

**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 5, 2024**

**Present:** K. Eddy Chair; C. Gillis, Vice-Chair; S. Briggs (attended online), 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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**24-165 Call to order by Secretary Treasurer**

Secretary Treasurer Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

**24-166 Election of Chairperson for the Board for the period December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick took the Chair for the purpose of calling for nominations and electing a Board Chair for the period December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025.

Trustee Gladish nominated the current Board Chair, K. Eddy, for the position of Chair. 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.

Board Chair Eddy thanked her colleagues for entrusting her with the role of Board Chair, expressing her appreciation for their support and confidence. She also acknowledged the passing of the Honourable Murray Sinclair.

**24-167 Election of Vice-Chairperson for the Board for the period December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025**

Board Chair Eddy took the Chair for the purpose of calling for nominations and electing a Board Vice-Chair for the period December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025.

Trustee Harper nominated the current Board Vice Chair Craig Gillis for the position of Vice-Chair. 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.

**24-168 Appointment of Signing Officers:**

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by J. Gladish 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.***

**24-169 Superintendent's remarks**

Superintendent Manning congratulated Board Chair Eddy and Vice-Chair Gillis. He spoke about the remarkable qualities of Murray Sinclair, highlighting his role in creating the 94 Calls to Action that have been adopted by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Flags were flown at half-mast today in his honour and will be again on the day of his memorial. Manning also congratulated our Communications Manager, Jennifer Patrick, for being honoured with the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) Coup de couer Bravo award for her work on developing the district's crisis communications manual.

**24-170 Approval of the minutes of October 15, 2024**

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2024 are hereby approved as circulated.***

**24-171 Business arising from the minutes**

24-158 Trustee Gladish commented on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) report which was presented at the October 15, 2024 Board meeting. The analysis and review of the data is an important tool in shaping the district's work.

**24-172 Additions or alterations to the agenda**

14D Remembrance Day ceremonies (K. Eddy)

**24-173 Approval of the agenda**

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

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

**24-174 Report from the November 5, 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.

**24-175 October 16, 2024 Indigenous student graduation transitions event**

Trustee Gladish spoke about the significance of the Indigenous student graduation transitions ceremony and the importance of the Kwanwatsi Big House. Speakers shared their educational journeys, reflecting on their paths to where they are now. This event brought together Indigenous grade 12 students.

**24-176 Board Governance Policy Review committee recommendation**

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

***THAT the Board adopt the Board Governance Committee's recommended revision of Board Governance Policy 16 – Role of Committees and Representatives.***

**24-177 Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA) motions to British Columbia School Trustees (BCSTA) annual general meeting.**

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

***THAT the Board supports bringing forward the following motion to the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA) branch meeting on November 23, 2024 for discussion at the next British Columbia School Trustees (BCSTA) annual general meeting, April 24-26, 2025:***

***THAT BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for a coordinated and funded provincial approach to addressing cyber security on behalf of school districts.***

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

***THAT the Board supports bringing forward the following motion to the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA) branch meeting on***

***November 23, 2024 for discussion at the next British Columbia School Trustees (BCSTA) annual general meeting, April 24-26, 2025:***

***That BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to create an additional and new funding stream (Annual Technology Grant) aligned with the Annual Facilities Grant to properly fund and support student and instructional technology in a modern learning environment.***

**24-178 Remembrance Day ceremonies**

Superintendent Manning shared that assemblies will be held at all schools in the district, with some schools recognizing Indigenous veteran soldiers.

Wreaths will be presented on behalf of the school district at the ceremonies in Campbell River, Sayward and on Quadra Island.

**24-179 Quarterly finance report – period ending September 30, 2024**

Secretary Treasurer Patrick presented the first quarter financial report for 2024-2025. This is a snapshot of the year to date, July 1, 2024-September 30, 2024, based on preliminary numbers.

**24-180 October 21, 2024 City of Campbell River/SD72 liaison committee meeting**

Board Vice-Chair Gillis shared that at the City of Campbell River/SD72 liaison committee meeting on October 21, 2024 they discussed matters of mutual interest including the City's master transportation plan, temporary homeless shelters near City Hall, shared field use agreements and interest in sustaining the City's partnership with Ishikari, Japan.

**24-181 October 21, 2024 Core professional development committee**

Trustee Gladish shared that she was unable to attend the last Core professional development committee meeting on October 21, 2024, however she was able to share that plans to support numeracy instruction in the district were discussed.

**24-182 October 22, 2024 District Parent Advisory committee**

Trustee McMann was unable to attend the October 22, 2024 District Parent Advisory committee meeting.

**24-183 October 25-26, 2024 BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council meeting**

Board Vice-Chair Gillis shared the announcement of Trevor Davies' appointment, replacing Suzanne Hoffman, as the association's president. The Provincial Council meeting covered topics including creating sustainable school infrastructure, student population growth, the impact of climate change and how to engage student voice at a provincial level.

**24-184 Any other business**

The Board congratulated Anna Kindy on her election as the North Island MLA in the October 19, 2024 provincial election. Board Chair Eddy spoke about plans for a joint meeting with the MLA and school board chairs from the north island.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm