

**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, OCTOBER 15, 2024**

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

**Absent:** P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent,

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**24-151 Call to order/ Chair's remarks**

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eddy highlighted the provincial election on October 19, 2024 and the responsibility of Trustees to advocate in our communities on behalf of students.

**24-152 Superintendent's remarks**

Superintendent Manning expressed his appreciation for public education. He is looking forward to a number of events in October: Journeying Forward for grade 12 Indigenous students at the Kwanwatsi Big House on Oct 16; the district cross country meet on Oct 22; the new employee welcome event on Oct 22; and the district staff long service awards on Oct 30.

**24-153 Approval of the minutes of September 24, 2024**

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2024  
are hereby approved as circulated.***

**24-154 Approval of the agenda**

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

***THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.***

**24-155 Report from the October 15, 2024 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.

**24-156 Receipt of form letters re. childcare**

Board Chair Eddy noted the receipts of form letters received by Trustees regarding childcare.

**24-157 Vision, Mission and Values survey analysis**

Superintendent Manning shared the results of the second Vision, Mission and Values survey. The two top choices for each statement were shared. The Board discussed the statements and the survey results and arrived at a consensus on the Board's updated Vision, Mission and Values.

The final statements will be incorporated in the Board's Strategic Plan.

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

***THAT the Board adopt the following statements as their updated Vision, Mission and Values:***

***Vision:*** A responsive and dynamic learning environment where all students can realize their unique potential.

***Mission:*** To develop well-rounded individuals who are prepared to meet the challenges of the future with resilience, responsibility and respect

***Values:*** Learning comes first. Equity is key. Diversity is valued. Responsibility and respect are essential

**24-158 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) report overview**

Superintendent Manning shared the Board's *Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)* submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. FESL guides the approach to continuous improvement within BC's K-12 public education system. The report consists of district data on intellectual, human & social and career development collected through a variety of testing measures. The data is analyzed for trends and compared to provincial benchmarks. Relating back to the Strategic Plan, this is intended to inform the board's approach to key initiatives in literacy, numeracy and Indigenous learning and student achievement plans. The full report is available on the district's website.

**24-159 Board Governance Policy 16: Role of Committees and Representatives - Notice of Motion**

Board Vice-Chair Gillis described the board governance committee's work on the draft changes to Board Governance Policy 16: *Role of Committees and Representatives* that are included as a notice of motion. Following a period open for public feedback, the board will bring a motion to approve the changes at the next board meeting on November 5, 2024.

**24-160 September 30, 2024 1701 enrolment report**

Superintendent Manning reported that SD72's September enrolment count was lower than projected. Many districts on Vancouver Island saw similar trends with lower enrolment in Kindergarten – grade 8 than anticipated. Enrolment projections provided by the demographic software used by most boards in BC plus an enrolment decline resulted in a net loss of approximately 77 full time equivalents (FTEs) from projections.

**24-161 Enrolment decline budget impact**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick reviewed the budget impact of the lower than projected enrolment count at Sept 30, 2024. This net loss results in a funding decline for 2024/25 of approximately \$700,000. Savings to meet this shortfall will be taken out of this year's budget. Patrick outlined the savings measures proposed by senior management. These savings do not involve cuts to services or loss of positions. The reductions will be recorded in the final budget.

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

***THAT the Board approve the savings plan due to unexpected enrolment decline as outlined in the proposal.***

**24-162 Finance Warrant No.3 September 30, 2024**

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by S. Briggs and **CARRIED:**

***THAT the Finance Warrant No. 3 dated September 30, 2024,  
be accepted as presented.***

**24-163 October 4, 2024 Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA) fall meeting**

Vice-Chair Gillis reported on the VISTA fall meeting program. Key themes were: truth to reconciliation pathways, the *erase* framework, the power of art in education and reconciliation and a Superintendent's panel.

**24-164 October 15, 2024 Strathcona Regional District (SRD) / School District 72 liaison committee**

Trustee Gladish noted discussions centering on: the SRD's desire for access to schools for recreational programming, back up power considerations for Cortes, board owned property and questions about K-12 data collection as it relates to staffing and budgets.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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**Kat Eddy, Chair.**  
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October 15, 2024

**Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.**