



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

May 24, 2023

Trustees	G. Keller, Chair C. McKay, Vice Chair T. Brzovic L. Lee	C. Morvay L. Pellegrin T. Rokeby M. Robinson
Absent	N. Bailey	
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 6:07 pm.

2. TRANSFER OF ITEMS TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

3. ADDITIONS

There were none.

4. DELETIONS

There were none.

5. CHANGE IN ORDER

There was no change.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R23/05/24-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

R23/05/24-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee McKay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on April 26, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

8.1 **Section 72(3) Report**

R23/05/24-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McKay

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on April 26, 2023 and the Special Closed Board of Education on April 24, 2023 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS**

Education Committee Meeting: June 7, 2023

Business Committee Meeting: June 14, 2023

Board of Education Meeting: June 28, 2023

10. **PRESENTATIONS**

10.1 **Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation**

Dan Morris, NLSF President, Kathy Berg, NLSF Vice President, Crystal Dennison, Executive Director

Dan Morris, NLSF President, Kathy Berg, NLSF Vice President and Crystal Dennison, Executive Director of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation, provided an overview of the many important initiatives that support students across the district. The presentation is attached to the Agenda.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 **A. West**

Re: Rutherford School Re-Opening

R23/05/24-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Business Committee

12.1.1 2023/2024 Annual Budget

R23/05/24-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McKay

That the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) give the Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 all three readings at one meeting, today, this 24th day of May, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R23/05/24-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 cited as "School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024" being a bylaw associated with the annual budget showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$200,588,300 for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Read a first time this 24th day of May, 2023.

OPPOSED: Trustees Rokeby, Morvay, Robinson

CARRIED

R23/05/24-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McKay

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 cited as "School District No. 68

(Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024” being a bylaw associated with the annual budget showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$200,588,300 for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Read a second time this 24th day of May, 2023.

OPPOSED: Trustees Morvay, Rokeby, Robinson

CARRIED

R23/05/24-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McKay

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 cited as “School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024” being a bylaw associated with the annual budget showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$200,588,300 for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Read a third time and adopted, this 24th day of May, 2023.

OPPOSED: Trustee Rokeby

CARRIED

12.1.2 Safe Schools Committee

R23/05/24-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McKay

The Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the Terms of Reference for the Safe Schools Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.1.3 Rutherford Elementary

R23/05/24-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McKay

The Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) directs that Rutherford Elementary School be reopened as of September 2025 subject to final approval following the September 2023 confirmation of student count and that staff are directed to create a School Transition Working Group to address issues associated with reopening the facility and programming options to ensure long term viability of the facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Education Committee

R23/05/24-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McKay

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) request that staff provide a list of student engagement involvement at the district and board level and to report back at the next Education Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 Scott Saywell, Superintendent

Re: SOGI in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools

Scott Saywell presented a recommended motion that is intended to highlight the Board's commitment to providing an inclusive and equitable learning environment for all students. An Action Sheet is attached to the Agenda.

Trustee Keller turned the Chair over to Trustee McKay for the discussion and vote on this matter. Upon completion of the vote, Trustee Keller resumed the Chair.

R23/05/24-12

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

The Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) affirms its commitment to promoting and supporting SOGI inclusion within the District's

schools, providing a safe, welcoming, caring, and inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated and every student feels valued, respected, and supported.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Privacy Policy

Mark Walsh advised that there was no community feedback on the Policy and provided a brief reminder of the content of the Policy for the Board's final consideration.

R23/05/24-13

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee McKay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt the Privacy Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

15. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

16. **FOR INFORMATION**

16.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motions Report was received as information.

16.2 Trustee Committee Reports

There was none.

17. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

R23/05/24-14

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Greg Keller, Chair

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