

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE – HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)**

PRESENT WERE:

Chairperson - M. Warcup
- E. Harrison
Vice Chairperson - K. Jonkman
(virtual) - M. Maxim
(virtual) - J. Sundell

REGRETS:

- W. Jones

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer
Recording Secretary

- T. MacMillan
- G. Fuller
- C. Gagnon

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Human Resources
Director of Instruction, Learner Support
Director of Facility Services
District Principal, Early Learning & French Immersion
District Vice Principal, Indigenous Education

- K. Bath
- J. Nieckarz
- R. Schibli
- T. McDonald
- B. Azak

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged with respect the school district's business being conducted on the unceded traditional territories of the Gitksan, Haisla, Nisga'a and Ts'msyen Peoples noting Trustee Julia Sundell attended virtually from Vancouver on the traditional and unceded territories of the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waytuth Peoples. 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 CMSD82's YouTube Channel. Introductions followed by Trustees and District staff in attendance at the meeting.

Board Chair Warcup shared there were two important days of remembrance, reflection and awareness during the month of November. The National Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8 and Remembrance Day on November 11. We are grateful to all our veterans who fought for our country as they gave us freedom.

Board Chair Warcup spoke to World Children's Day recognized each year on November 20 to commemorate the 1989 adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history. It is a time to promote togetherness around the world, awareness of the problems children face in every corner of the globe and improve the welfare for all children.

Board Chair Warcup noted Parent/Teacher Interviews were taking place at many of our schools across the district this week with Early Dismissal for students. Additionally, Friday, November 22 is a non-instructional day for students in Coast Mountains School District. School staff will be participating in professional development sessions and workshops on November 22. Classes will not be in session on November 22 with the regular school schedule to resume on Monday, November 25.

Board Chair Warcup spoke to the Declaration of Election by Acclamation for the 2024 Kitimat School Trustee By-Election officially declared on November 12, 2024 by Cathy Jackson, Chief Election Officer for Coast Mountains School District 82, pursuant to Section 98 of the *Local Government Act*, that Angie Maitland of Kitimat was elected by acclamation. In following elections legislation, Ms. Maitland will be sworn in to the Office of Trustee at the next Regular (Public) Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office in Terrace.

Board Chair Warcup reminded meeting attendees and guests that the Board Elections would follow at the end of the meeting, chaired by Secretary Treasurer Ginger Fuller. in accordance with CMSD Policy 5070: Governance Bylaw that Board Elections will be held at the first meeting of the Board in November.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Warcup called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8728

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried
All in Favour

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting, October 23, 2024

Motion #8729

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on October 23, 2024 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, October 23, 2024

Motion #8730

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held October 23, 2024 be approved.

Carried
In Favour 4 / Abstained 1 (Trustee Maxim)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence Received: District of Kitimat Council Liaison Appointments to CMSD82

Motion #8731

THAT the Board receive for information the District of Kitimat letter detailing the Council liaison appointments to the School District effective December 1, 2024 for a two-year term.

Carried
All in Favour

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

Motion #8732

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2024 be received as presented.

Carried
All in Favour

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

Motion #8733

THAT the Board receive for information the Indigenous Education Report for November 2024 prepared by Interim Superintendent Janet Meyer.

Carried
All in Favour

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Ed Harrison)

10.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2024

Motion #8734

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on November 6, 2024 be received for information.

Carried
All in Favour

10.1.2 Quarterly Financial Statements, September 30, 2024

Motion #8735

THAT the Board receive for information the Quarterly Financial Statements as at September 30, 2024.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

10.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2024

Motion #8736

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on November 6, 2024 be received for information.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2.2 Northwest Trades & Employment Training Centre Update

Board Chair Warcup shared in reading the report, she was excited to see Early Childhood Educator courses and other courses, in terms of dual credit, are certainly part of trying to address recruitment, retention and having qualified staff working with our children. Board Chair Warcup noted she was pleased that the Northwest Trades & Employment Training Centre (NTETC) staff is working on dual credit courses and working closely with the college. She added that NTETC staff's hard work and efforts in our trades programs will help meet employment needs in our community, noting the need for the Board's advocacy for dual credit programs for continued student access. Trustee Harrison suggested to engage students in career development, is to continually consider as opportunities in the community. This is an important message to move forward as well as the experience with the college which needs to be expanded to help students understand the importance of dual credit. Trustee Harrison noted the NTETC written statement about the overall objective may need to be clarified. He further shared the NTETC presentation presented at the Education Committee virtual meeting on November 6, 2024, was well done and it reflected the NTETC staff are really thinking about what the students need and involving them.

10.2.3 Hazelton French Immersion Program Update

Motion #8737

THAT the Board receive for information the Hazelton French Immersion Program update.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2.4 Letter of Support for 2SLGBTQIA+ - Students, Staff and Families

Motion #8738

THAT the Board and Superintendent of Schools co-sign the Joint Letter of Support for 2SLGBTQIA+ with the Coast Mountain Teachers' Federation and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2052 for issuance district wide and with our partner groups.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2.5 Survey Feedback – Education Committee Mandate, Meetings, Proposed Agenda 2024-2025

Motion #8739

THAT Board receive the survey feedback pertaining to the Education Committee Mandate, Meetings, Proposed Agenda for 2024-2025 and refer to District staff for more information.

Carried
All in Favour

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Board Chairperson Report – November 2024

Motion #8740

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

Carried
All in Favour

12.2 BCSTA Provincial Council Report

Motion #8741

THAT the Board receive for information the BCSTA Provincial Council Report as presented at the November 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried
All in Favour

12.3 BCPSEA Delegate Report

Motion #8742

THAT the Board receive the BCPSEA Delegate Report for information.

