



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 (6:00 PM)  
Boardroom, DEO**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto  
Vice-Chairperson – Kim Dumore  
Trustee – Hudson Campbell  
Trustee – Gabe Liosis  
Trustee – Mike Murray  
Trustee – Pascale Shaw  
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan

**STAFF:**

Superintendent – Harry Dhillon  
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. 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 further opened the meeting with a statement affirming the district's dedication to creating an inclusive culture of care and belonging, where the well-being, diversity, and success of all learners is supported and celebrated. The Chairperson noted that discrimination, harassment, or any form of hate based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other characteristic has no place in our schools or in our communities.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

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 5:30 pm on September 20, 2023.

No public input was received.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the June 21, 2023, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

**D. DELEGATIONS**

**E. DEFERRED ITEMS**

**F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent presented the Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report. The Superintendent explained that the report is organized into three sections: Intellectual Development, Human and Social Development, and Career Development and contains currently available data and analysis of that data.

THAT the Board approve the Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) 2022/23 Audited Financial Statements

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Financial Statements Discussion and Analysis Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. In accordance with the School Act, Boards of Education must prepare financial statements with respect to the preceding fiscal year and forward a copy to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by September 30, 2023, together with the auditor's report.

THAT the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**CARRIED**

b) 2024/25 Minor Capital Plan**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the submission deadline for the 2024/25 Minor Capital Plan is September 30, 2023 and that the projects included in the plan have been determined in accordance with the methodology defined in the school district Strategic Facilities Plan

The Director of Facilities reported on the following: Priorities for Existing Facilities, School Enhancement Program, Carbon Neutral Capital Program, Playground Equipment Program and Food Infrastructure Program. The Director advised of an amendment to the estimated total cost of the Food Infrastructure Program submission as presented in the public agenda package to reflect the correct total of the projects presented in the table.

THAT the Board approve the 2024/25 Minor Capital Plan as amended for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

**CARRIED**c) 2023/24 Regular Public Board Meeting Schedule Amendment**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported on a proposed change to the Board's regular board meeting schedule for 2023/24, moving April 10 and April 24 meetings to April 17 and May 1, 2024, respectively, to ensure sufficient time for public consultation following the Ministry of Education and Child Care's operating grant announcement.

THAT the Board approve the amendment to the following Board of Education Regular Public Board Meeting Schedule for 2023/24:

September 20, 2023	March 6, 2024
October 18, 2023	<b>April 17, 2024</b>
November 15, 2023	<b>May 1, 2024</b>
December 6, 2023	May 15, 2024
January 17, 2024	June 19, 2024
February 21, 2024	

**CARRIED**

## 4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent provided an update on school start-up and thanked all staff for their hard work in preparing for a safe return of students, acknowledged the dedicated work from the district helping teachers and organizers for coordinating professional development teacher workshops, shared a presentation from schools and acknowledged the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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

**CARRIED**

b) Summer Learning Update

**Moved/Seconded**

Assistant Superintendent, Ken Cober, provided an update on summer learning programs offered by the school district in 2023. Golden Ears Elementary hosted 441 students from grades 1-7, Thomas Haney Secondary hosted the secondary transitions program for 106 students in grade 7, the summer learning program for 71 students in grades 8-9, and summer learning courses for 512 students in grades 10-12. Thomas Haney Secondary also provided summer learning opportunity for Train in Trades Program students.

Multi-grade students from Katzie First Nation participated in a summer learning program at the Katzie Health Centre.

THAT the Board receive the Summer Learning Update, for information.

**CARRIED**

c) Equity Action Plan Implementation Review Report 2022/23

**Moved/Seconded**

Principal of Aboriginal Education, Kirsten Urdahl-Serr and Vice Principal, Kathleen Anderson presented the Equity Action Plan Implementation Review Report for 2022/23 to the Board which includes and overview of actions implemented, lessons learned, successful practices, and plans for moving forward/next steps.

THAT the Board receive for information the Equity Action Plan Implementation Review Report for 2022/23.

**CARRIED**

- d) Accessibility Plan

**Moved/Seconded**

The Deputy Superintendent, Cheryl Schwarz, shared that the Accessibility Plan was developed by staff in collaboration with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and allows the district to continue working towards its vision by addressing the diverse needs of students and staff.

THAT the Board receive for information the Accessibility Plan for the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District No. 42.

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) Secretary Treasurer's Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on two major facility projects in progress: Eric Langton Elementary seismic replacement and expansion, and Pitt Meadows Secondary seismic replacement business plan.

THAT the Board receive the Verbal Secretary Treasurer's Update, for information.

**CARRIED**

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
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- d) Board Policy Development

- i. Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2023/24

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board Policy Development Committee has met and developed a work plan for the 2023/24 school year.

THAT the Board receive the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2023/24 for information.

**CARRIED**

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

## H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

## I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

### City of Pitt Meadows Community Support Select Committee

Trustee Sullivan reported on the need to meet with community circles in regards to concerns shared with increased accessing of the food bank, seniors' food security and increased rent.

### BCSTA Bylaw Review Committee

Trustee Liosis reported on the two meetings that took place over the summer.

## J. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were received on the following:

- Garibaldi Secondary bus transportation
- Accessibility Plan consultation process
- Secondary school student fees

## K. OTHER BUSINESS

## L. ADJOURNMENT

### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard, Secretary Treasurer