



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

**February 26, 2025**

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and acknowledged that today is Anti-Bullying Day.

**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**

R25/02/26-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the Agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

R25/02/26-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 29, 2025, be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R25/02/26-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on January 29, 2025, and the Special Closed Board of Education meeting on February 12, 2025, be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS**

Strategic Directions Committee Meeting: March 5, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Board of Education Meeting: March 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Schools Closed for Spring Break: March 17 - 28, 2025

10. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

12. **STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12.1 Child Care

R25/02/26-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) empower staff to apply for child care spaces funding to create a child care facility at Dufferin Learning Centre.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R25/02/26-05  
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 up to two additional elementary school sites in the North End to host District operated Before and After School Care in September 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R25/02/26-06  
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson  
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve a pilot cost-recovery based programming at appropriate sites determined by staff for summer 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12.2 Amended Annual Budget ByLaw

R25/02/26-07  
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic  
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) give the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025 all three readings at one meeting, today, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R25/02/26-08  
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic  
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025 cited as “School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025” being a bylaw associated with the amended annual budget showing the

estimated revenue and expense for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$232,710,835 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Read a first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R25/02/26-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025 cited as "School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025" being a bylaw associated with the amended annual budget showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$232,710,835 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Read a second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R25/02/26-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Harris

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025 cited as "School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025" being a bylaw associated with the amended annual budget showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$232,710,835 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Read a third time and adopted, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 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.

13.2 Gillian Robinson, Executive Director of Communications

Re: Communications Update

Gillian Robinson provided an update on two new digital communications tools that the department is using to better meet the needs of our community. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

13.3 Mark Walsh, Secretary Treasurer & Pete Sabo

Re: Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre Miniature Long House Project

Mark Walsh provided an update on the Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre Miniature Long House Project that was recently completed at John Barsby Community School. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

13.4 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer and Kelsey Bakewell, Maintenance Manager

Re: 2025 Snow Event

Mark Walsh reported on the District's response to the February snow event. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new 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 no questions this evening.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

R25/02/26-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

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Naomi Bailey, Chair

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