

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

January 29, 2025

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

There were no deletions.

5. CHANGE IN ORDER

There was no change in order.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R25/01/29-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

R25/01/29-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on December 18, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SECTION 72(3) REPORT

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R25/01/29-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on December 18, 2024, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Strategic Directions Committee: February 12, 2025 (online)

Board of Education Meeting: February 26, 2025

Statutory Holiday (Family Day): February 17, 2025 (Schools Closed)

Non-Instructional Days: February 3 and 4, 2025 (Schools Closed)

10. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Ministry of Education and Child Care and Ministry of Infrastructure

Re: Ministry of Infrastructure Update

R25/01/29-04

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 the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Ministry of Infrastructure to be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Canadian Parents for French Nanaimo-Ladysmith Chapter

Re: Thank you for Supporting Late French Immersion

R25/01/29-05

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 Canadian Parents for French Nanaimo-Ladysmith Chapter to be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Strategic Directions Committee

R25/01/29-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive the Draft Revised Policy 205 – Trustee Code of Conduct and Conflict Resolution 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

13. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Shawn Johnston, Executive Director of HR and Zoe Mikelic-Strazza, Manager Health & Wellness

Re: Health & Wellness

Shawn Johnston provided an update on initiatives that the District has taken towards the goal of Student and Employee Wellness, specifically on the strategy of "increase the number of employees who feel valued and/or engaged". An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

13.2 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer and Zeyad Merchant, Director of Information and Technology

Re: Cyber Security

Mark Walsh provided an update on the cybersecurity measures being undertaken by the District following the October 2024 Business Committee presentation. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

13.3 Laura Tait, Assistant Superintendent

Re: The Aboriginal: How Are We Doing Report (ABHAWD 2023/2024)

Laura Tait presented on the District's How Are We Doing Report, which is an annual, public-facing report focusing on Indigenous students in B.C. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

13.4 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: School Site Acquisition Charge Update

Mark Walsh provided an update on the School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw and the current financial status of the account. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

13.5 Robyn Gray

Re: Superintendent's Reel

Robyn Gray presented the "Superintendent's Reel" which highlights the voices of our educators, achievements of our students and the unwavering support of our families and community partners.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Letter of Support for Options for Sexual Health

Trustee Pellegrin declared a conflict and did not participate in the discussion or vote on this item.

Trustee Robinson presented a request from Options for Sexual Health.

R25/01/29-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) write a letter to local MLAs urging them to support the request from the Board for Options for Sexual Health for additional funding for Options for Sexual Health.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. FOR INFORMATION

16.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motions Report was received as information.

16.2 Trustee Committee Reports

There were none.

17. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

R25/01/29-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Naomi Bailey, Chair