

**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, JANUARY 14, 2025**

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

Absent: J. McMann, Trustee

25-01 Call to order/chair's remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eddy acknowledged the passing of former Board Chair and Trustee Dot Andrews and former Trustee Ted Foster.

Eddy noted that Trustee McMann was absent from the meeting as she was in Victoria for a ceremony recognizing the work of the Early Years council.

Family Literacy Week starts on January 26 with free events taking place throughout the city.

25-02 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning noted the upcoming professional development day on January 17, the continuation of remediation work at Carihi and the Cortes Island Academy showcase that he will be attending on Jan 23.

25-03 Approval of the minutes of December 17, 2024

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2024
are hereby approved as circulated.***

25-04 Additions to the agenda

14C Funding announcement update (K Patrick)

25-05 Approval of the agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

25-06 Report from the January 14, 2025 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.

25-07 Words on the Water March 7-8, 2025

Words on the Water is a not-for-profit volunteer run society that holds an annual event celebrating local authors and cultural events focused on literacy and writing. Richard Franklin and JoAnn Multinovic shared a presentation on this year's festival. They highlighted activities connected to district students and schools.

25-08 January 9, 2025 meeting with MLA North Island, Anna Kindy

Board Chair Eddy and Superintendent Manning met with MLA North Island, Anna Kindy to discuss educational priorities in the north island riding.

25-09 Motion to adopt Board Governance Policy 15

Vice-Chair Gillis reported that the following policy has been revised and is ready for adoption:

Policy 15 – Meetings

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

THAT the Board adopt the Board Governance Committee's recommended revision of Board Governance Policy 15 - Meetings.

25-10 2025-2035 Long Range Facility Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared the Board's Long Range Facility Plan for 2025-2035. The Ministry of Education and Child Care asks school districts to project growth trends in order to align capital planning with funding. Enrolment growth in the district is projected to remain flat. Schools within the city of Campbell River have high utilization rates. Rural/ remote schools utilization rates are low and generally declining. Patrick highlighted the challenges and recommendations in the plan. Facilities throughout the province are reviewed by Ministry staff every five years. These reviews inform capital spending and future needs on a provincial level and a facility condition index is established for each site.

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

THAT the Board of Education for School District 72 hereby adopts the 2025-2035 Long Range Facility Plan as submitted.

25-11 Finance Warrant No. 5, November 30, 2024

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No. 5 dated November 30, 2024, be accepted as presented.

25-12 Finance Warrant No. 6, December 31, 2024

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No. 6 dated December 31, 2024, be accepted as presented.

25-13 Final funding announcement

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick noted that the final funding announcement from the Ministry for 24-25 is expected by the end of January and will be shared at the next board meeting.

25-14 December 16, 2024 CORE pro-d meeting

Trustee Jan Gladish attended the CORE pro-d meeting on December 16, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm