



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

September 25, 2024

Trustees	G. Keller, Chair N. Bailey, Vice Chair T. Brzovic L. Lee C. Morvay	L. Pellegrin T. Rokeby M. Robinson T. Harris
Staff	M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer P. Langstraat, Interim Superintendent	K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services
Absent	L. Tait, Deputy Superintendent	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Board Chair acknowledged September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Board Chair also announced that beginning on October 1, 2024, the District and CUPE have agreed, under LOU 18, to fund one additional hour outside of the classroom for all continuing regular EAs who are currently receiving 25 hours or less per week. The Chair expressed gratitude to CUPE and to district staff for working together.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Mark Walsh swore the Oath of Office with Tim Harris. Tim Harris signed his Oath of Office Declaration and Code of Conduct.

3. TRANSFER OF ITEMS TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

4. ADDITIONS

There were no additions.

5. DELETIONS

There were no deletions.

6. CHANGE IN ORDER

There was no change in order.

7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R24/09/20-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

R24/09/20-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on August 28, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. SECTION 72(3) REPORT

9.1 Section 72(3) Report

R24/09/20-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Special Closed Board of Education meeting on August 26, 2024, September 11, 2024 and September 12, 2024, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Education Committee Meeting: October 2, 2024

Business Committee Meeting: October 9, 2024

Board of Education Meeting: October 23, 2024

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Statutory Holiday): September 30, 2024

Thanksgiving (Statutory Holiday): October 14, 2024

Non-Instructional Days: October 25, 2025

11. PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Gabriola Soccer Association, Jesse Capon and Glenn Murphy

RE: Access to Gabriola School Field

Jesse Capon and Glenn Murphy from Gabriola Soccer Association requested proper access to the Gabriola School field and requested to be part of the management of the field. Their request (letter) is attached to the agenda.

R24/09/20-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to provide a report to the next Business Committee on the play field at Gabriola Island, including the current state and required areas for improvement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Jeff Virtanen, President of CUPE 606

RE: Education Assistant Hours and Budget Surplus

Jeff Virtanen, President of CUPE 606, confirmed that CUPE and the Districted had reached an agreement to fund one additional hour outside of the classroom for all continuing regular EAs who are currently receiving 25 hours or less per week. Jeff also expressed concerns around how the surplus dollars would be spent, EA hours and failure to fills.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 N. Tremblay

Re: Cell Phones in Schools

R24/09/20-05

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 M. Tremblay to staff for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Minister of Education and Child Care, Rachna Singh

Re: Trustee Code of Conduct

R24/09/20-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

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, Rachna Singh, to be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3 T. Coyle

Re: Public After-School Care

R24/09/20-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

13.1 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer and KPMG

Re: Audited Financial Statements and Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis

Mark Walsh presented the Audited Financial Statements for the board's review and consideration. L. Lee and C Rice-Gural from KPMG, District Auditors, reported on the Audited Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Audited Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report are attached to the Agenda.

R24/09/20-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive and approve the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Board Annual Work Plan

Greg Keller outlined the Board's Annual Workplan for the 2024-25 year as per policy 2.5 – Board Committees Representation and Annual Workplan. An Action Sheet, together with the Board's Annual Workplan, is attached to the Agenda.

R24/09/20-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt the Board's 2024-2025 Annual Work Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

14.1 Business Committee

R24/09/20-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the 11 recommendations for the re-opening of Rutherford Elementary including the redrawn boundaries and transfer of students in the newly created Rutherford and Frank J. Ney boundaries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R24/09/20-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bailey

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to provide response to the City of Nanaimo with respect to the Bowers District Rezoning Application, that the District anticipates it will be able to support student enrollment associated with the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R24/09/20-12
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the recommended 2024/25 - 2026/27 Multi-Year Financial Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R24/09/20-13
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive the Executive Compensation Report as information and direct the Board Chair to sign an Attestation letter acknowledging compensation paid to executive staff during the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R24/09/20-14
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo- Ladysmith) approve the recommendations contained in the Action Sheet dated September 11, 2024, to allocate the unrestricted surplus to support the Board's goals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R24/09/20-15
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt Policy - Child Care Services and Early Years Programs as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.2 Education Committee

R24/09/20-16

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) amend the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan as shown in the Education Committee's Action Sheet dated September 4, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R24/09/20-17

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the 2023/2024 Enhancing Student Learning Report and submit to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by September 30, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. **SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

There was none.

16. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

17. **FOR INFORMATION**

17.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motions report was received as information.

17.2 Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Committee reports were received as information.

18. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

R24/09/20-

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Greg Keller, Chair

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