

**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, FEBRUARY 25, 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

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**25-15 Call to order/chair's remarks**

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**25-16 Superintendent's remarks**

Superintendent Manning noted the Skills Canada -North Island regional event February 28 at Timberline and North Island College; the District Music Showcase on March 4; and the Timberline musical "Head Over Heels" taking place February 28 – March 8.

**25-17 Approval of the minutes of January 14, 2025**

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2025  
are hereby approved as circulated.***

**25-18 Additions to the agenda**

Committee reports 15A and 15B were removed from the agenda

**25-19 Approval of the agenda**

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

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

**25-20 Report from the February 25, 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.

**25-21 Cedar school advocacy**

Chair Eddy said that the Board is continuing their advocacy with the Ministry, following up on the Premier's campaign promise.

**25-22 Board chairs meeting with MLA North Island Anna Kindy, Feb 21, 2025**

The Board Chairs and Superintendents of SD84 (Vancouver Island West), SD85 (Vancouver Island North) and SD72 (Campbell River) met together with MLA North Island Anna Kindy at the SD72 Board office to discuss regional education issues.

**25-23 How Are We Doing Report**

Superintendent Manning shared a presentation on the *Aboriginal Education: How Are We Doing Report*. He spoke to a drop in completion rates and ongoing work to understand the report results and measures needed to provide scenarios to optimize student learning.

**25-24 24/25 funding grant comparison**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick presented the 2024-25 funding grant comparison showing the differences in the forecasted budget to the actual. As the majority of the operating budget comes from student headcounts, the lower than forecasted enrolment meant a reduction in district revenues.

**25-25 Budget Bylaw – Amended 2024-2025 Operating Budget**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick highlighted the amended 24/25 final operating budget. Changes from the preliminary budget reflected updated expenses, actual revenues based on student enrolment, salary costs from the implementation of labour settlements and cost increases due to inflation. Targeted special purpose grants were used to fund administrative and teaching staff. The district is seeing an increase in benefits costs from inflation and usage volume.

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

***THAT the Budget Bylaw for the Amended Annual 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$95,265,816 be given all required readings at this meeting.***

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

***THAT the Budget Bylaw for the Amended Annual 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$95,265,816 be given first reading.***

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

***THAT the Budget Bylaw for the Amended Annual 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$95,265,816 be given second reading.***

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

***THAT the Budget Bylaw for the Amended Annual 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$95,265,816 be given third reading.***

**25-26 2025-2026 Enrolment forecast**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick said that the district is expecting a decline in enrolment for 2025-26. The enrolment forecast was submitted to the Ministry on February 14 and is the basis of the funding announcement for 2025-26 that is expected March 14.

**25-27 BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) AGM January 29-30, 2025**

Chair Eddy and Trustee Gladish attended the BCPSEA AGM January 29-30, 2025. BCPSEA is the accredited bargaining agent for the province's 60 public boards of education, for unionized teaching and support staff in the British Columbia K-12 public education system.

**25-28 Superintendent's Student Leadership Committee February 6, 2025**

Trustee Briggs attended the Superintendent's Student Leadership Committee meeting on February 6. Students heard a presentation from Island Health at the meeting on tobacco and vaping use prevention strategies and are looking forward to participating in future school sessions.

**25-29 British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council meeting Feb. 22, 2025**

Chair Eddy attended the BCSTA provincial council meeting on February 22. The meeting focused on provincial motions and preparation for the upcoming BCSTA AGM.

**25-30 District Battle of the Books March 6, 2025**

Vice Chair Gillis reminded the Board of the upcoming district Battle of the Books on March 6.

**25-31 Questions from Anyone Present on Agenda Items for This Meeting**

**Question 1** – Debra Coombes, CRDTA President – Wondering if we're able to access the two documents that (Secretary-Treasurer Patrick) showed that weren't in the (budget) package?

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick responded that the funding allocations, amended budget and enrolment forecast are in the package however the excel spreadsheet used to present the allocations summary is not.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

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**Kat Eddy, Chair.**

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**Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.**