

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

June 25, 2025

Trustees	N. Bailey, Chair T. Brzovic T. Harris C. Morvay	L. Pellegrin T. Rokeby M. Robinson
Absent	G. Keller, Vice Chair	L. Lee
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 6:02 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

R25/06/25-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Harris

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

R25/06/25-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held on May 28, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SECTION 72(3) REPORT

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R25/06/25-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting and the Special Closed Board Meeting, both held on May 28, 2025, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Schools Open for Students: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Strategic Directions Committee: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Board of Education Meeting: Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Statutory Holiday: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Recognition of Michelle Sokoloski, Indigenous Education Coordinator

Naomi Bailey, Board Chair, acknowledged and expressed appreciation for Michelle Sololoski's contributions as the district's Indigenous Education Coordinator. She also thanked Michelle for facilitating a recent workshop with the Board, during which trustees made and painted drums. The session concluded with Michelle leading the Board in a song.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

12. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS

R25/06/25-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the following courses as Board/Authorized Course (BAA) as per Ministry Policy: Sports History 12, Post-Secondary Transitions 12, Post High School Explorations 12 and Indigenous Technology 12.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/06/25-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) amend the Terms of Reference to the Safe Schools Committee as presented at the Strategic Directions Committee on June 11, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/06/25-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Harris

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), in accordance with provisions under section 142(4) of the School Act, approve the proposed Minor Capital Plan for 2026/2027, as provided, for submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Ministry of Education and Child Care Capital Branch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/06/25-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), in accordance with provisions under section 142(4) of the School Act, approve the proposed Major Capital Plan for 2026/2027, as provided, submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Education and Child Care Capital Branch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Jacquie Poulin and Don Balcombe, Assistant Superintendents

Re: Celebrating the 2024/25 School Year - Video Presentation

Assistant Superintendents Jacquie Poulin and Don Balcombe presented on how the Board of Education's strategic plan is implemented at the school level. A video was shared celebrating learning from the 2024/25 school year.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Naomi Bailey, Board Chair

Re: Advocacy for NDSS

Naomi Bailey turned the Chair to Trustee Rokeby, for the discussion and vote on this matter.

Board Chair, Naomi Bailey presented a recommendation to seek letters of support from local and regional governments, rights holders and other appropriate community partners for the replacement of NDSS. An action sheet is attached to the agenda.

R25/06/25-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) seek letters of support from local and regional governments, rights holders and other appropriate community partners to be written to the Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Education and Child Care and copied to local MLAs for the replacement of Nanaimo District Secondary School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. FOR INFORMATION

16.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motion Report was received.

16.2 Trustee Committee Reports

N/A

17. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

R25/06/25-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Naomi Bailey, Chair