

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

May 28, 2025

Trustees	N. Bailey, Chair G. Keller, 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	G. Robinson, Ex. Dir. Communications P. Sled, Executive Assistant
Absent	K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

R25/05/28-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

R25/05/28-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on April 23, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SECTION 72(3) REPORT

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R25/05/28-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on April 23, 2025, and the Special Closed Board meeting on April 29, 2025, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Strategic Directions Committee Meeting: June 11, 2025

Board of Education Meeting: June 25, 2025

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation - Kathy Berg, NLSF Chair and Crystal Dennison, Executive Director

Kathy Berg, NLSF Chair and Crystal Dennison, NLSF Executive Director, provided an overview of the many important initiatives that support students across the district. The presentation is attached to the agenda.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Lindsay and Jeff Cote

Re: Request for School Board Advocacy Regarding Loss of Child Care Access for École North Oyster Families

R25/05/28-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Pellegrin

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence to be referred to staff for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Local School Calendars

R25/05/28-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the attached three-year draft Local School Calendars for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Revised Policies and Bylaw

R25/05/28-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

Third Reading of Bylaw 502 Parent Student Appeals:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt amended Bylaw 502 - Parent-Student Appeals.

R25/05/28-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

Motion to Amend:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt amended Bylaw 502 - Parent-Student Appeals and that the Board direct the Superintendent to develop a guidance document to help parents navigate the parental appeal process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/05/28-08

On the Motion as Amended

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt amended Bylaw 502 - Parent-Student Appeals and that the Board direct the Superintendent to develop a guidance document to help parents navigate the parental appeal process.

The Amended Bylaw 502 is read for a third time and adopted this 28th day of May, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3 Board Committee Structure

R25/05/28-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

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

12.4 2025-2026 Annual Budget

R25/05/28-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) give the School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) 2025/2026 Budget Bylaw, all three readings this 28th of May, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/05/28-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026 cited as "School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026" being a bylaw associated with the annual budget showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$228,635,960 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Read a first time this 28th day of May, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/05/28-12

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026 cited as "School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026" being a bylaw associated with the annual budget showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$228,635,960 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Read a second time this 28th day of May, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/05/28-13

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Pellegrin

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026 cited as "School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026" being a bylaw associated with the annual budget showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$228,635,960 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Read a third time and adopted, this 28th day of May, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Robyn Gray

Re: Superintendent's Update

Robyn Gray provided updates on activities happening across the district and thanked teachers and education assistants for all their help to make these activities available for our students.

13.2 Jacquie Poulin, Assistant Superintendent and Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: RISE Program

Jacquie Poulin outlined the rationale for the recommended motion to institute the Resilience, Inclusion, Skills and Engagement Program at Rutherford Elementary in September 2025. An action sheet is attached to the agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the Resilience, Inclusion, Skills and Engagement Program to be placed at Rutherford Elementary for September 2025.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

Motion to Amend:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the Resilience, Inclusion, Skills and Engagement Program to be placed at Rutherford Elementary for September 2025, and that staff present to the Board a review of the program by April 2026.

R25/05/28-14

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

Motion to Amend the Amendment

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the Resilience, Inclusion, Skills and Engagement Program to be placed at Rutherford Elementary for September 2025, and that staff present to the Board a review of the program by June 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/05/28-15

On the Motion as Amended

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the Resilience, Inclusion, Skills and Engagement Program to be placed at Rutherford Elementary for September 2025, and that staff present to the Board a review of the program by June 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Child Care Expansion

Mark Walsh outlined an additional expansion above and beyond the previously approved expansion in the south end for the Board's consideration. An action sheet is attached to the agenda.

R25/05/28-16

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve an additional elementary school site at École North Oyster to host District operated Before and After School Care in September 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.4 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer & Taunia Sutton, Associate Secretary-Treasurer

Re: 3rd Quarter Report

Mark Walsh and Taunia Sutton provided the 3rd Quarter Report. The Report is attached to the Agenda.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

15. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

16. FOR INFORMATION

16.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motions Report was received.

16.2 Trustee Committee Reports

There were no Trustee Committee Reports.

17. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Question from A.Camblin: Why did the district decide RISE needed to be housed at Rutherford and specifically, why at the same time that the rest of the school is only just opening?

Jacquie Poulin provided the following answer: In large part it was around space capacity and an opportunity to create the space and redesign rooms.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

R25/05/28-17

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Naomi Bailey, Chair