



The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm at 2125 Keating Cross Road.

ATTENDEES

Chair: Tim Dunford
Vice-Chair: Nola Silzer
Trustee: Keven Elder
Trustee: Susan Hickman
Trustee: Elsie McMurphy
Trustee: Joyce Vandall
Trustee: Teri VanWell

Superintendent of Schools: Dave Eberwein
Secretary Treasurer: Jason Reid
Assistant Superintendent: Melanie Paas
Director of Instruction: Helena Takhar
Assistant Superintendent: Peter Westhaver
Sr. Exec Admin Assistant: Leigh Glancie
Representative, CUPE: Regrets
Representative, SAA: Sara Salemin
Representative, STA: Regrets
Representative, COPACS Megan Misovic

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Introduction

Chair Dunford acknowledged the territory of the WSANEC people since time immemorial and welcomed members of the management team and partner group to the regular Board meeting. Representing SAA – Sara Salemin.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the agenda be adopted.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any late items or revisions to the agenda as circulated.

Report on In-Camera Meeting

Chair Dunford reported that prior to the Regular meeting, the Board held an In Camera meeting and discussed personnel matters and business affairs.

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- (i) Adoption of Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 13, 2026.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of May 13, 2026. The Chair declared the minutes be approved or adopted as amended with changes(s) as follows:

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

2026/27 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the first reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the amount of \$132,761,145.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the second reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the amount of \$132,761,145.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the amount of \$132,761,145 at this Board Meeting for a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the third and final reading, pass and adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the amount of \$132,761,145.

CARRIED.

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

(a) **Presentations and Delegations:**

(b) **Questions:**

Megan Misovic, COPACS Inquired whether the District will be providing any feedback on the new Child and Youth Well-Being Action Plan recently announced by the Ministry of Education.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

(i) 2028/29 Local Calendar Public Consultation Feedback

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board approve the 2028/29 School Calendar.

CARRIED.

(ii) 2026/27 School Activity and Supply Fees Schedule

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the Board approve the 2026/27 School Activity and Supply Fees Schedule.

CARRIED.

11. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(i) Trustee Remuneration

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That trustee remuneration be increased by 3% effective July 1, 2025, and by 3% effective July 1, 2026. Then effective November 2, 2026, trustee remuneration will be increased to the current average of similarly sized districts as follows:

\$27,838 (Chair)

\$25,747 (Vice Chair)

\$24,315 (Trustee)

CARRIED.

(ii) 2026/27 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the first reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD63-02.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the second reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD63-02.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD63-02 at this Board meeting for a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the third reading, pass and adopt Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD63-02.

CARRIED.

(iii) 2027/28 Capital Plan Submission

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the Capital Plan Submission for the 2027/28 school year.

CARRIED.

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- (i) Policy 11 – Indemnification Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That revisions to Policy 11 – Indemnification Bylaw be approved.

CARRIED.

- (ii) Policy 12A - Trustee Elections Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board appoint Secretary Treasurer Jason Reid as the Chief Election Officer and Director of Finance Megan Cimaglia as the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

CARRIED.

- (iii) Elections Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the first reading of the School District 63 (Saanich) Elections Bylaw No. 1004.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the second reading of the School District 63 (Saanich) Elections Bylaw No. 1004.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the reading of the School District 63 (Saanich) Elections Bylaw No. 1004 at this Board meeting for a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the reading of the School District 63 (Saanich) Elections Bylaw No. 1004 at this Board meeting for a third time.

CARRIED.

(iv) Policy 18 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

As the required Notice of Motion was provided on April 22, 2026, I, Trustee VanWell move that revisions to Policy 18 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel be approved.

CARRIED.

13. HUMAN RESOURCES (No Report)

14. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Renee Mulligan

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That staff be requested to contact the District of Saanich to investigate improvements to Prospect Lake Road.

Amendment:

That staff be directed to contact the District of Saanich to investigate improvements to Prospect Lake Road such as a safe place to turn the bus around.

Main motion as amended. CARRIED.

16. QUESTION PERIOD

- Megan Misovic – School Calendar: How often do summers extend this long, and are there any resources available to support families during an extended summer break?
- Stewart McKinnon – Resident, North Saanich: Could the amplification system be reviewed? At times, it is difficult to hear some speakers.

17. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

1. Administrative Procedures

- Administrative Procedure 260 (Field Trips)
- Administrative Procedure 512 (Mobile Communication Devices)
- Administrative Procedure 551 (Child Care Programs)
- Administrative Procedure 560 (Student Bus Transportation Services)
- Administrative Procedure 564 (Volunteer Drivers)

2. Advocacy Plan

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board adopt the draft advocacy plan.

Amendment:

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That strategy 3 be amended to read:

“seek leadership and support from provincial bodies such as BCSTA, BCSSA, BCASBO and support from BCCPAC, BCTF and BCPVPA”.

Amendment:

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the amendment be amended to read “seek leadership and/or support from provincial bodies such as BCSTA, BCSSA, BCASBO, BCCPAC, BCTF and BCPVPA”.

Amendment to Amendment CARRIED.

Amendment – CARRIED.

Main motion as amended:

Approve advocacy plan as presented, with strategy 3 revised to read:

“seek leadership and/or support from provincial bodies such as BCSTA, BCSSA, BCASBO, BCCPAC, BCTF and BCPVPA”.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board make a written submission to the BC Government Finance Committee 2027 Budget Consultation to advocate that the Ministry of Education and Child Care K-12 operating funding be adjusted annually to fully fund school district inflationary costs with reference to ASBO document.

CARRIED.

18. FOR INFORMATION

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.


Chair of the Board
Secretary Treasurer