



May 13, 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, May 13, 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: Leila Sinclair-Wise
Representative, STA: Shannon Toronitz
Representative, COPACS: Phil Molloy

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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 – Leila Sinclair-Wise, representing STA – Shannon Toronitz & representing COPACS – Phil Molloy.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the agenda be adopted.

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

CARRIED.

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.

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- (i) Adoption of Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 22, 2026.
Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of April 22, 2026.
The Chair declared the minutes be adopted.
- (ii) Adoption of Special Budget Meeting minutes of May 6, 2026.
Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of May 6, 2026.
The Chair declared the minutes be adopted.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

- (a) Presentations and Delegations:
- (b) Questions:

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the Board send a note of appreciation to the District of North Saanich thanking them for all their efforts to transform Gerry Furstenau's property into Wolf Orchard Park and for their ongoing maintenance of the site that will continue to be used by Deep Cove School and the local community.

CARRIED.

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

Superintendent Eberwein reported on the April 27th Indigenous Education Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

11. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(i) Policy 27 (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity)

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That revisions to Policy 27 (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity) be approved.

CARRIED.

(ii) Policy 29 (Diversity & Inclusion)

Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That revisions to Policy 29 (Diversity & Inclusion) be approved.

CARRIED.

13. HUMAN RESOURCES (No Report)

14. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- Trustee Vandall reported on the May 4th COPACS Meeting.
- Trustee Vandall gave an update on the BCPSEA Bylaws.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

16. QUESTION PERIOD

17. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

1. Administrative Procedures 178 (Anti-Racism)
2. 2026/27 Committee & Board Meeting Dates

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the Board approve the 2026/27 Committee & Board Meeting Dates.

CARRIED.

3. Revised Amended 2025/26 Amended Budget Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

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

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

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

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the reading of the revised 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.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

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

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 7:52pm.

Chair of the Board

Secretary Treasurer