



May 6, 2026

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

The Special Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm at 2125 Keating Cross Road.

ATTENDEES

Chair:	Tim Dunford	Superintendent of Schools:	Dave Eberwein
Vice-Chair:	Nola Silzer	Secretary Treasurer:	Jason Reid
Trustee:	Keven Elder	Assistant Superintendent:	Melanie Paas
Trustee:	Susan Hickman	Director of Instruction:	Helena Takhar
Trustee:	Elsie McMurphy	Assistant Superintendent:	Peter Westhaver, regrets
Trustee:	Joyce Vandall	Sr. Exec Admin Assistant:	Leigh Glancie
Trustee:	Teri VanWell	Representative, CUPE:	regrets
		Representative, SAA:	Jason Earnshaw
		Representative, STA:	Shannon Toronitz
		Representative, COPACS:	Jane Bassett

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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 STA - Shannon Toronitz, representing SAA - Jason Earnshaw, and representing COPACS - Jane Bassett.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the agenda be adopted.

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

CARRIED.

3. REPORT FROM SECRETARY TREASURER

4. 2026/27 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Chair asked if there are any objections to relaxing the procedural rules for the purpose of the 2026/27 Budget deliberations. Hearing none, the Chair declared that procedure rules would be relaxed for discussion of this agenda item.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board balance the 2026/27 Preliminary Budget by:

- increasing the appropriation from contingency reserve by \$100,000 to fund the budgeted cost of the trustee election,
- Increasing the bus fee revenue budget by \$242,500,
- increasing the appropriation from contingency reserve by \$242,500 to fund the reduction to bus fees in 2026/27,
- reducing the salary and benefits budget for custodian positions by \$273,680,
- reducing the salary and benefits budget for enrolling teacher positions at SIDES by \$394,425,
- reallocating \$107,500 in school administrator and teacher salary and benefits budget to the special purpose fund, and
- increasing the appropriation from contingency reserve by \$125,745 to fund the residual budget pressure.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board direct the Secretary Treasurer to bring forward an analysis of the Board's fiscal position in the fall, and if that analysis determines that the Board is in a positive situation for reasons such as enrolment growth, that the priority for allocation of any net increase be to restore the contingency in the amount of \$125,745.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the motion be amended to replace "\$125,745" with "\$468,245"

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE ELDER

That the motion to amend the main motion be tabled

Motion to table the amendment CARRIED.

Main Motion CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the ideas generated through the budget planning process be documented and retained as a foundation for deliberations related to the 2027/28 annual budget.

CARRIED.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Chair of the Board

Secretary Treasurer