



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

December 18, 2024

Trustees	G. Keller, Vice Chair N. Bailey, Vice Chair T. Brzovic T. Harris L. Lee	C. Morvay L. Pellegrin T. Rokeby M. Robinson
Staff	R. Gray, Superintendent/CEO M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer	K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services G. Robinson, Ex. Dir. Communications

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. TRANSFER OF ITEMS TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

3. ADDITIONS

Trustee Keller presented a Notice of Motion for New Business.

4. DELETIONS

There were none.

5. CHANGE IN ORDER

That New Business be moved to follow Announcements and Reminders.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R24/12/18-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

R24/12/18-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on November 27, 2024, and the Annual General Meeting held on December 4, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SECTION 72(3) REPORT

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R24/12/18-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on November 27, 2024 and the Special Closed Board of Education meetings held on December 4, 2024, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Winter Break - Schools closed from December 21- January 5, 2025

Next Public Board of Education Meeting: January 29, 2025

10. NEW BUSINESS

R24/12/18-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to promote enrolment of Late French Immersion for the 2025-2026 school year and to report back to the Board in the fall of 2025 for review and further consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. PRESENTATIONS

11.1 NDTA, Jo Cornthwaite and Megan Simmer

Re: Late French Immersion Program

Jo Cornthwaite expressed support for the Late French Immersion Program and thanked the Board for their decision.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 NALT, Nanaimo & Area Land Trust

Re: School Water Stewards Program & Environmental Stewardship Action Plan

R24/12/18-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence from NALT to the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Late French Immersion

Correspondence from: S. Smith; W. Litchfield; R. Mann; A. Capadouca; A. Lee; N. Jensen; K. Collins; Student Email; M. Bodie; D. Ruffell; J. Ruffell P. Leather; L'Association des francophones de Nanaimo; C. Haley; M. Fukunaga; R. West; A. Vanin; A Hughes (President of Canadian Parents for French); C. Meunier; C. Wakely; D. Boulton; D. Redden; E. Foster; J. Stanley; L. Gilfoy; N. Dickson; S. Madjzoub; T. Fontaine; T. Oke; R.Boar; M. Dubois (President La Federation des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique)

R24/12/18-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence regarding Late French Immersion to be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Business Committee

R24/12/18-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI Report), as presented, for the year ending June 30, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the temporary suspension of the Business Committee and Education Committee to be replaced with a single once a month public Committee of the Whole entitled “Strategic Directions Committee” and a monthly Board working session entitled “Professional Learning Working Group” effective January 2025 and that the Board review the temporary structure in May 2025.

R24/12/18-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

Motion to Amend:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the temporary suspension of the Business Committee and Education Committee to be replaced with a single once a month public Committee of the Whole entitled “Strategic Directions Committee” and a monthly Board working session entitled “Professional Learning Working Group” effective January 2025 and that the Board review the temporary structure in May 2025 and to accept the temporary amendment to Policies 2.5. and 2.6

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R24/12/18-09

ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the temporary suspension of the Business Committee and Education Committee to be replaced with a single once a month public Committee of the Whole entitled "Strategic Directions Committee" and a monthly Board working session entitled "Professional Learning Working Group" effective January 2025 and that the Board review the temporary structure in May 2025 and to accept the temporary amendment to Policies 2.5. and 2.6.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R24/12/18-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the joint agreement with the City of Nanaimo to use the Multi-Purpose Space and washrooms at Ecole Hammond Bay Elementary on a non-exclusive basis for community purposes, and that the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to execute the documents including such terms as the Secretary-Treasurer may consider advisable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Education Committee

There were none.

14. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

14.1 Robyn Gray

Re: Superintendent's Report

Robyn Gray presented her Superintendent's report and acknowledged the hard work of staff in the busy weeks leading up to winter break. Robyn also acknowledged the work and thanked the volunteers of the Christmas Toy Drive.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. FOR INFORMATION

16.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motions Report was received as information.

16.2 Trustee Committee Reports

17. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were two questions this evening:

1. Will there be consultation with Quarterway parents about promotion of the program and value of the program? Answer: Given the emergent nature of the motion, staff have not had a chance to consider what the consultation would look like and will commit to talking to the school and parents so they are aware of what that process will look like.

2. Is the NDTA invited to the new committee meetings and to the PLWG? Answer: The Strategic Directions Committee will be inclusive of the education and business committees so the regular seats of the NDTA would be included as they always have been. In regard to the PLWG, this working group is about professional learning of the Board. Possibly at a future meeting the NDTA would be invited to share their processes and procedures with regards to how the Union serves its members with the Board.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

R24/12/18-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Naomi Bailey, Chair