

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 2025

Trustees	M. Robinson, T. Rokeby, Chair N. Bailey T. Brzovic T. Harris G. Keller L. Lee C. Morvay L. Pellegrin
Staff	R. Gray, Superintendent/CEO M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services G. Robinson, Ex. Dir. Communications
Representatives	CUPE Representative: Jeff Virtanen NDTA Representative: Joanna Cornthwaite NSAA Representatives: Lisa Frey and Lindsay Watford

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions.

3. DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no deletions.

4. CHANGE IN ORDER

There was no change in order.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SD25/05/14-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SD25/05/14-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the minutes of the Strategic Directions Committee meeting held on April 9, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Student Voice Circle

Students presented a year in review of their participation in the district's Student Voice Circle.

8. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Kerri Steel, Director of Instruction - Learning & Inclusion

Re: Accessibility Committee Annual Report

Kerri Steel provided an annual update on the district's Accessibility Plan. An information sheet, together with the Accessibility Plan is attached to the agenda.

8.2 Jacque Poulin, Assistant Superintendent and Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Rutherford Update

Jacque Poulin and Mark Walsh provided an update on the re-opening of Rutherford Elementary. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was none.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Laura Tait, Assistant Superintendent

Re: Local School Calendars

Laura Tait shared the consultation process and feedback on the draft local three-year calendars. An action sheet, together with the draft calendars are attached to the agenda.

SD25/05/14-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo) approve the attached three-year draft Local School Calendars for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Revised Policy and Bylaw Recommendations

Mark Walsh shared the consultation process and feedback on Policies 218, 505, 403 and Bylaw 502. An action sheet, together with the revised policies are attached to the agenda.

SD25/05/14-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt the following amended policies:

- Policy 218 - Role of Chair and Vice Chair
- Policy 505 - School Catchment and Student Enrolment
- Policy 403 - Board Recognition

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SD25/05/14-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) read Bylaw 502 - Parent Student Appeals for a third and final time.

OPPOSED: Trustee Morvay

CARRIED

10.3 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Board Committee Structure Review

Mark Walsh provided a brief review of the committee structure and provided next steps for consideration. An action sheet is attached to the agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve in principle making the Strategic Directions Committee permanent and circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, Policy 208 – Board Committees Representation and Annual Workplan, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 210 – Policy Development and that Policy 208, Section 1.3 is amended to include a member of Student Voice as a member of the Strategic Directions Committee.

SD25/05/14-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

Motion to Amend:

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve in principle making the Strategic Directions Committee permanent and circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, Policy 208 – Board Committees Representation and Annual Workplan, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 210 – Policy Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SD25/05/14-07

On the Motion as Amended:

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve in principle making the Strategic Directions Committee permanent and circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, Policy 208 – Board Committees Representation and Annual Workplan, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 210 – Policy Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasure and Taunia Sutton, Associate Secretary-Treasurer

Re: 2025/26 Proposed Preliminary Annual Budget

Mark Walsh and Taunia Sutton presented the 2025/26 Preliminary Annual Budget. The annual budget document is attached to the agenda.

SD25/05/14-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) give the School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) 2025/26 Budget Bylaw, all three readings at one meeting on the 28th of May, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SD25/05/14-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/26 at the Board of Education meeting on May 28, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

12. FOR INFORMATION

There was none.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

SD25/05/14-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY