

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

March 10, 2021

Trustees C. McKay, Chair
J. Stanley, Vice-Chair (Left meeting at 7:08pm)
L.M. Barron
T. Brzovic
S. Higginson

G. Keller
B. Robinson
C. O'Neill
E. Wilkinson

Staff S. Saywell, Superintendent/CEO
M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Davie, Deputy Superintendent

D. Burgos, Ex. Dir. of Communications
K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 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

Item 15.2 to follow Item 9.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R21/03/10-01IT WAS MOVED BY

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - February 17, 2021 and February 24, 2021

R21/03/10-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Wilkinson

That the minutes from the Special Board meeting held on February 17, 2021, and the Regular Board meeting held on February 24, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SECTION 72(3) REPORT

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R21/03/10-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Stanley

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board meeting on February 24, 2021, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Education Committee Meeting: April 7, 2021

Business Committee Meeting: April 14, 2021

Board of Education Meeting: April 28, 2021

Statutory Holidays: Good Friday, April 2, 2021 and Easter Monday, April 5, 2021

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Trustee Brzovic

Re: Notice of Motion - Masks

Trustees discussed mask wearing in elementary schools. Local Medical Health Officer, Dr. Sandra Allison, attended for this portion of the meeting and answered Trustee questions.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Barron

That the Board of Education for School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) require masks for Grade 6 & 7 students in all indoor areas, including when they are in learning groups, with exemptions for students who cannot wear masks for health or behavioural reasons, effective upon the return from Spring Break.

R21/03/10-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Barron
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Stanley

Motion to Amend

That the Board of Education for School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) require all students in grades 6 & 7 to wear face masks in schools, both within and outside their learning groups, in a manner consistent with the most recent health and safety guidelines for middle and secondary schools outlined by the Ministry of Education.

OPPOSED: Trustees Higginson, McKay, Wilkinson, Robinson

CARRIED

On the Motion as Amended:

R21/03/10-05

That the Board of Education for School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) require all students in grades 6 & 7 to wear face masks in schools, both within and outside their learning groups, in a manner consistent with the most recent health and safety guidelines for middle and secondary schools outlined by the Ministry of Education.

OPPOSED: Trustees McKay, Higginson, Wilkinson, Robinson, O'Neill

DEFEATED

R21/03/10-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Barron

That the Board of Education for School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) request that staff develop, implement and build upon education and awareness initiatives around appropriate and safe mask wearing.

OPPOSED: Trustees Wilkinson, O'Neill, Higginson, McKay, Robinson

DEFEATED

11. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Deputy Minister D. Scott MacDonald

Re: Indigenous Education Funding for 2019/20

R21/03/10-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Barron

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), refer the correspondence from Deputy Minister Scott MacDonald to be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Route 16 Bus Concerns

- L. Butler
- K. Ekman
- T. Harper
- C. Kerr
- C. Monaghan
- K. Qvist
- G. Riemer
- S. Reimer
- G & A Ringma
- J & J Sage
- N. Tiwana
- E. Toms
- M. Watts
- N. Williams
- K. Kreutzer
- K. Atkinson
- S. Collins

R21/03/10-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee O'Neill

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), refer the correspondence regarding Route 16 Bus Concerns to the Board Chair for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3 J. Fraser

Re: Stricter COVID Protocols

R21/03/10-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee O'Neill

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), refer the correspondence from J. Fraser to the Board Chair for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

13.1 Business Committee

13.1.1 Transportation Route Review - Route 16

R21/03/10-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee O'Neill

That the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) include bus route #16 as a regular route in its transportation busing plan; and that this route will remain a regular route until such time that the annual transportation review identifies a ridership below 50% of bus capacity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Education Committee

13.2.1 Local School Calendar

R21/03/10-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Barron

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the attached two-year draft Local School Calendars for 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Opposed: Trustee Higginson

CARRIED

14. **SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

14.1 Director of Instruction, Indigenous Learning, Ted Cadwallader

Re: Hul'q'umi'num Language in NLPS

Director of Instruction, Indigenous Learning Ted Cadwallader presented on Hu'l'umi'num language based learning programs and resources in the district.

14.2 Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh and Executive Director of Communications Dale Burgos

Re: Thought Exchange Feedback on 2021/22 Budget

Executive Director of Communications Dale Burgos provided the results from the 2021/22 Budget Thought Exchange Survey. The results are attached to the Agenda.

15. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

16.1 Chair McKay

Re: ESSAC Membership

Trustees discussed the proposed membership of the ESSAC and agreed to list the "Knowledge Keepers" in the membership list.

R21/03/10-12

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Barron

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the membership of the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee; and that the membership draft a Terms of Reference for the committee for approval by the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. **FOR INFORMATION**

17.1 Board Motions Report

The Board Motions Report was received as information.

17.2 Trustee Committee Reports

There were none.

18. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

R21/03/10-13

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee O'Neill

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Charlene McKay, Chair