third quarter ended March 31, 2026.

CARRIED

- b) Facilities Planning
c) Board Policy Development

- i. Policies for Approval

The Secretary Treasurer presented the policies and bylaw for approval following consultation with education partners and the public.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board:

- Approve the following updated policies:
 - Policy 2410 Board Correspondence
 - Policy 2920 Trustee Remuneration
 - Policy 4600 Procurement
 - Policy 5780 Appropriate Use of Information Technology and Communication Systems
 - Policy 7210 Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment
 - Policy 9415 Inclusive Schools
 - Policy 10310 Volunteers
- Approve the following new policies:
 - Policy 2303 Role of the Trustee
 - Policy 9100 Student Code of Conduct
 - Policy 10100 Parents, Guardians and Guests Code of Conduct
 - Policy 10900 Corporate Sponsorship, Partnerships, and Advertising
- Approve the retirement of the following existing policies:
 - Policy 9410 Safe, Caring and Healthy Schools
 - Policy 9420 Dangerous Weapons
 - Procedure 2920.1 Trustees' Remuneration.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Bylaw 2 Indemnification of Trustees and Officers be given three (3) readings at this meeting.
(vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved/Seconded

THAT Bylaw 2 Indemnification of Trustees and Officers be given first reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Bylaw 2 Indemnification of Trustees and Officers be given second reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Bylaw 2 Indemnification of Trustees and Officers be given third reading, passed and adopted on this 13th day of May 2026.

CARRIED

- d) Education Advisory
- e) Accessibility Advisory
- f) Ad Hoc Advocacy on Equitable Funding
- i. MECC Response to Freedom of Information Request regarding CommunityLINK Funding Allocations

Trustee Murray reported that the Committee reviewed the responsive records received from the Ministry of Education and Child Care and expressed concern that the response appeared incomplete, noting that certain correspondence known to exist between boards of education and the Ministry was not included.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Ministry of Education and Child Care's released records regarding CommunityLINK funding allocations, for information.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to follow up with the analyst assigned to the District's freedom of information request (ECC2026-60292) to request a further search for and disclosure of Ministry of Education and Child Care records relating to CommunityLINK funding allocations, noting that the single document provided in the response does not include other documents the District itself is aware of;

AND FURTHER THAT, should additional responsive records not be disclosed following this follow-up, staff initiate a complaint with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

CARRIED

g) District Student Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council
6. Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions

- a) Trustee Motion: Correspondence Received from MLA Beare re Funding Inequity Response

Trustee Murray brought forward a motion requesting that the Board direct the Board Chair to write to MLA Lisa Beare to request the formula used to distribute CommunityLINK funding, as referenced in her letter to Harry Hooze students conducting research on this topic, which was received for information under Item 1 – Correspondence in tonight's agenda package.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board direct the Board Chair to forward a letter to MLA Lisa Beare requesting that her office provide the formula for the distribution of CommunityLINK funding referred to in her letter to local students completing research on this subject;

AND FURTHER THAT the letter request confirmation as to whether the Funding Equity Committee referenced in the same correspondence has endorsed that formula.

CARRIED

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Board Engagement Summary with Secondary Students

The Superintendent provided a summary of feedback received during the February 4, 2026 engagement session with secondary students from Pitt Meadows Secondary and the Board of Education. Topics discussed were budget priorities, district mission in action, and reflection and looking ahead.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the summary from the Board engagement with Pitt Meadows Secondary students for information.

CARRIED

b) Student Absence Notification

Moved/Seconded

THAT Item 12 – Student Absence Notification, initiated by Trustee Dumore, be deferred to the June 17, 2026 public board meeting.

CARRIED

c) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent shared a presentation on Artificial Intelligence: Our Year of Learning.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 4. Committees

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

i. Policies for Consultation

The Superintendent reported that on May 6, 2026, the Board Policy Development Committee met to review and propose updates to the following policies and bylaw: Policy 7100 Employee Standards of Conduct, Policy 9550 Process for Raising Concerns, and Bylaw 3 Board Appeal Policy and Procedure.

Input from education partners and the public is invited from May 14 to May 27, 2026. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before the proposed updated policies and bylaw are presented to the Board for approval.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive, for information and continuation of the consultation process, the proposed policy updates, as outlined in this Information Memo dated May 13, 2026.

CARRIED

- d) Education Advisory
- e) Accessibility Advisory

i. Receiving Minutes of Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on April 10, 2026, for information.

CARRIED

- f) Ad Hoc Advocacy on Equitable Funding
- g) District Student Advisory
- 5. Indigenous Education Council
- 6. Trustee Reports and Motions

City of Maple Ridge Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee

Trustee Murray referred to the written report on the meeting held on April 2, 2026 and highlighted that 54 neighborhood grants that were issued.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

No further comments from Trustee Murray for the meeting held on April 14, 2026.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

Two questions were received and answered on the following topics:

- Board oversight of School Act procedural interpretation
- Board oversight of district officer correspondence

G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.


Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson
Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer