

**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, May 26, 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.

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**26-83 Call to Order**

Chair Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Gillis highlighted advocacy by Carihi band students for the rebuild of Carihi at the BC Legislature while on a trip to Victoria, BC on May 15, 2026. He also noted upcoming district events including the grade 12 commencement ceremonies and the district staff retirement recognition event.

**26-84 Superintendent's remarks**

Superintendent Manning said he has been meeting throughout May with the principals and vice principals of each school to review their student achievement plans. Together with other members of the senior leadership team, Manning meets with school leaders to discuss areas of growth and focus for student achievement in the schools. During his school visits he has also had the opportunity to take part in school and community events showcasing student learning.

**26-85 Approval of the minutes of May 5, 2026**

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2026 are hereby approved as submitted.***

**26-86 Additions to the agenda**

13E District grade configuration (D Harper)

13F Carihi comments (D Hagen)

**26-87 Approval of the agenda**

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

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

**26-88 Report from the May 26, 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.

**26-89 Strategic Planning: Honouring Indigenous Worldviews and Perspectives**

Board Chair Gillis shared that each school is holding "Indigenous students making a difference" events in May and June. The events are an opportunity for schools to celebrate student success, culture and sharing of knowledge.

**26-90 Annual budget bylaw for the fiscal year 2026-2027**

Due to funding shortfalls in the teacher labour settlement that Secretary-Treasurer Patrick learned of at a provincial meeting on May 22, 2026, Patrick recommended that the Board not adopt the draft 2026-2027 operating budget as presented. The current funding model will leave the proposed budget with a shortfall of approximately \$385,000. As Boards are required by law to pass a balanced budget further cuts may be required to next year's budget. Trustees, Secretary-Treasurer Patrick and Superintendent Manning are reaching out to their counterparts in search of more information. The draft 2026-2027 operating budget will be brought to the June 16, 2026 board meeting for further review.

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

***THAT the Chair immediately write a letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care, on behalf of the Board highlighting the impact of the teacher labour settlement funding shortfall, specifically its impact on the students of the Campbell River school district.***

**26-91 Capital plan submission 2026-2027**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared a minor capital plan submission to access funding for conversion of classroom space to child care space. The Georgia Park child care program currently has an extensive waitlist. This funding will allow one classroom to be reconfigured for use as child care space. The Georgia Park Strong Start program will move to Penfield in the fall.

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

***THAT in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 72 (Campbell River) hereby approves the proposed Capital Plan (Minor Capital Programs) for 2026/27, as provided on the Capital Plan Summary for 2026/27 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.***

**26-92 Board Policy Adoption**

A notice of motion to revise board governance policy 5 was presented at the May 5, 2026 board meeting. After a period of public review the committee made their final recommendations.

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

***THAT the Board adopt the Board Governance Committee's recommended revision of Board Governance Policy 5: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility.***

**26-93 2026-2027 board meeting schedule**

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

***THAT the draft Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2026/2027 be adopted as presented.***

**26-94 District grade configuration**

Trustee Harper shared a notice of motion for grade reconfiguration. He will present the motion for Trustees to vote on at the June 16, 2026 meeting.

**26-95 Carihi comments**

Trustee Hagen recapped frustrations with the delay of funding for the rebuilding of Carihi. Trustees were in agreement that the delay in funding has been detrimental to students.

**26-96 2027-2028 major capital plan application**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared the district's 2027-2028 major capital plan application. He noted that the Carihi rebuild is not on the list as the project is approved but the funding has not yet been committed by the province.

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

***THAT in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 72 (Campbell River) hereby approves the proposed Capital Plan (Major Capital Programs) for 2027/28, as provided on the Capital Plan Summary for 2027/28 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.***

**26-97 Finance Warrant No. 10, April 30, 2026**

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

***THAT the Finance Warrant No. 10 dated April 30, 2026 be accepted as presented.***

**26-98 Committee reports****2026-05-19 Core Pro D**

Trustee Hagen attended the CORE- pro-d meeting on May 19, 2026.

**2026-05-19 District Parent Advisory Committee meeting**

Vice Chair McMann attended the District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) meeting on May 19, 2026.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

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**Craig Gillis, Chair.**

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May 26, 2026

**Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.**