



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

**October 25, 2023**

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

**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**

Joan Brown and Andrew Sutherland from SFN send regrets.

**5. CHANGE IN ORDER**

There was no change in order.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R23/10/25-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

R23/10/25-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on September 27, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R23/10/25-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on September 27, 2023 and the Special Closed Board of Education meetings held on October 3, 11 and 12, 2023 be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS**

Education Committee Meeting: November 1, 2023

Business Committee Meeting: November 8, 2023

Board of Education Meeting: November 22, 2023

Statutory Holiday: November 13, 2023 (*Observed for Remembrance Day*)

10. **PRESENTATIONS**

10.1 Bjorn Stime

Re: RCMP in Schools

Mr. Stime presented on RCMP in schools. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 J. Rutherford

Re: Concerns re Circus Advertisements

R23/10/25-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11.2 Office of the Ombudsperson

Re: Quarterly Report: April 1 - June 30, 2023

R23/10/25-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence from the Office of the Ombudsperson be received and filed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11.3 M. Duckworth

Re: Letter of Concern

R23/10/25-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence from M. Duckworth to the Board Chair for response.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12.1 Business Committee

R23/10/25-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive the Draft Revised Policy 3.8 – Transportation 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**

R23/10/25-08

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 that Rutherford Elementary School be reopened as of September 2025 and that staff are directed to create a School Transition Working Group to address issues associated with reopening the facility and provide the Board with recommendations with respect to appropriate catchments for Rutherford and the surrounding schools and potential programming, if applicable, to ensure the long-term viability of the school.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12.2 Education Committee

**13. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

14.1 Scott Saywell, Superintendent

Re: Draft Strategic Plan

Scott Saywell presented the Board's draft Strategic Plan goals and objectives which has been created through collaborative efforts with trustees and district staff.

R23/10/25-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) make the attached draft Strategic Plan goals and objectives available to the public utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 1, 2.17 and to report back at the Business Committee on December 13, 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**16. FOR INFORMATION**

16.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motions Report was received as information.

16.2 Trustee Committee Reports

There were no Trustee Committee Reports.

16.3 Report from Special Closed Board Meeting

Report from the Special Closed Board was received as information.

17. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

R23/10/25-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

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Greg Keller, Chair