



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

January 28, 2026

Trustees	N. Bailey, Chair L. Lee, Vice-Chair T. Brzovic T. Harris	C. Morvay L. Pellegrin T. Rokeby M. Robinson
Absent	G. Keller	
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 6:00 pm.

2. TRANSFER OF ITEMS TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA

BCSTA AGM Motion Discussion to be added as Item 15.2

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

R26/01/28-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of December 17, 2025, were approved as presented.

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

8.1 **Section 72(3) Report**

R26/01/28-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board of Education meeting on December 17, 2025, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS**

Strategic Directions Committee Meeting: February 11, 2026

Board of Education Meeting: February 25, 2026

Professional Development Day: February 9, 2026 (Schools Closed)

Family Day (Statutory Holiday): February 16, 2026 (Schools Closed)

10. **PRESENTATIONS**

10.1 **Stephen Epp, Principal of John Barsby Secondary School**

Re: Lehal Lesson

Stephen Epp, John Barsby Secondary School Principal, together with students, provided a lesson on Lehal.

10.2 **Marc Daneault, Principal Gabriola Elementary**

Re: Gabriola Elementary FESL

Marc Daneault, Gabriola Elementary Principal, together with Rose Boulton, teacher and Leeann Shannon, counselor, shared Gabriola Elementary's FESL. They highlighted the process on how the school's goals were selected, how they align with the strategic plan and shared the work being done at the school level to achieve them.

10.3 **Geoff Steel, Principal Dover Bay Secondary School**

Re: Dover Bay FESL

Geoff Steel, Dover Bay Secondary Principal, together with Jacob Hardy, shared Dover Bay's FESL. They highlighted the process on how the school's goals were

selected, how they align with the strategic plan and shared the work being done at the school level to achieve them.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

12. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS

R26/01/28-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) amend Policy 208 – Board Committee Representation and Annual Workplan to ensure that the Strategic Directions Committee has a Co-Chair model.

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, education assistants and district staff for all their help to make these activities available for our students.

13.2 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.

13.3 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Environmental Stewardship Action Plan Advisory Committee Report

Mark Walsh outlined the recent activities of the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee and presented a recommended motion for consideration related to greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction advocacy.

R26/01/28-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo–Ladysmith) advocate to the appropriate government ministries and/or Crown corporations for

resources to invest in infrastructure to ensure the district meets the Government of British Columbia's CleanBC 2030 targets for carbon emission reduction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Naomi Bailey, Board Chair

Re: Letter of Appreciation - Vancouver Island Children's Bookfest Society

Chair Bailey turned the chair over to Vice Chair Lee for the discussion and vote on this item.

R26/01/28-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) write a letter of appreciation to the Vancouver Island Children's Bookfest Society for their role in supporting literacy in NLPS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.2 Trustee Chantelle Morvay

Re: BCSTA AGM Motions

R26/01/28-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) submit two motions for consideration at the British Columbia School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting (BCSTA AGM):

1. A motion strengthening the understanding and support for the role of democratically elected Boards of Education; and
2. A motion advocating for sustainable provincial funding to support inclusive childcare.

And that Trustee Pellegrin and/or Trustee Morvay be authorized to liaise with BCSTA staff, if necessary, to make non-substantive edits to the motions to improve clarity and procedural requirements prior to the AGM.

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.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Naomi Bailey, Chair