

oast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

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"HIGHLIGHTS"

Board of Education Regular (Public) Meeting Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 5:00 p.m. – Hybrid Meeting (In-person & Virtual)

The meeting was called to order with acknowledgement of the school district's business being conducted on the unceded traditional territories of the Gitxsan, Haisla, Nisga'a, Ts'msyen, and Lheidli T'enneth Peoples noting Trustees Jones, Maxim and Sundell attended the meeting virtually from Stewart, Thornhill and Prince George. Staff and guests were welcomed to the hybrid meeting held at the school district's office in Terrace and livestreamed via the CMSD YouTube Channel.

Prior to the start of the Regular Board Meeting, an official Oath of Office or Swearing in Ceremony was held for new Trustee Angela (Angie) Maitland. Ms. Maitland was elected Trustee by acclamation for Electoral Area 1 (Kitimat) on November 12, 2024 for Coast Mountains School District 82 in the recent Kitimat Trustee By-Election for a term ending November 2026. Ms. Maitland filled the Trustee position vacated by Kitimat Trustee Sonny Duncan-Green who resigned on September 17, 2024.

Coast Mountains School District is governed by a seven-member Board of Education elected by the public every four years. The Board sets policies and directions for the operation of the district and its schools. School Trustees are locally elected representatives of the public, and they are the community's advocate for public education. They are required to carry out their responsibilities in a manner that assists the Board in fulfilling its duties under the *School Act*. The Oath of Office Regulation forms part of the *School Act* where a Trustee pledges their commitment to their roles and responsibilities which was conducted by Secretary Treasurer Ginger Fuller.

Following the Swearing in Ceremony, the Board and District Staff extended their congratulations to Trustee Maitland. In-person Trustees and Superintendent Tracey MacMillan joined for a group photo illustrated to the right, pictured are (I-r) Trustees Ed Harrison, Karen Jonkman, Angie Maitland, Margaret Warcup and Superintendent MacMillan. Congratulations are extended to Trustee Maitland on her appointment to the Office of Trustee for Electoral Area 1 (Kitimat) for Coast Mountains School District!

The meeting proceeded with Trustees addressing the following agenda items:

- Received Board congratulations letters addressed to the new MLAs for Skeena and Bulkley Valley-Stikine respectively and to the new Minister of Education and Child Care.
- Received Board correspondence addressed to the new Minister of Infrastructure.
- Received Ministry correspondence addressed to Board Chairs provincially regarding the establishment of the Ministry of Infrastructure.
- Received the Superintendent of School's monthly report for December 2024.
- Received the Indigenous Education Report and an addendum to the report for December 2024.
- Received the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held December 10, 2024.
- Approved the amended Statement of Financial Information Report for the year ended June 30, 2024.
- Received the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held December 11, 2024.
- Reviewed the proposed Board Standing Committee Trustee Appointments & Trustee School Liaisons.
- Received the Board Chair's Report for December 2024.
- Trustees provided highlights of the activities they were involved in.
- Questions were received via email from a concerned parent of Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School regarding the structural issues relating to the old/middle wings and courtyard areas including a request for further clarification on remediation plans. The questions were forwarded to Director of Facility Services Rob Schibli for follow up and response to the parent following Winter Break.

Access the school district's website at https://www-dev.cmsd.bc.ca/public-meetings to view the agenda items presented to the Board at the December 18 Regular Board Meeting. The Board extends its best wishes to all for a safe, restful and joyous Holiday Season and a happy, healthy New Year!

Board of Education Trustees:

Margaret Warcup (Chair)
Karen Jonkman (Vice Chair)
Ed Harrison
Wayne Jones
Angie Maitland
Mike Maxim
Julia Sundell

Administration:

Tracey MacMillan Superintendent of Schools

Ginger Fuller Secretary Treasurer

Phillip Barron
Director of Instruction
(Learning Services)

Kiran Bath Director of Human Resources

Julia Nieckarz Director of Instruction (Learner Support)

Rob Schibli Director of Facility Services

Vacant Director of Instruction (Indigenous Education)

Tina McDonald District Principal

Beverly Azak District Vice Principal

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2025 5:00 p.m., Hybrid Meeting Board Office, Terrace

Further information on meeting proceedings can be obtained by contacting the School Board Administration Office at (250) 638-4401 or access the school district's website at https://cmsd.bc.ca.

