



February 11, 2026

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm at 2125 Keating Cross Road.

ATTENDEES

- Chair: Tim Dunford - regrets
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: Suzanne Chisholm
Representative, STA: regrets
Representative, COPACS: Jaime Roberts

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Vice-Chair Silzer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Introduction

Vice-Chair Silzer 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 – Suzanne Chisholm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the agenda be adopted.

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

- 6. Report from Chair: Tumbler Ridge Tragedy
13. BCPSEA AGM

CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Report on In-Camera Meeting

Vice-Chair Silzer reported that prior to the Regular meeting, the Board held an In Camera meeting and discussed personnel matters.

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- (i) Adoption of Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 14, 2026.
Vice-Chair Silzer asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of January 14, 2026.
Hearing none, the Vice-Chair declared the minutes be adopted as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

(a) Presentations and Delegations:

Youth Work in Trades Presentation – Heidi Hackman

(b) Questions:

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Discussion of the situation in Tumbler Ridge

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMU

That the Board send a letter on behalf of our entire learning community to the Board of Education of School District 59 (Peace River South), expressing our deepest condolences, and support in whatever ways we can provide, to the Board, everyone connected to the school district, and the broader Tumbler Ridge community following the tragic events of February 10, 2026.

CARRIED.

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

11. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(i) Report from Budget Advisory Committee

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the Budget Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the 2026/27 Budget Process Consultation Plan.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Budget Timelines/Process be amended to include the Indigenous Education Council meeting on April 27, 2026.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board request senior staff to bring a report to the March Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee meeting outlining a recommendation for the implementation of a transportation service fee beginning in the fall of 2026.

CARRIED.

(ii) 2025/26 Amended Budget

The Committee recommended that the Board adopt the 2025/26 Amended Budget at the February Board meeting through the adoption of a budget bylaw.

- (i) First Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the first reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 in the total amount of \$135,682,497.

CARRIED.

- (ii) Second Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the second reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 in the total amount of \$135,682,497.

CARRIED.

- (iii) Motion to Read for a Third Time

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 in the total amount of \$135,682,497. at this Board Meeting for a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (iv) Third and Final Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the third reading, pass and adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 in the total amount of \$135,682,497.

CARRIED.

12. HUMAN RESOURCES (No Report)

13. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

(i) Policy 14 (Appendix) – Superintendent Evaluation Process

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board confirm its consideration of the proposed amendments to Policy 14 (Appendix) – Superintendent Evaluation Process.

CARRIED.

Notice of Motion:

I, Trustee VanWell provide notice at the April 22, 2026 public meeting of the Board of Education, I will move the following motion:

That revisions to Policy 14 (Appendix) – Superintendent Evaluation Process be approved.

14. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Trustees McMurphy & Vandall reported on the recent February COPACS meeting.

Vice-Chair Silzer provided an update on the Memorial Park Society meeting.

Trustee Vandall reported on the BCPSEA AGM held in January.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from COPACS, Nov 24, 2025
- Letter from University of Victoria, Jan 13, 2026

- Letter from Megan Misovic, Jan 23, 2026

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE ELDER

That the Board respond to this letter by advising Ms. Misovic of its planned actions, including meeting with Central Saanich and returning this matter to a future Board meeting

CARRIED.

16. QUESTION PERIOD

Jaime Roberts from COPACS inquired after a few topics, including the April budget process, whether SIDES enrolment growth contributes to cost pressures, and whether the transportation budget includes depreciation or only operating costs. She also asked whether the district has explored free transit options with BC Transit and whether there would be administrative costs associated with implementing a bus fee.

17. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

18. FOR INFORMATION

- Administrative Procedure 230 – Online Learning
- Administrative Procedure 300 – Admission of Ordinarily Resident Students
- Administrative Procedure 305 – Student Enrolment & Choice

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Chair of the Board

Secretary Treasurer