

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD IN PERSON AND ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:30 PM, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**Present:** K. Eddy, Chair; C. Gillis, Vice-Chair; S. Briggs, J. Gladish, D. Hagen, D. Harper, J. McMann, Trustees; P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent, G. Manning, Superintendent; and K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Absent:** M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent

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**23-151 Call to order**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**23-152 Election of Board Chair**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick took the Chair for the purpose of calling for nominations and electing a Board Chair for the period December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024.

Trustee Harper nominated Kat Eddy for the position of Chair. Trustee Eddy accepted the nomination.

After calling two more times for further nominations and hearing none, Secretary-Treasurer Patrick declared that Kat Eddy was elected Board Chair by acclamation for the upcoming year.

**23-153 Election of Vice-Chairperson of the Board**

Board Chair Eddy took the Chair for the purpose of calling for nominations and electing a Board Vice-Chair for the period December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024.

Trustee McMann nominated Craig Gillis for the position of Vice-Chair. Trustee Gillis accepted the nomination.

After calling two more times for further nominations and hearing none, Board Chair Eddy declared that Craig Gillis was elected Board Vice-Chair by acclamation for the upcoming year.

**23-154 Appointment of Signing Officers:**

It was proposed by J. Gladish, seconded by J. McMann and **CARRIED:**

***THAT the Board of Education for School District 72 hereby appoints the Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurers, Board Chair and Vice-Chair as signing officers for the School District.***

**23-155 Chairperson's Remarks**

Board Chair Eddy thanked the Trustees for nominating her to the role of Chair.

**23-156 Superintendent's remarks**

Superintendent Manning congratulated Board Chair Kat Eddy and Board Vice-Chair Craig Gillis on their nominations and looks forward to continuing to work together with the Board.

Manning highlighted recent announcements from the Ministry of Education and Child Care which included a wage increase for early childhood educators and changes to the grade 10 social studies curriculum which will be implemented in the 2025/ 2026 school year.

Manning spoke about mandatory measures and actions that the district is taking to support improved outcomes for Indigenous students. The measures are described in the BC Tripartite Agreement (2018): school districts are required to reach Local Education Agreements (LEAs) with each band whose students are represented in the district; all school districts must have Indigenous Education Councils involving representatives from rightsholders and partner groups; and Indigenous students may attend any district school of their choice.

**23-157 Approval of the minutes of October 17, 2023**

It was proposed by C. Gillis, seconded by D. Hagen and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2023  
are hereby approved as circulated.*

**23-158 Approval of the Agenda**

It was proposed by S. Briggs, seconded by J. Gladish and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the agenda is hereby approved as submitted.*

**23-159 Report from the October 17, 2023 Confidential Board Meeting**

Vice-Chair Gillis reported general statements of matters discussed in the Board's Confidential Meeting, and in accordance with Section 72(3) of the School Act, reports the following:

1. Teaching, administrative and support staff changes;
2. Property, legal and financial issues.

**23-160 Board Chairs' Advocacy Day**

Chair Eddy attended a Board Chairs' advocacy day on Oct 19 at the BC Legislature in Victoria that was hosted by the BC School Trustees Association. Discussions focused on student outcomes, recruitment and retention of staff and capital and deferred maintenance budgets. Eddy also met with Michele Babchuk, MLA North Island to discuss local issues.

**23-161 Signing of We Wai Kai Local Education Agreement**

Chair Eddy joined Secretary-Treasurer Patrick and Superintendent Manning at their Quinsam office to sign the Local Education Agreement (LEA) that was reached with the We Wai Kai nation. Eddy thanked We Wai Kai Director of Education Pamela Lee Lewis for her years of dedicated service on behalf of students and congratulated her on her retirement.

**23-162 Finance Warrant No. 1; July 31, 2023**

It was proposed by Trustee Harper, seconded by Trustee Briggs and **CARRIED**

*THAT Finance Warrant No. 1, dated July 31, 2023,  
be accepted as presented.*

**23-163 Finance Warrant No. 2; August 31, 2023**

It was proposed by Trustee Gillis, seconded by Trustee Gladish and **CARRIED**

*THAT Finance Warrant No. 2, dated August 31, 2023,  
be accepted as presented.*

**23-164 Finance Warrant No. 3; September 30, 2023**

It was proposed by Trustee Briggs, seconded by Trustee McMann and **CARRIED**

*THAT Finance Warrant No. 3, dated September 30, 2023,  
be accepted as presented.*

**23-165 BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council meeting**

Vice-Chair Gillis attended the BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council meeting in Vancouver on Oct 20-21. Highlights included discussion of ongoing provincial work in support of reconciliation, diversity & inclusion and an overview of the K-12 reporting policy.

**23-166 SD72/ City of Campbell River liaison committee meeting**

Vice-Chair Gillis reported on topics of mutual interest discussed at the City of Campbell River/ School District No 72 meeting held on Oct 24.

**23-167 BC Provincial Sector Employers' Association Fall Symposium**

Chair Eddy attended the BC Provincial Sector Employers' Association Fall Symposium with three members of the Human Resources team Nov 2-3 in Vancouver.

**23-168 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.