School District 42
Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows
Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

MINUTES OF THE
INAUGURAL PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (4:00 PM)
Thomas Haney Secondary School
23000-116 Avenue
Maple Ridge BC V2X 0T8

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:
Trustee – Trudi Appleton
Trustee – Mark Bailey
Trustee – Jacquie Montgomery
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Terra Slade
Trustee – Elaine Yamamoto

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Secretary Treasurer called the Public Board meeting to order at 4:00pm.

The Secretary Treasurer acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

2. Secretary Treasurer's Welcome

The Secretary Treasurer welcomed trustees, families, guests, and the school district community to the inaugural meeting

3. Welcome by Elders Ed and Yvonne Pierre, Katzie First Nation

Elders Ed and Yvonne Pierre of Katzie First Nation offered a welcome, accompanied by drumming by Clarissa Moody-Jimmy, Kyler Johnson, and Jada Adams of Katzie First Nation.

4. Approval of Agenda

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the motions to approve the agenda and receive the official election results would be considered after administration of the Oath of Office, allowing trustees to take office before considering the motions.

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Election Results for School Board Trustees

The Secretary Treasurer presented the official declarations of election results for the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows electoral areas for the 2026–2030 trustee term.

2. Oath of Office

The Secretary Treasurer administered the prescribed Trustee Oath of Office. Each trustee swore or solemnly affirmed the oath and signed the Trustee Oath of Office form and the Trustee Code of Conduct policy. The Secretary Treasurer signed the completed Oath of Office forms. Following completion of the oath and signing of the documents, trustees were provided remarks on taking office.

Moved/Seconded
THAT the Agenda for the November 4, 2026 Inaugural Public Board Meeting be approved as amended to consider the agenda approval and election-results motions after completion of the Oath of Office.
CARRIED

Moved/Seconded
THAT the Board receive the official election results for the 2026–2030 trustee term for information.
CARRIED

C. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS

1. Nomination and Election of Board Officers

Moved/Seconded
THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair following the approved nomination and election procedure.
CARRIED

Chair Election

The Secretary Treasurer called for a first time for nominations for the position of Chair for a one-year term. A seconder was not required for nominations.

Trustee Murray nominated Trustee Yamamoto.

Trustee Yamamoto accepted the nomination.

The Secretary Treasurer called for a second time for nominations for Chair for a one-year term. The Secretary Treasurer then called for a third and final time for nominations for Chair. There were no other nominations.

The Secretary Treasurer declared Trustee Yamamoto elected as Chair of the Board of Education for a one-year term ending November 2027.

Vice Chair Election

The Secretary Treasurer called for a first time for nominations for the position of Vice Chair for a one-year term. A seconder was not required for nominations.

Trustee Slade nominated Trustee Appleton.

The Secretary Treasurer called for any further nominations. There were no further nominations. The Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee Appleton if they accepted the nomination.

Trustee Appleton accepted the nomination.

The Secretary Treasurer called for a second time for nominations for Vice Chair for a one-year term. The Secretary Treasurer then called for a third and final time for nominations for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

The Secretary Treasurer declared Trustee Appleton elected as Vice Chair of the Board of Education for a one-year term ending November 2027.

The Secretary Treasurer congratulated the newly elected officers.

2. Remarks of Elected Board Chair and Vice Chair

The elected Board Chair and Vice Chair thanked everyone.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded
THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.
CARRIED

The Inaugural Public Board Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm.

Elaine Yamamoto, Chair

Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer