

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

February 22, 2023

Trustees	G. Keller, Chair N. Bailey T. Brzovic L. Lee	C. Morvay L. Pellegrin T. Rokeby M. Robinson
Absent	C. McKay, Vice Chair	
Staff	S. Saywell, Superintendent/CEO M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer L. Tait, Deputy Superintendent	D. Burgos, Ex. Dir. of Communications K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. TRANSFER OF ITEMS TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

3. ADDITIONS

Item 15.1 - New Business: International Education & Homestay Program

4. DELETIONS

There were no deletions.

5. CHANGE IN ORDER

There was no change in order.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R23/02/22-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Pellegrin

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

R23/02/22-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 25, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SECTION 72(3) REPORT

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R23/02/22-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on January 25, 2023 and the Special Closed Board of Education meetings on February 1 and 15, 2023, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Education Committee Meeting: March 1, 2023

Business Committee Meeting: March 8, 2023

Board of Education Meeting: March 29, 2023

Spring Break: March 11 - March 26, 2023

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Gabriola PAC Sub-Committee

Re: Capacity Issues at NDSS

Julie Sperber presented on behalf of the Gabriola PAC Sub-Committee with respect to Scenario 1 - move to Cedar Secondary School. Their presentation, together with a petition, is attached to the Agenda.

10.2 NDSS Lacrosse Academy

Re: Capacity Issues at NDSS

Lindsay Gunderson and Kirsten White presented on behalf of the NDSS Island Lacrosse Academy with respect to Scenario 2 - move programs of choice to John Barsby Secondary School. The presentation is attached to the Agenda.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 Minister Fleming, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Re: Crosswalk Safety

R23/02/22-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Minister Singh, Ministry of Education and Child Care

Re: NDSS

R23/02/22-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 G. Boutilier

Re: Bayview Elementary Safe Access Concerns

R23/02/22-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence from G. Boutilier to staff for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4 D. & A. Mahony

Re: Facilities Plan/Budgeting Process

R23/02/22-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence from D and A Mahony to staff for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12.1 Business Committee

12.1.1 Financial Planning & Reporting Policy

R23/02/22-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bailey

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive the Draft Financial Planning and Reporting 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

12.1.2 Amended Annual Budget

R23/02/22-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bailey

That the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) give the School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw all three readings at one meeting, today, February 22, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R23/02/22-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68 (NANAIMO-LADYSMITH) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2022/2023 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this Bylaw.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/2023.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2022/2023 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$194,734,241 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2022/2023.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R23/02/22-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bailey

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READ A SECOND TIME THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R23/02/22-12

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68 (NANAIMO-LADYSMITH) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2022/2023 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

READ A THIRD TIME AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.1.3 Environmental Sustainability Action Plan

R23/02/22-13

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct the Chair to write to relevant Ministries with respect to its relevant environmental targets, including GHG reduction goals, highlighting our efforts and recognizing Ministry support and requesting funding or other actions to assist the Board in overcoming barriers to meet its targets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Education Committee

N/A

13. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Minor Capital Bylaw Amendment

Mark Walsh advised that the next step in the process for the District to draw the additional funds from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is for the Board to amend the Capital Bylaw. An Action Sheet is attached to the Agenda.

R23/02/22-14

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bailey

That the Board of Education approve the amendment to Minor Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD68-02 to read Capital Bylaw No. Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD68-03, reflecting the Ministry of Education and Child Care's amendment to the Annual Programs Funding Agreement to supplement our electric Bus(es) purchase and additional funds for charging infrastructure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Trustee Robinson

Re: International Education & Homestay Program

Trustee Robinson shared the District's need for additional homestay families for our international students. Trustee Robinson encouraged staff and the community to consider hosting an international student and to connect with the International Education Department for more information.

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 was one question from Chloe Straw (straw.chloe@gmail.com): Could this petition be presented to our MLA with a request to take it to the Legislature and a sit down with the Ministry of Education that upgrades to NDSS need to be funded.

Answer: The Board of Education has NDSS as its top priority for both seismic and replacement and has already requested expansion. In addition, the Board has just written to the new Minister of Education and Child Care to make them aware of the issues associated with NDSS for both capacity and seismic conditions. We welcome any community support that we can get to advocate to the province for a replacement of NDSS.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

R23/02/22-15

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Greg Keller, Chair