

**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, MARCH 11, 2025**

Present 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: K. Eddy, J. McMann, Trustee

25-32 Call to order/chair's remarks

Board Vice Chair Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Gillis noted the Timberline musical theatre production "Head Over Heels", the district music showcase on March 4 and the district Battle of the Books that took place on March 6.

25-33 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning noted organization and community spirit necessary to put on the many district events over the last month. He highlighted the Skills Canada north island regional event that took place on February 28. Four students will be advancing to the provincial competition. Kindergarten registration is ongoing and can be accessed online. As the remediation and rebuilding of Carihi continues, most classes will be moving back to Carihi after spring break.

25-34 Approval of the minutes of February 25, 2025

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2025
are hereby approved as circulated.***

25-35 Business arising from the minutes

25-22 Trustee Gladish expressed her appreciation for the Feb 21, 2025 north island board chairs meeting with MLA North Island Anna Kindy, and would like to continue to meet.

25-36 Approval of the agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

25-37 Report from the March 11, 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.

25-38 Antiracism and Inclusion presentation

District anti-racism lead and École Phoenix middle school principal Rachel Nelson, together with district inclusion lead and Sayward elementary principal Christine Middleton, shared insights into their work in these areas. Anti-racism and inclusion work are naturally connected and their work is aligned with the district's strategic plan. The school district is committed to building learning environments where all students can thrive.

25-39 Ministry/ Partner liaison meeting March 6-7, 2025

Board Chair Eddy, Secretary-Treasurer Patrick and Superintendent Manning attended the semi- annual Ministry/ Partner liaison meetings in Vancouver on March 6 & 7, 2025. Minister of Education and Child Care, Lisa Beare, spoke of the government's priorities for education as well as new and enhanced programs to support students.

25-40 Vancouver Island School Trustees Association motion to British Columbia School Trustees Association AGM

Vice Chair Gillis noted that a motion on cybersecurity that Board Chair Eddy proposed through the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association will be discussed at the British Columbia School Trustees Association AGM April 24-26, 2025.

25-41 Finance Warrant No. 7, January 31, 2025

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

***THAT the Finance Warrant No. 7 dated January 31, 2025
be accepted as presented.***

25-42 2025-2026 Budget development principles and meeting schedule

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick noted the schedule of consultation meetings with partner groups for the development of the 2025/26 annual operating budget. The district is anticipating a deficit year with reductions. Funding estimates for 2025/26 are expected to be received from the Ministry by March 14.

25-43 Guiding Principles for Decision Making – Budget Cycle 2025-2026

The guiding principles for decision making are a way for the Board to communicate to stakeholders and to represent Board policy in the development of the budget.

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

***THAT the Board adopt the Guiding Principles for
Decision Making - Budget Cycle 2025 – 2026 as presented***

25-44 Vancouver Island School Trustees Association meeting March 7-8, 2025

Trustee Gladish reported on the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA) meeting that she attended March 7-8, 2025 in Victoria together with Trustees Eddy and Gillis. Trustees had presentations on cybersecurity and Feeding Futures. SD72 will be hosting VISTA October 3-4, 2025.

25-45 Core pro-d meeting March 10, 2025

Trustee Gladish attended the teacher Core pro-d meeting on March 10 and noted the district's deep commitment to professional learning. She further noted the March 31 district-wide Indigenous day of learning for all staff.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm