

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
KILDALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)**

PRESENT WERE:

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| | Chair - M. Warcup |
| | - S. Duncan-Green |
| | - E. Harrison |
| | - W. Jones |
| | Vice Chair - K. Jonkman |
| | (virtual) - M. Maxim |
| | (virtual) - J. Sundell |
| Superintendent of Schools | - A. Callaghan |
| Secretary Treasurer | - G. Fuller |
| Recording Secretary | - C. Gagnon |

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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| Director of Human Resources | (virtual) - K. Bath |
| Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education | (virtual) - R. Clifton |
| Director of Instruction, Learner Support | (virtual) - J. Nieckarz |
| Director of Facility Services | - R. Schibli |
| District Principal, Mentoring & Learner Engagement | (virtual) - P. Barron |
| District Principal, Early Learning & French Immersion | (virtual) - T. McDonald |
| Information Technology Manager | (virtual) - A. Nutma |
| District Food Program Manager | (virtual) - S. Wilson |

The meeting began with Trustee Sonny Duncan-Green of the Haisla Nation providing the Welcome to the Territories. Trustee Duncan-Green acknowledged with respect the school district's business being conducted on the traditional and unceded territory of the Haisla Nation, and he also acknowledged in the provision of public education, we conduct our business on the territories of the Gitksan, Nisga'a, Ts'mysen and Lheidli T'enneh Peoples. We are honoured to work with their children and privileged to live on these lands. Trustee Duncan-Green shared that Trustees Maxim and Sundell were attending the meeting virtually from Terrace and Prince George respectively.

Trustee Duncan-Green spoke to the upcoming Hobiye celebration which refers to the last crescent of the moon and is normally in different weeks of February depending on the phases of the moon for the month February of that particular year. Hobiye is also referred to as the Nisga'a new year. If the crescent of the moon is open, it signifies that the food is overflowing and the year's harvest will be bountiful. If the crescent of the moon is closed, it means it will be a difficult year harvesting food for the winter. It also signals the arrival of eulachan to the Nass River. This year the Hobiye will be celebrated on February 23 and 24.

A warm welcome was extended to meeting guests who joined in person and virtually noting the Board was pleased to be in Kitimat to conduct its Regular Board Meeting. Special thanks were extended to the staff and students of Kildala Elementary School for hosting the Board's visit and for their welcoming hospitality. Introductions followed by Trustees and District Staff attending the meeting.

Board Chair Warcup thanked Shelly Striker, Teacher at Kildala Elementary School and students Hannah Metz and Morgan Riley, both members of the Kildala Robotics Club for the amazing presentation provided for in-person Trustees, staff and meeting guests prior to the start of the meeting.

Board Chair Warcup recognized and acknowledged the celebration of Black History Month during the month of February. She further recognized French Immersion Week held February 4 to 10 and the annual Women's Memorial March for missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada held on February 14.

Board Chair Warcup spoke to Pink Shirt Day which is recognized each year where everyone is encouraged to practice kindness, and wear pink to symbolize that we do not tolerate bullying in our communities. This year's theme, Lift Each Other Up, was inspired by moments of kindness, empathy and understanding centered around the ideas of diversity, inclusion and acceptance. The focus of this Pink Shirt Day, to be held on February 28, is working together and treating others with dignity and respect and encouraging healthy self-esteem, empathy, compassion and kindness. Our schools are holding a variety of events to support anti-bullying day and to practice kindness.

Board Chair Warcup reminded meeting attendees there are no Committee Meetings or Board Meetings scheduled in March. The next hybrid Board Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Hazelton (school venue to be confirmed).

Board Chair Warcup shared that we are nearly three quarters through the school year and Spring Break is arriving in approximately three weeks. On behalf of the Board, she wished everyone a safe and fun Spring Break - please take time to relax, rest and be with family and friends.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Warcup called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8587

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

In Favour 6 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

Trustee Maxim indicated correspondence dated December 15, 2023 addressed to Superintendent Callaghan was not reflected on the agenda. Board Chair Warcup noted she did not recall the correspondence referenced by Trustee Maxim. Trustee Maxim's concern will be researched and follow up will be provided accordingly.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting, January 31, 2024

Motion #8588

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held January 31, 2024 be approved.

Carried

All in Favour

Trustee Jones excused himself from the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, January 31, 2024

Motion #8589

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held January 31, 2024 be approved.

Carried

In Favour 6 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received noting Trustee Maxim's concern that correspondence was received on December 15, 2023 will be researched and follow up will be provided accordingly.

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

Motion #8590

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2024 be received as presented.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

8.1 Mid-Year Update – 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Presentation

Motion #8591

THAT the Board receive for information the Mid-Year Update for the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan as presented by Superintendent Callaghan and the District Team.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

Motion #8592

THAT the Board receive for information the Indigenous Education Report for February 2024.

