

**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 3, 2026**

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

26-11 Call to Order/ Chair's remarks

Chair Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Gillis highlighted the opening of kindergarten registration for the 2026-27 school year.

26-12 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning shared his appreciation of the support from the City of Campbell River in facilitating a quick response for building inspection and approval for the installation and readiness of the portables at Carihi for semester two.

Upcoming events in the schools include: the Skills Canada North Island regional competition being held at Timberline/ North Island College on February 20, 2026 and the Timberline musical theatre performance of "Big Fish" March 6-8 and 12-14 at the Timberline theatre.

26-13 Approval of the minutes of January 13, 2026

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2026
are hereby approved as submitted.***

26-14 Approval of the agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as submitted.

26-15 Report from the February 3, 2026 Confidential Board Meeting

Vice-Chair McMann 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.

26-16 How Are We Doing Report

Superintendent Manning noted that we are waiting for the release of the 2024/2025 "How Are We Doing Report" on Indigenous student achievement from the Ministry. The report will be presented at a future board meeting.

26-17 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 draft school calendars

Superintendent Manning shared the draft school calendars for 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029. The calendars were developed by a committee with invited representatives from the district teacher's union, support staff union, principals and vice-principals association, pro-d committee, district parent advisory council, trustees and senior leadership. The calendars must meet instructional hours set by the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

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

***THAT the 2026/2027, 2027/2028 and 2028/2029 school calendars,
be approved as circulated and presented to the minister
as per the school calendar regulation of the School Act.***

26-18 Motion to adopt Board Bylaw 2

Chair Gillis reported that the following bylaw has been revised and is ready for adoption:

Bylaw 2 – Elections

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

THAT Bylaw No. 2 – Trustee Elections, dated February 3, 2026, be given all three readings at this meeting:

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

THAT the Board Governance Policy Committee’s recommended amendments to Bylaw No. 2 - Trustee Elections dated February 3, 2026, be read for the first time.

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

THAT the Board Governance Policy Committee’s recommended amendments to Bylaw No. 2 - Trustee Elections dated February 3, 2026, be read for the second time.

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

THAT the Board Governance Policy Committee’s recommended amendments to Bylaw No. 2 - Trustee Elections dated February 3, 2026, be read for the third time, passed and adopted.

26-19 Motion to adopt Board Governance Policy 1

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

Board Governance Policy 1 – Role of the Board

It was proposed by K. Eddy, seconded by S. Briggs and **CARRIED:**

THAT Board Governance Policy 1 – Role of the Board, dated February 3, 2026, be given all three readings at this meeting:

It was proposed by K. Eddy, seconded by S. Briggs and **CARRIED:**

THAT the Board Governance Policy Committee’s recommended amendments to Board Governance Policy 1 – Role of the Board dated February 3, 2026, be read for the first time.

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

THAT the Board Governance Policy Committee’s recommended amendments to Board Governance Policy 1 – Role of the Board dated February 3, 2026, be read for the second time.

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

THAT the Board Governance Policy Committee’s recommended amendments to Board Governance Policy 1 – Role of the Board dated February 3, 2026, be read for the third time, passed and adopted.

26-20 Board governance policy reviews

Chair Gillis provided notice of motion on the board governance committee's work on changes to Board Governance Policy 15: *Meetings* and the introduction of Board Governance Policy 31 *Child Care*. Following a period open for public feedback, the board will bring a motion to approve the changes at the February 24, 2026 board meeting.

26-21 Deferred Salary Leave Plan

Secretary- Treasurer Patrick shared the work that has been ongoing between staff and the CRDTA to update the Deferred Salary Leave agreement to clarify practice and align with legislation.

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

THAT the Board approve the amendments to the Deferred Salary Leave Plan as presented

26-22 District wide Indigenous focused learning day January 16, 2026

Trustees reflected on their learning and experiences at the district-wide Indigenous focused learning day that was held for all staff on January 16, 2026.

26-23 Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course : Braille 11

Associate Superintendent Cizmic presented a BAA course proposal from Carihi Secondary for Braille 11. The target audience will initially be students with visual impairments who need the opportunity to learn Braille.

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

THAT the Board approve the Braille 11 Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course, as presented, for inclusion in the school district course offerings

26-24 25/26 funding grant comparison

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick presented the 2025-26 funding grant comparison showing the differences in the forecasted budget to the actual. The majority of the operating budget comes from student headcounts. There was a small increase in students over the projected enrolments.

26-25 Quarterly finance report – period ending December 31, 2025

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick highlighted expenses and revenues in the quarterly financial report for the period ending December 31, 2025.

26-27 Finance Warrant

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No. 6, dated December 31, 2025 be accepted as presented.

26-28 Committee reports

2026-01-19 CORE professional development: Trustee Hagen highlighted discussions planning future pro-d activities at the Jan 19 meeting.

2026-01-20 District Parent Advisory Council: Vice Chair McMann noted work that DPAC is doing to update their constitution and bylaws and workshops that they have sponsored for parents.

2026-01-23 2026 Election: Trustee Eddy said that a group of Trustees is working on materials in preparation for the October 16, 2026 local elections.

2026-01-29 British Columbia Public School Employers' Association AGM: Trustee Gladish shared that pathways to teacher certification and recruitment were discussed at the BCPSEA AGM.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

Craig Gillis, Chair.

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Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.