

**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 26, 2024**

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

Absent: D. Hagen, Trustee

24-185 Call to order/chair's remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eddy began by addressing the fire at Carihi Secondary School on November 21, 2024 and acknowledging the response efforts. She thanked the district's compassionate response team, who supported students, staff and families from Friday through Monday, as well as the maintenance and operations staff for their quick work in cleaning and assessing the school. Special thanks were also given to the senior leadership team and to the communications manager for keeping the community informed. Eddy expressed gratitude to the many firefighters from various areas who worked to contain the fire.

She closed by highlighting the trustees' participation in the BCSTA Trustee Academy, held Nov 21-23, 2024, where they learned about gathering student input and supporting inclusion and diversity.

24-186 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning expressed his gratitude to the community, provincial partners, and Carihi staff for their efforts during the fire response, commending their planning to prioritize students' needs. All students will be back in school on December 2, 2024 with Oyster River school secured as the satellite space. A big thank you to everyone who worked diligently behind the scenes.

The marking for the Fundamental Skills Assessment (FSA) for grades 4 and 7 is complete, and the results will be shared with the board soon.

At the BCSTA Trustee Academy, the focus was on inclusion. Campbell River School District teaching staff member Natalie Raedwulf-Pogue shared an outstanding presentation. Additionally, Audrey Wilson received the BC Principal Award at BCSTA for her excellent work in the community working with children.

24-187 Approval of the minutes of November 5, 2024

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2024
are hereby approved as circulated.***

24-188 Approval of the agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

24-189 Report from the November 26, 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.

24-190 Board Committee Appointments for Dec 1, 2024 – Nov 30, 2025

Board Chair Eddy passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Gillis for the announcement of Board committee appointments for December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025. The committee appointments will be posted on the Trustees page of the district website.

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

THAT the Board committee appointments be accepted as announced.

24-191 Election of BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) representative

Trustee Gladish nominated Chair Eddy for the position of BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative for 2025. Chair Eddy accepted the nomination.

After calling two more times for further nominations and hearing none, Vice-Chair Gillis declared that Chair Eddy was elected as the Board representative to the BC Public School Employers' Association for 2025 by acclamation. Trustee Gladish was proposed as the alternate representative.

24-192 Election of BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council representative for 2024

Trustee Harper nominated Vice-Chair Gillis for the position of BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Representative for 2025. Vice-Chair Gillis accepted the nomination.

After calling two more times for further nominations and hearing none, Chair Eddy declared that Vice-Chair Gillis was elected as the Board representative to the BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council for 2025 by acclamation. Trustee McMann was proposed as the alternate representative.

24-193 Finance Warrant No. 4, October 31, 2024

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No. 4 dated October 31, 2024, be accepted as presented.

24-194 November 18, 2024 Core professional development committee

Trustee Gladish shared that there was discussion around collaboration grants and mentorship. The committee is working hard to ensure that pro-d opportunities are available for everyone who needs it.

24-195 November 21-23, 2024 BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Trustee Academy

Trustee Gillis reported that it was an honour to attend the Trustee Academy with 59 other school districts, and everyone agreed it was the best event they've attended. Trustee Gillis expressed gratitude to the many districts that reached out offering support regarding the Carihi fire. Additionally, Trustee Gillis attended a 3-hour session on AI, where he learned how AI can be used effectively in education.

24-196 November 23, 2024 Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA)

Board Chair Eddy confirmed that SD72 Trustees will be hosting the 2025 VISTA fall annual meeting in Campbell River. SD72 Trustees brought forward two motions through VISTA for consideration at the BCSTA AGM in April 2025, both of which were approved. These motions focus on a cybersecurity initiative and the creation of a new funding stream, an Annual Technology Grant (ATG), to fund instructional technology and ensure equitable access to instructional technology across the province.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm