

**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, April 14, 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.

26-57 Call to Order

Chair Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Gillis noted that Trustees had recently returned from the British Columbia School Trustees Association AGM in Vancouver. Vice Chair McMann was recognized for 16 years of service as a Trustee. Gillis also encouraged people to seek out information for the upcoming municipal elections, which include school board trustee elections.

26-58 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning said that work is progressing on finalizing staffing for 2026-2027. He also shared news on upcoming events.

26-59 Approval of the minutes of March 17, 2026

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2026
are hereby approved as submitted.***

26-60 Approval of the agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

26-61 Report from the April 14, 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.

26-62 Cortes Island Academy

Cortes Island school principal Michael Datura gave a presentation on the Cortes Island Academy. He outlined the program and the connection to the strategic plan. The forecast for future enrolment was discussed as well as how the program is working to meet the challenges of island life for students, together with the Cortes Island school.

26-63 Motion to adopt Board Governance Policy 10

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

Board Governance Policy 10 Role & Responsibilities of the Superintendent.

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

THAT the Board adopt the Board Governance Committee's recommended revision of Board Governance Policy 10 Role & Responsibilities of the Superintendent.

AND

THAT the Board retire Board Governance Policies 11 and 14 as their content has been added to Board Governance Policy 10.

26-64 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD72-01

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared the Ministry of Education and Child Care's 2026/27 Annual programs funding agreement for School District No. 72 (Campbell River). The capital funding agreement must be presented in the public meeting before being returned to the Ministry for final approvals. Patrick responded to Trustees questions regarding the delay in finding for the Carihi fire remediation. It was noted that it is "Approved in Principle" in the funding agreement.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27 CPSD72-01 for projects identified in the March 27, 2026 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care be given all three readings at this meeting.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27 CPSD72-01 for projects identified in the March 27, 2026 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is hereby read for the first time.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27 CPSD72-01 for projects identified in the March 27, 2026 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is hereby read for the second time.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27 CPSD72-01 for projects identified in the March 27, 2026 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is hereby read for the third time, passed and adopted.

26-65 School fee report

Superintendent Manning reported on optional course, graduation and academy fees at the middle and high schools. Parents are encouraged to connect with their school administration if they are experiencing hardship.

26-66 2026-2027 preliminary budget update

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick highlighted the preliminary 2026-2027 operating budget. Cost pressures, declining enrolment and funding that is not reflective of wage settlements, inflation and benefit cost increases is having a large impact on the budget.

26-67 Finance Warrant No. 8, February 28, 2026

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

***THAT the Finance Warrant No. 8 dated February 28, 2026
be accepted as presented.***

26-68 Committee reports

2026-03-18 Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association (VISTA) branch meeting. Branch president, Trustee Kat Eddy, reported that the VISTA executive committee had met to discuss local business, including budget pressures. VISTA is planning online sessions for one of their semi-annual sessions as well as a series of online lunch-and-learn seminars. VISTA will be waiving branch membership fees for 26/27 in acknowledgement of district cost pressures.

2026-04-09 BC School Trustees Association AGM: Trustees highlighted their thoughts from the recent AGM, held over three days in Vancouver.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm

Craig Gillis, Chair.

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Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.