Carried
All in Favour

12.4 Trustee Reports

Trustee Maxim noted he spent a considerable amount of time in Kitimat, during the voting period of the 2024 Kitimat School Trustee By-Election, encouraging citizens on the importance of the role of a School Trustee. He extended his congratulations to Angela Maitland, who was elected by acclamation on November 12, 2024. He asked that consideration be given to Ms. Maitland to attend the BCSTA Trustee Academy to be held November 21-23, 2024. Board Chair Warcup noted this was considered, however, Ms. Maitland will be away at that time on a scheduled family vacation.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions received, however, Terry Marleau, Co-President for the Coast Mountain Teachers' Federation referenced Director Schibli's brief update in the Business Committee Meeting minutes of November 6, 2024 regarding Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School in Kitimat. The update reflected losing 9 of 22 general instruction classrooms due to sections of the school being closed recommended by the structural engineer as a result of exterior rot which compromised the exterior wood column supports.

Mr. Marleau shared the following two comments for the Board:

1. Mr. Marleau expressed his concern and the concern of school staff that following a great deal of problems with leaking water through the roof and a number of things over several years, that the school district was not able to mitigate or find ways to stop this occurring much sooner.
2. There is a great deal of concern from a broad group of staff in the school with the loss of one wing, the old wing, and the loss of access to the Middle School wing classrooms. Much of the building is of a similar age. The science wing is slightly newer, however, there is a lot of concern from the staff on what is going in the building although it was specified that structural engineers and architects are reviewing. Concerns expressed by staff relate to the mitigation for potential mold, asbestos and structural integrity for the rest of the building. The school's Occupational Health & Safety Site Committee will be submitting a complaint through the District Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee to be reviewed at their meeting later this month. Mr. Marleau noted it was appreciated that it does take time for the architect, the structural engineer, and Director Schibli and his staff to do this work, however, the school staff wanted to express their concerns as to what is really happening in the school building and the importance to express their concerns with the Board. Mr. Marleau thanked the Board for listening.

Board Chair Warcup thanked Mr. Marleau for his comments noting the Director Schibli and his team are working diligently with the Ministry of Education's Capital Branch, structural engineers, architects and local contractors for an appropriate remedy to address these concerns. Board Chair Warcup noted the Board's appreciation to Mr. Marleau for bringing forth the school staff's concerns, as it is a concern we are all working on to address as soon as possible.

14. BOARD ELECTIONS

14.1 Board Elections (Chaired by Secretary Treasurer Fuller)

14.1.1 Appointment of Scrutineer(s)

Secretary Treasurer Fuller appointed Director Nieckarz as Scrutineer for the Board Elections.

14.1.2 Nomination and Elections

14.1.2.1 Chair

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations for the position of Chair. Trustee Harrison nominated Trustee Warcup. Trustee Warcup accepted the nomination. Trustee Maxim nominated Trustee Harrison. Trustee Harrison declined the nomination.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations a second, third and final time. Trustee Maxim nominated Trustee Sundell. Trustee Sundell declined the nomination. Secretary Treasurer Fuller declared Trustee Warcup acclaimed as Board Chair and extended her congratulations.

14.1.2.2 Vice Chair

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Trustee Warcup nominated Trustee Jonkman. Trustee Jonkman accepted the nomination.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations a second, third and final time. Trustee Maxim nominated Trustee Harrison. Trustee Harrison declined the nomination. Trustee Maxim nominated Trustee Sundell. Trustee Sundell declined the nomination. Secretary Treasurer Fuller declared Trustee Jonkman acclaimed as Vice Chair with congratulations.

14.1.2.3 BCPSEA Delegate

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Delegate. Trustee Warcup nominated Trustee Jonkman. Trustee Jonkman accepted the nomination.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations a second time. Trustee Maxim nominated Trustee Harrison. Trustee Harrison declined the nomination. Trustee Maxim nominated Trustee Sundell. Trustee Sundell declined the nomination. Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations a third and final time. Hearing none, she declared Trustee Jonkman acclaimed as BCPSEA Delegate with congratulations.

14.1.2.4 BCPSEA Alternate

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Alternate. Trustee Jonkman nominated Trustee Warcup. Trustee Warcup accepted the nomination.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations a second, third and final time. Trustee Maxim nominated Trustee Harrison. Trustee Harrison declined the nomination. Trustee Maxim nominated Trustee Sundell. Trustee Sundell declined the nomination. \

Hearing none, Secretary Treasurer Fuller declared Trustee Warcup acclaimed as BCPSEA Alternate with congratulations.

14.1.2.5 BCSTA Provincial Councillor

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor. Trustee Warcup nominated Trustee Sundell. Trustee Sundell accepted the nomination.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations a second, third and final time. Hearing none, she declared Trustee Sundell acclaimed as BCSTA Provincial Councillor and extended her congratulations.

14.1.2.6 BCSTA Alternate

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Alternate. Trustee Jonkman nominated Trustee Harrison. Trustee Harrison accepted the nomination.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller called for nominations a second, third and final time. Hearing none, she declared Trustee Harrison acclaimed as BCSTA Alternate with congratulations.


14.1.2.7 Motion to Destroy Ballots

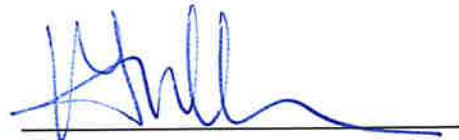
Not required.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at the Board of Education Office in Terrace.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Board of Education Chairperson


Secretary Treasurer