

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

October 27, 2021

Trustees	C. McKay, Chair J. Stanley, Vice-Chair 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 6:04 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

R21/10/27-01

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

R21/10/27-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Stanley

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on September 29, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. SECTION 72(3) REPORT

8.1 Section 72(3) Report

R21/10/27-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Higginson

That the Section 72(3) Report from the Closed Board meeting on September 29, 2021, and the Special Closed Board Meeting on October 6, 2021, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Education Committee Meeting: November 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Business Committee Meeting: November 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Board of Education Meeting: November 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Statutory Holiday: November 11, 2021 (Remembrance Day - Schools Closed)

Chair McKay advised that the Board is in discussions with respect to a vaccination policy. These discussions are taking place in an in-camera (closed) Board Meeting as they relate to labour relations and the health and safety of employees of the District. Any public announcements regarding this matter will come from the District's Communication Department.

10. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 B. & L. McCrea; H. Pedersen; H. Trawick; L. Gilfoy; R. Stamp; J. Pendergast; D. Haggarty

Re: K-3 Mask Mandate

R21/10/27-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Stanley

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11.2 M. Robinson

Re: Vaccinations

R21/10/27-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Wilkinson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11.3 Mayor Aaron Stone, Town of Ladysmith

Re: Town of Ladysmith OCP Review

R21/10/27-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Stanley

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence from Mayor Aaron Stone, Town of Ladysmith, to the November 2021 Business Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11.4 Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside

Re: Premier's Awards for Excellence

R21/10/27-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5 Down Syndrome BC

Re: Supporting Inclusive Education for Learners with Down Syndrome

R21/10/27-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Wilkinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) refer the correspondence from Down Syndrome BC to be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12.1 Business Committee

12.1.1 Child Care Spaces

R21/10/27-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Wilkinson

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to apply for the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund through the Ministry of Children and Families for funding childcare expansion for up to five school sites.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh

Re: Draft 2022/2023 Budget Calendar

Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh presented the draft Budget Calendar which will guide the budget planning cycle for the 2022/23 school year. Trustees requested that the Budget Calendar be connected to the District's Strategic Plan with learning and departmental needs. An Information Sheet is attached to the Agenda.

13.2 Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh

Re: School Site Acquisition Charge Resolution

Trustee Keller declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion or the vote.

Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh provided an update on the District's progress towards instituting a School Site Acquisition Charge. An Action Sheet is attached to the Agenda.

R21/10/27-10

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Stanley

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the school site resolution for presentation to the District of Lantzville, the City of Nanaimo, and the Regional District of Nanaimo, for a consultation period of not less than 60 days for final approval by Board By-law following the consultation period.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh

Re: By-Election

Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh provided options for the Board's consideration with respect to a By-Election. An Action Sheet is attached to the Agenda.

R21/10/27-11

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee O'Neill

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) appoint Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh as the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to Section 36(3)(a) to organize and implement a by-election created by the resignation of Trustee Barron and notify the Minister of Education as required by Section 36(3)(c).

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.

16.3 Board Annual Work Plan

The Board's Annual Work Plan was received as information.

17. QUESTION PERIOD

Question from T. Humphreys: I am wondering whether there will be ongoing public engagement during the budget process as I don't see it on the schedule. Answer: Yes, the public can participate through the Thought Exchange, ask questions during the public meetings when budget discussions are taking place or alternatively request to make a presentation to the Board.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

R21/10/27-12

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Stanley

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Charlene McKay, Chair