

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE - TERRACE
HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)**

PRESENT WERE:

Chair - M. Warcup
(virtual) - E. Harrison
- K. Jonkman
- A. Maitland
(virtual) - W. Jones
(virtual) - M. Maxim

Superintendent of Schools - T. MacMillan
Secretary Treasurer - G. Fuller
Recording Secretary (virtual) - L. Harder

Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Vice-Chair - K. Robinson

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Instruction, Inclusive Education - J. Nieckarz
Director of Instruction, Human Resources - P. Barron
Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education - D. Mortimer
Director of Facility Services - R. Schibli

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. She further invited all virtual attendees to take a moment to recognize the traditional territories from which they were participating. The Board expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the children and families of these Nations and acknowledged the privilege of living and working 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 acknowledged and recognized the following observances and events taking place since the previous Regular Board Meeting:

Spring Break and Easter Weekend, recognized throughout April, providing an opportunity for rest, renewal, and time with family and community. Board Chair Warcup expressed hope that students, staff, and families had an opportunity to recharge during the spring season.

National Indigenous Languages Day, recognized at the end of March, provided an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the importance of Indigenous languages. Board Chair Warcup noted that this work continues to be an important part of supporting identity, culture, and learning across the District in partnership with local Nations.

Earth Day, recognized throughout April across District schools and communities, highlighted environmental stewardship and responsibility through student learning opportunities and community clean-up initiatives. Board Chair Warcup acknowledged the participation of students, staff, families, and community members in activities supporting environmental awareness and community connection.

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 5:02 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8935

THAT the agenda for the April 29, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board (Public) be approved as circulated.

Carried
All in Favour

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting of the Board, February 25, 2026

Motion #8936

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held February 25, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

4.2 Special Regular Meeting of the Board, March 2, 2026

Motion #8937

THAT the minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of the Board held March 2, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

4.3 Special Regular Meeting of the Board, March 30, 2026

Motion #8938

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held March 30, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, February 25, 2026

Motion #8939

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held February 25, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

6. PRESENTATION: 2024/25 Aboriginal Report – How Are We Doing (HAWD)

Director Mortimer, presented highlights from the Ministry of Education and Child Care Aboriginal “How Are We Doing?” (HAWD) Report for 2024/2025. The presentation included information regarding Indigenous student achievement data, literacy and numeracy

assessment outcomes, graduation and transition rates, and trends related to Indigenous student self-identification and residency.

Ms. Mortimer highlighted District participation rates and achievement data from the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) and Graduation Assessments, noting areas of progress as well as ongoing challenges in literacy and numeracy outcomes for Indigenous learners. Discussion also included the importance of culturally responsive instructional practices, targeted supports, and the District's commitment to developing a comprehensive Numeracy Framework to strengthen instructional practices and improve student outcomes.

Trustees thanked Director Mortimer for the presentation and ongoing work supporting Indigenous student success.

Received

(No motion required)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letters received from Kaye Krishna, Deputy Minister:

- i) 2025 Enhancing Student Learning Report (FESL), dated March 17, 2026
- ii) 2024/25 Aboriginal "How Are We Doing?" (HAWD), dated March 31, 2026

THAT the Board receive for information the letters dated March 17, 2026 and March 30, 2026, from Kaye Krishna, Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Received for information

(No motion required)

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – April 2026

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of April 29, 2026, be received as presented.

Received for information

(No motion required)

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – February 2026

THAT the Board receive for information the Indigenous Education Report for February 2026 presented by Superintendent MacMillan.

Received

(No motion required)

10. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL (IEC) – Updates for April 2026

Kim Robinson, Vice-Chair of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC), provided a verbal report regarding recent IEC meetings held throughout February, March, and April 2026. The report included discussion regarding ongoing collaboration with District staff to support Indigenous learners, review of the IEC Terms of Reference, and priorities related to student supports, attendance, mental health, family inclusion, and culturally responsive services across the District.

Vice-Chair Robinson also highlighted ongoing discussions regarding Indigenous Support Worker (ISW) supports and alignment across the District, the recruitment process for an IEC Secretariat position, participation in upcoming Indigenous Education Council capacity-building opportunities, and discussions regarding Indigenous Peoples Day activities and professional development initiatives.

The IEC further discussed the French Immersion program relocation in Hazelton and the importance of supporting consistency and programming for Indigenous learners currently enrolled in the program. Following the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) update, Vice-Chair Robinson excused herself from the meeting.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Business Committee Report (Board Chair Warcup)

11.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2026, be received for information.

Received
(No motion required)

11.1.2 Ministry Estimated Operating Grants 2026/2027 Announcement

Motion #8940

THAT the Board receive for information the Ministry Estimated Operating Grants 2026/2027 Announcement.

Carried
All in Favour

**11.1.3 Ministry Response to Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission
2026/2027 & Capital Bylaw 2026/2027-CPSD82-01**

Secretary Treasurer Fuller presented the Ministry response to the Board's Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2026/2027, including approved minor capital projects and the associated Annual Programs Funding Agreement.

Motion #8941

THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD82-01 (Capital Plan 2026/27) be read a first time the 29th day of April 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

Motion #8942

THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD82-01 (Capital Plan 2026/27) be read a second time the 29th day of April 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

Unanimous consent was obtained to proceed to third reading.

Motion #8943

THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD82-01 (Capital Plan 2026/27) be read a third time, passed and adopted the 29th day of April 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

**11.1.4 Review Revised Policy 2010 – Respectful School Community, Workplace
& Anti-Harassment (First Reading)**

Board Chair Warcup presented *Revised Policy 2010 – Respectful School Community, Workplace & Anti-Harassment* for first reading. Trustees were advised that the revised policy has been updated to align with current Ministry of Education and Child Care requirements and combines previous respectful workplace and harassment policies into one policy framework. It was further noted that the policy will proceed through the District's consultation process following first reading.

Motion #8944

THAT the Board approve Revised Policy 2010 – Respectful School Community, Workplace & Anti-Harassment for first reading.

Carried
All in Favor

11.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

11.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on February 11, 2026, be received for information.

Received
(No motion required)

11.2.2 Final Board Approval: Out-Of-Province Field Trip (Level 5):

- Out-of-Province Field Trip, Ottawa, Ontario, Hazelton Secondary UNESCO Leadership, May 26, 2026

Motion #8945

THAT the Board grant final approval for the Out-of-Province UNESCO Leadership field trip for Hazelton Secondary School students to Ottawa, Ontario, from May 25–30, 2026, subject to all requirements of Policy 1080 – Field Trips & Outdoor Education.

Carried
All in Favour

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Board Chair Report – April 2026

Board Chair Warcup presented the Board Chair Report for April, highlighting recent BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Provincial Council activities. She noted discussion regarding provincial educational programming reviews, financial pressures facing school districts, and the importance of continued advocacy and long-term planning for public education throughout British Columbia.

Board Chair Warcup further noted the ongoing collaboration between trustees in the Northwest and Northeast regions and advised that trustees have agreed to continue meeting together to discuss shared issues and learning opportunities. Appreciation

was extended to district staff for their continued support assisting with BCSTA and regional trustee activities.

Received
(No motion required)

13.2 BCSTA Provincial Council Report – April 2026 (Trustee Harrison)

Trustee Harrison provided an update regarding the recent BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Provincial Council activities. Trustees were advised that information and materials related to BCSTA matters and the Trustee Election process would continue to be shared through BCSTA communications and the Board Office.

Trustee Harrison further noted that two of the Board's motions brought forward to the BCSTA Annual General Meeting were successful. He advised that the third motion, related to a broader review of the provincial educational program and curriculum framework, did not pass. Discussion included the importance of continued evaluation of educational programming, curriculum direction, and associated financial implications throughout British Columbia.

Received
(No motion required)

13.3 Trustee Reports

Board Chair Warcup invited Trustees to provide reports.

Trustee Jonkman shared information regarding the upcoming Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School performance of *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*, scheduled for April 24–25 and May 1–2, 2026.

Trustee Maxim noted that he was unable to attend the BCSTA conference due to family obligations; however, he attended a separate governmental event.

Trustee Maitland advised that she continues to attend the Advisory Planning Committee for the District of Kitimat and noted that there was no further news to share at this time.

Trustee Jones reported that Trustees from the Northeast and Northwest regions have agreed to continue meeting to discuss shared issues and learning opportunities, likely in fall 2027.

Received
(No motion required)

14. QUESTION PERIOD

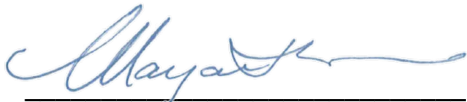
Members of the public provided comments and questions regarding the Ministry response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission and the lack of approval for major capital projects within the district, including seismic upgrade considerations for Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School.

Questions and comments were noted by the Board for follow-up as appropriate.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Bear Valley School located in Stewart.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Board of Education Chair



Secretary Treasurer