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, June 16, 2026.

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

Absent: S. Briggs, Trustee

26-99 Call to Order

Chair Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Gillis reflected on the past year noting his deep appreciation for students, staff and families. The collective efforts of the school community advocating together have resulted in the announcement of funding for the rebuild of Carihi. Gillis expressed his best wishes to this year's high school graduates and district staff who are retiring.

26-100 Presentation: Annual energy management review

Erica Letchford, Director of Operations for Rede Energy Solutions and Jason Decksheimer, SD72 Director of Operations, shared a presentation on the district's energy management initiatives. Letchford highlighted carbon reduction and energy management improvements. Buildings that are operating more efficiently support better learning and working environments, save money and show leadership within the organization.

26-101 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning started with his appreciation for parent group, student, staff and board advocacy which has led to the approval of the Carihi rebuild funding. Manning shared end of the year highlights including: student participation at Skills Canada, commencement and graduation ceremonies and his thanks to the Board for their work in 25-26.

26-102 Approval of the minutes of May 26, 2026

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

> ***THAT the minutes of the meeting of May 26, 2026 are hereby approved as submitted.***

26-103 Approval of the agenda

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

> ***THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.***

26-104 Report from the June 16, 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.

26-105 Accessibility committee year end report to the Board

Superintendent Manning highlighted the work of the district 's Accessibility Committee in 2025-26 to improve physical access, strengthen inclusive practices and build awareness of accessibility throughout our schools. Members carried out accessibility audits at each school and work site and made recommendations to improve facility access and equity for all users. The committee's work is ongoing to carry out the directives of the *Accessible British Columbia Act* to identify, remove and prevent barriers.

26-106 Summer School update

Associate Superintendent Cizmic shared that interest in summer school has been very strong with a variety of fully funded programs being offered in July for elementary, middle and secondary students.

26-107 Motion for staff to explore implications of grade reconfiguration

A motion was made and laid on the table (postponed indefinitely) for staff to explore the implications of a district grade reconfiguration.

26-108 Carihi capital funding

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared that the district had received notice from the Ministry of Infrastructure that the capital funding for the Carihi rebuild would be released in phases. The gymnasium and A wing are funded separately. Enhancements include more space for the cafeteria and the teaching kitchen. Regular updates will be provided as the project advances.

26-109 2026-05-29 letter to Minister Beare re benefit funding

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick noted concerns he had expressed to the Ministry regarding underfunded benefit costs. The Board shared these concerns in a letter to Minister of Education and Child Care Beare on May 29, 2026. As a result of raising this concern, which impacted 34 districts negatively, the Board received confirmation on June 12 that the funding would be reallocated and the shortfall covered.

26-110 Annual budget bylaw for the fiscal year 2026-2027

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick presented the preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

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

> ***THAT the Board hold all required readings of the Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of $93,537,651 for the fiscal year 2026/2027 at this meeting.***

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

> ***THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of $93,537,651 for the fiscal year 2026/2027, pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, be and is hereby read for the first time.***

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

> ***THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of $93,537,651 for the fiscal year 2026/2027, pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, be and is hereby read for the second time.***

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

> ***THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of $93,537,651 for the fiscal year 2026/2027, pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, be and is hereby read for the third time, passed and adopted.***

26-111 Trustee travel per diem recommendation

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared a review of the Trustee travel per diem rates. The BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) annually collects data from all BC school districts to set the BCSTA per diem rate and allow boards to compare rates. Board governance policy 24: Board member remuneration and expense allowance, indicates that per diem amounts should follow BCSTA rates. CRDTA rates are bargained. CUPE rates are tied to the provincial government rate.

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

> ***THAT the Board approve the adjustments to the per diem rates as outlined in the summary provided by Secretary-Treasurer Patrick.***

26-112 Trustee remuneration recommendation

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick presented the recommendations for Trustee compensation for 2026-2027. The district's formula for Trustee compensation was developed by an independent committee in 2007. A review is conducted looking at compensation rates for other island districts and applying a per student factor to average compensation in order to remain responsive to changing district enrolment.

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

> ***THAT the Board recommends an adjustment to Trustee compensation as per the formula adopted by the Board in 2007 which is reviewed on an annual basis and will take effect on July 1st of the new fiscal year.***

26-113 Appointment of 2026 election officers

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick noted that School District No 72 has in the past entered into an agreement with the Strathcona Regional District and the City of Campbell River for the provision of election services for the trustee elections.

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

> ***THAT the Board recommends the appointment of Edith Watson as the Chief Election Officer and Betty Wasyliw as the Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Trustee Elections.***

26-113 Finance Warrant No. 11, May 31, 2026

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

> ***THAT the Finance Warrant No. 11 dated May 31, 2026 be accepted as presented.***

26-114 Committee reports

2026-05-19 CUPE/ Board liaison meeting: Trustee Briggs and Trustee Hagen attended the CUPE/ Board liaison meeting on May 19, 2026.

2026-06-15 CORE professional development: Trustee Hagen attended the CORE professional development meeting on June 15, 2026.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Craig Gillis, Chair. **Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.**
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June 16, 2026