



November 18, 2025

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education
of School District No. 63 (Saanich)**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 12:00 pm.

ATTENDEES

Chair:	Tim Dunford	Superintendent of Schools:	Dave Eberwein
Vice-Chair:	Elsie McMurphy	Secretary Treasurer:	Jason Reid
Trustee:	Keven Elder	Director of Facilities:.....	Rob Lumb
Trustee:	Susan Hickman	Representative, COPACS:	Monique Hiltz
Trustee:	Nola Silzer	Representative, CUPE:.....	Bob Quicke
Trustee:	Joyce Vandall	Representative, SAA:	Regrets
Trustee:	Teri VanWell	Representative, STA:	Regrets

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the Special Meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Introduction

Chair Dunford welcomed members of the partner groups, and management team representatives to the special meeting and acknowledged the territory of the WSANEC people since time immemorial. Representing CUPE – Bob Quicke; and representing COPACS – Monique Hiltz.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the agenda be adopted.

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Chair Dunford asked if there were any late items or revisions to the agenda as circulated. None were noted.

CARRIED.

3. CENTRAL SAANICH OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENTS

The Board of Education agreed to provide the following input in relation to the proposed amendments to the District of Central Saanich's Official Community Plan (OCP):

- In general, the Board wishes to convey the importance of inviting families into the community, for the good of the community (through measures to increase affordable housing suited for families).
- Appendix A - for the housing target numbers ("*... 1,117 and 3,476 new units are needed for the next 5 and 20 years ...*"), can the plan specify the numbers of new units by the types required to serve all of the community's needs (as defined in Appendix B paragraph 10), including the need for family housing.
- Appendix B - we noted that the numbering of paragraphs needs to be updated (there are two paragraphs numbered 14).
- Appendix C - Paragraph 16 is highlighted, but we could not see any revision to the language in comparison to the present OCP (on the Central Saanich website).
- Appendix D - in paragraph 21(f) should "steeping back the upper story" be "stepping back the upper story"?
- Appendix F - we noted in the "Affordable Housing" paragraph that the amendments include a new definition for affordable housing (the previous definition was housing where the mortgage or rent payments do not exceed 30% of gross income). Why has a new measure been introduced and does it result in a reduction in the affordability of housing which will now meet the definition of affordable housing? If so, this change and the reasons should be explained in the amended plan.
- Appendix F - In the "Green Infrastructure" paragraph, we recommend specifically including the use of shade trees to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE ELDER

That the Board Chair and zonal Trustees meet with local municipal partners to discuss the promotion of affordable family housing as it relates to school population and that such an annual meeting be reflected in the draft advocacy plan that will next be considered by the Board in June 2026.

CARRIED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting at 12:58pm. Hearing none, the Chair declared that the meeting was adjourned.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer