

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2022

Trustees	C. McKay, Chair	B. Robinson
	J. Stanley, Vice-Chair	C. O'Neill
	T. Brzovic	E. Wilkinson
	S. Higginson	N. Bailey
	G. Keller	
Staff	S. Saywell, Superintendent/CEO	D. Burgos, Ex. Dir. of Communications
	M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer	K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services
	T. Davie, Deputy Superintendent	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

2. TRANSFER OF ITEMS TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

3. ADDITIONS

There were no additions.

4. DELETIONS

There were no deletions.

5. CHANGE IN ORDER

There was no change in order.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R22/03/09-01

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

R22/03/09-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on February 23, 2022 and the Special Board of Education meeting held on February 15, 2022, be adopted.

Abstained: Trustee O'Neill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **SECTION 72(3) REPORT**

8.1 **Section 72(3) Report**

R22/03/09-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on February 23, 2022, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair McKay Re: Acknowledgment of Lisa Marie Barron

Chair McKay acknowledged and thanked former Trustee Lisa Marie Barron for her hard work and dedication to the students of NLPS during her term as Trustee.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS**

Education Committee Meeting: April 6, 2022

Business Committee Meeting: April 13, 2022

Board of Education Meeting: April 27, 2022

Good Friday: April 15, 2022 (Schools Closed)

Easter Monday: April 18, 2022 (Schools Closed)

11. PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Zonta Club of Nanaimo

Re: Invitation to May 9 event on Human/Sex Trafficking

Claudia Fletcher and Dean Hanna, VIU students presented on behalf of the Zonta Organization and extended an invitation to district students to attend an event on human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Event information is attached to the Agenda.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 N. Charrette

Re: Vaccine Mandate

Please see the [FAQ](#) regarding Vaccine Mandate for Employees.

R22/03/09-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the above correspondence from N. Charrette, to be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Christina Zacharuk, Deputy Minister

Re: Request to Underspend Indigenous Education Funding

R22/03/09-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the above correspondence from Deputy Minister Zacharuk to be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Business Committee

13.1.1 Draft Policy - Participation in Regional Growth & Planning

R22/03/09-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Higginson

The Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive the Draft Policy – Participation in Regional Growth and Planning and circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 1, 2.7 – Policy Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.1.2 Draft Revised Policy 2.16 - Accumulated Operating Surplus Reserves Policy

R22/03/09-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Wilkinson

The Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive the Draft Revised Policy 2.16 – Accumulated Operating Surplus Reserves Policy and circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 1, 2.7 – Policy Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Education Committee

14. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

14.1 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: South Wellington Bylaw

Trustees Stanley and Keller declared a conflict with respect to this matter and did not participate in the discussion or votes.

Mark Walsh advised that the District has received ministerial approval to pass a bylaw to complete the disposition of the South Wellington School Site and presented a bylaw for the Board's consideration. An Action Sheet is attached to the Agenda.

R22/03/09-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bailey

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopts all three readings of the Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2021/22 -1 for a long-term lease of the South Wellington Elementary School site to the Regional District of Nanaimo at its Regular Board Meeting on March 9, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R22/03/09-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopts the Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2021/22 - 1 for a long-term lease of the South Wellington Elementary School site to the Regional District of Nanaimo, and that it be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R22/03/09-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Wilkinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bailey

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopts the Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2021/22 - 1 for a long-term lease of the South Wellington Elementary School site to the Regional District of Nanaimo, and that it be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R22/03/09-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Wilkinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopts the Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2021/22 – 1 for a long-term lease of the South Wellington Elementary School site to the Regional District of Nanaimo, and that it be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.2 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer & Dale Burgos, Executive Director of Communications

Re: ThoughtExchange (2022/2023 Budget Planning) Results

Dale Burgos provided the results from the 2022/23 Budget Thought Exchange Survey. The results are attached to the Agenda.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

16. FOR INFORMATION

16.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motions Report was received as information.

16.2 Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Committee Reports were received as information.

17. QUESTION PERIOD

There were two questions this evening:

1. From Ryan Dolan: Public Health Authorities recently provided guidance to UBC to drop rapid testing requirements as they were deemed ineffective, at this time. As a result, UBC immediately discontinued this procedure. Are the trustees aware of this change and are you willing to adjust to most recent evidence-based science?

Answer: Yes, Trustees are aware of this change.

2. From Eric Beirnes: When will the Vax mandates be removed, at this point it seems pretty silly to be implementing it. The rest of Canada has already dropped it.

Answer: Staff will be provided an update with respect to the mandate prior to spring break.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

R22/03/09-12

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Charlene McKay, Chair