Carried

All in Favour

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Ed Harrison)

10.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2024

Motion #8593

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held February 14, 2024 be received for information.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

10.1.2 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2023-2024 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the *Act*, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023-2024.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$78,269,272 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Motion #8594

THAT the 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw (Version: 1947-1201-8219) be read a first time the 21st day of February, 2024.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

Board Chair Warcup noted that Trustees were provided a full review of the 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw with Secretary Treasurer Fuller and Superintendent Callaghan prior to the meeting. Trustees had an opportunity to ask questions and seek additional information.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller shared an executive summary of the 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget during the meeting in follow up to the full review shared with Trustees prior to the meeting. Secretary Treasurer Fuller highlighted key points relating to the revenue and expenses of the amended annual budget.

Motion #8595

THAT the 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw (Version: 1947-1201-8219) be read a second time the 21st day of February, 2024.

Carried
In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

Unanimous consent was not received in order to proceed to third reading of the 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller noted the approved 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw must be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by February 29, 2024 in order for School District 82 to be in compliance.

Board Chair Warcup indicated Secretary Treasurer Fuller will contact the Ministry of Education and Child Care regarding the possibility of the school district not being in compliance.

10.1.3 Quarterly Financial Statements, December 31, 2023

Motion #8596

THAT the Board receive for information the Quarterly Financial Statements as at December 31, 2023.

Carried
All in Favour

Board Chair Warcup called a recess. The meeting resumed at 6:46 p.m. with Board Chair Warcup asking Trustee Maxim to be careful with his language as she has very little tolerance with swearing.

10.1.4 Ministry Data Collection Projected Enrolments for 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

Motion #8597

THAT the Board receive for information the Quarterly Financial Statements as at December 31, 2023.

Carried
All in Favour

10.1.5 Trustee Remuneration Annual Review – Policy 5095

In accordance to Policy 5095: Trustee Remuneration, an annual review of Trustee remuneration is conducted annually in February and is tied to the B.C. Consumer Price Index. Increases may be deferred by Board resolution.

The 2023 Annual B.C. Consumer Price Index information was provided to Trustees for consideration.

Board Chair Warcup indicated a motion was not received from Trustees to change the remuneration. She noted that one Trustee wished to bring a review of the Trustee Remuneration Policy 5095 which will be forwarded to the Policy Review & Development Committee for consideration.

10.1.6 Revised Policy 3075: Accumulated Operating Surplus

Motion #8598

THAT the revised Policy 3075: Accumulated Operating Surplus be presented for information to the Board at the February 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

10.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, February 7, 2024

Motion #8599

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held February 7, 2024 be received for information.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

10.2.2 Gitxsan Language K-4 Integrated Resource Package, Hazelton Schools

Motion #8600

THAT the Board pursue the feasibility of implementing the Gitxsan Kindergarten to Grade 4 Integrated Resource Package language course in Hazelton district schools for September 2024.

Carried

All in Favour

10.2.3 Board/Authority Authorized Course – Caledonia Secondary School

Motion #8601

THAT the Board approve the Principles of Sport: Golf – Grades 10-12 as a Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course commencing the 2024-2025 school year as submitted by Caledonia Secondary School.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Maxim)

10.2.4 Board Approval – Out-of-Province Final Field Trip Application, Bear Valley School, Toronto/Niagara Falls, May 17-21, 2024

Motion #8602

THAT the Board approve the Bear Valley School Travel Club Out-of-Province Field Trip Application to Toronto and Niagara Falls, May 17-21, 2024 at no cost to the Board and subject to ensuring the safety of students and adhering to Federal and Provincial travel advisories, regulations and protocols throughout the travel dates.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2.5 Draft School Calendars 2024-2025, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 School Years

Motion #8603

THAT the Board approve the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Calendars as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by March 31, 2024 for final approval.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2.6 Mid-Year Update – 2023-2024 School Growth Improvement Plans

Motion #8604

THAT the Board receive for Information the Mid-Year Update for each school relating to their 2023-2024 School Growth Improvement Plan as presented.

Carried
All in Favour

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Board Chair Report – February 2024

Motion #8605

THAT the Board receive for information the Board Chair Report for February 2024.

Carried
All in Favour

12.2 Trustee Reports

Trustee Maxim reported on activities he had been involved in.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

A brief Question Period took place with the following question and response shared:

- Terry Marleau, Coast Mountain Teachers' Federation (CMTF) Co-President asked, "We understand an All Our Relations Gathering will be held this Friday, February 23 and partner groups have been invited to participate, however, the Kitimat District Teachers Association (KDTA) has not received an invitation to attend. Our KDTA Vice President, Katherine Johnsen has expressed interest in attending the gathering?" Board Chair Warcup responded we will follow up with the Indigenous Education Department regarding an invitation for Ms. Johnsen to attend the gathering and we will confirm details with Mr. Marleau tomorrow morning, February 22.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Warcup informed Trustees that a Special Regular (Public) Board Meeting will be held to meet our legal requirements regarding the submission of the 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget by February 29, 2024. A meeting notice will be shared with Trustees on Thursday, February 22 with details.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


Board of Education Chair


Secretary Treasurer