

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

NEW HAZELTON ELEMENTARY

HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)

PRESENT WERE:

Chair - M. Warcup
- E. Harrison
Vice Chair - K. Jonkman
(virtual) - J. Sundell
(virtual) - A. Maitland

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer
Recording Secretary

- T. MacMillan
(virtual) - G. Fuller
- L. Harder

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Director of Instruction, Inclusive Education
Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education
Director of Instruction, Human Resources
District Principal, Curriculum Support

(virtual) - P. Barron
- J. Nieckarz
- D. Mortimer
- K. Bath
- T. McDonald

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged with respect the school district's business being conducted on the unceded traditional territories of the Gitxsan, Haisla, Nisga'a and Ts'msyen Peoples noting Trustees Angie Maitland and Julia Sundell attended virtually respectively. We are honoured to work with their children and privileged to live on these lands.

Board Chair Warcup welcomed guests who joined the meeting both in person and virtually. The meeting was also livestreamed via Coast Mountains School District YouTube Channel. Introductions followed by Trustees and District staff in attendance at the meeting.

Board Chair Warcup shared through the month of October students and staff have settled into the rhythm of the school year. Routines are established, classrooms are engaged in meaningful learning, and school communities are growing stronger through continued connection and collaboration.

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged and recognized the following events held during the month of October:

World Teachers' Day

October 5th marked World Teachers' Day, a global celebration recognizing the vital role teachers play in shaping the future of our students and communities. This day commemorates the 1966 International Labour Organization (ILO) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(UNESCO) Recommendation on the Status of Teachers, which established the rights, responsibilities, and working conditions that support quality education worldwide.

Coast Mountains School District is deeply grateful for the dedication, compassion, and commitment our teachers demonstrate each day. Through their work, they inspire curiosity, build confidence, and create inclusive learning environments where students can thrive. On behalf of the Board of Education, heartfelt thanks were extended to all teachers and education staff for their ongoing efforts to make a difference in the lives of children and families across our district. The Board collectively expressed appreciation and wished everyone a Happy World Teachers' Day, thanking them for all that they do.

The following reminder was shared by Board Chair Warcup for meeting guests regarding the Question Period:

- At the end of each Regular (Public) Board Meeting, there is a 10-minute question period for the public. Questions must pertain to the agenda and can be presented in person at the Regular Board Meeting or emailed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Regular Board Meeting to the attention of Lindsay Harder, Executive Assistant.
- Questions or comments about personal issues, individuals or property acquisitions are not appropriate for public meetings. A written response to questions to the Board will be provided as soon as practicable. Questions asked at the Regular Board Meeting are recorded for follow up by the Board in the event an answer is not provided during the Question Period.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Warcup called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8880

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried
All in Favour

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Public Presentation – “French Immersion Program at Majagaleehl Gali Aks & Beyond” presented by Christine Añonuevo

A parent delegation presented on the importance of sustaining French Immersion (FI) programming in Hazelton, highlighting community support, equity of access, and the educational and cultural value of language learning. The delegation expressed concerns about the future of FI, requested clarity around long-term plans, and emphasized the program's positive impact on Indigenous language learning and student engagement.

The Board acknowledged the delegation's input and Superintendent MacMillan reviewed the district's ongoing support for French Immersion, including teacher training, structured literacy planning, assessment tools, and continued collaboration with schools and families.

Received for information.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

5.1 Regular Meeting of the Board, September 24, 2024

Motion #8881

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held September 24, 2024 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

6. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

6.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, September 24, 2024

Motion #8882

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held September 24, 2024 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes to report

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 *Board's Letter to Minister of Education & Child Care re: Fine Arts Addendum to the CMSD Enhancing Student Learning (ESL) Report*
- 8.2 *Impacts of the Elimination of the Program Lead Position – Pacific Rim Integrated Child & Youth (ICY) Team*

Motion #8883

THAT the Board receive for information the letter dated September 29, 2025, addressed to the Minister of Education and Child Care, the Honourable Lisa Beare, regarding the importance of Fine Arts programming across the District. The Board receive for information the letter dated October 22, 2025, from Pacific Rim School District addressed to the Minister of Health, Honourable Josie Osborne, regarding the impacts of eliminating Program Lead Positions.

Carried
All in Favour

9. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2025

Motion #8884

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of October 29, 2025, be received as presented.

Carried
All in Favour

10. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – October 2025

Motion #8885

THAT the Board receive for information the Indigenous Education Report for October 2025 presented by Superintendent MacMillan.

Carried
All in Favour

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Ed Harrison)

11.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2025

Motion #8886

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on October 21, 2025 be received for information.

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.2 Ministry of Education and Child Care Data Management 1701 Preliminary Report

Secretary Treasurer Fuller provided an overview of the Ministry's 1701 Preliminary Data Report, noting current enrolment trends and their impact on funding and staffing projections.

THAT the Ministry of Education and Child Care Data Management 1701 Preliminary Report be received for information.

Received
(*No motion required*)

11.1.3 Revised Policy 5020: Policy Development (First Reading)

The Secretary Treasurer presented the revised Policy 5020, which reflects best practices in policy governance by distinguishing Board policy from administrative procedures. The revision ensures clarity, transparency, and a consistent framework for policy review and approval across the district.

Motion #8887

THAT Revised Policy 5020: Policy Development be approved for First Reading and referred to rightsholders and partners for consultation prior to Second and Third Readings.

Carried
All in Favour

12.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

12.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2025

Motion #8888

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held October 15, 2025 be received for information.

Carried
All In Favour

12.2.2 Board Approval in Principle – Level 5 Field Trips:

- Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School (MEMSS) Travel Club – Alps & Mediterranean Coast, Spring Break 2027;
- MEMSS Out-of-Province Music/Band – MusicFest Canada (Niagara Falls), May 10–17, 2026;
- Hazelton Secondary School European tour withdrawn at this time, Mopending further preparation, to be resubmitted later

Motion #8889

THAT the Board approve in principle the MEMSS Travel Club trip to the Alps & Mediterranean Coast (Spring Break 2027) and the MEMSS Out-of-Province Music/Band trip to Niagara Falls for MusicFest Canada (May 10–17, 2026), at no cost to the Board and subject to all requirements of Policy 1080 – Field Trips & Outdoor Education (including student safety and adherence to federal/provincial advisories). Final Board approval to follow upon submission of complete documentation within prescribed timelines.

Carried
All In Favour

12. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to report.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

13.1 Board Chair Report – October 2025

Motion #8890

THAT the Board receive for information the Board Chair Report for October 2025.

Carried
All In Favour

13.2 North West/Northern Interior Joint Fall Branch Meeting, October 17-19, 2025

Trustee Harrison spoke about the BCSTA North West and Northern Interior Joint Fall Branch Meeting held in Terrace and hosted by Coast Mountains School District. He shared that the event was well attended by trustees and senior staff from across the North, with sessions focused on recruitment and retention, policy development, and early learning and child care. Trustee Harrison expressed appreciation to district staff for their excellent organization and hospitality in hosting a successful regional event.

Received
(*No motion required*)

13.3 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting Report – October 24, 2025

Motion #8891

THAT the Board receive BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting Report – October 24, 2025 be received for information.

Carried
All In Favour

13.4 Trustee Reports

Trustees shared updates on district and community engagements throughout October. Reports included attendance at school events, classroom visits, and local activities supporting student learning and well-being. Trustees expressed appreciation for staff, students, and community partners for their ongoing commitment to education.

Received
(*No motion required*)

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14. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions received.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office located in Terrace.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Board of Education Chair



Secretary Treasurer