

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE - TERRACE
HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)**

PRESENT WERE:

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

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer
Recording Secretary

- T. MacMillan
- G. Fuller
- L. Harder

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

(virtual) - J. Nieckarz
(virtual) - K. Bath
- R. Schibli
(virtual) - T. McDonald

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 acknowledged that a virtual participant was joining from the unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and 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.

Presentation: Canadian Parents for French (CPF) – Hazelton Chapter by Bryana Jack

Bryana Jack, President of CPF Hazelton Chapter, delivered a presentation regarding the French Immersion Program in Hazelton. Ms. Jack spoke to the history of the program, community support, student commitment, and the value of French Immersion to families and the broader community. Trustees thanked Ms. Jack for her presentation and advocacy.

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 spoke to the recent tragedy in Tumbler Ridge and invited those present to observe a moment of reflection in support of the students, families, staff, and community members impacted. She expressed appreciation for district staff and school administrators for their timely leadership and coordination of communications, counselling, and wellness supports for students and

families. The Chair also noted that outreach had been extended to colleagues in Tumbler Ridge as a gesture of solidarity and care during a difficult time.

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged and recognized the following observances held during the month of February:

Family Day, recognized on February 16th, observed across British Columbia. Family Day serves as a reminder of the important role that families and caregivers play in supporting student success, acknowledging the strong partnerships between our schools and families throughout the district.

Pink Shirt Day, recognized on February 25th, across the country as a day promoting kindness, inclusion, and anti-bullying awareness. While this day brings particular attention to these themes, our commitment to safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environments is ongoing and embedded in our daily work across all schools.

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 5:33 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Chair Warcup noted that it was recommended that Items 6 and 7 on the agenda be reordered.

Motion #8913

THAT the agenda for February 25, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board be amended to reorder Items 6 and 7; and **THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried
All in Favour

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting of the Board, January 28, 2026

Motion #8914

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held January 28, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, January 28, 2026

Motion #8915

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held January 28, 2026, be approved.

Carried, with Trustee Maxim abstaining.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letters of Support for Hazelton French Immersion Program

THAT the Board receive for information the correspondence in support of the continuation of the Hazelton French Immersion Program:

- Letter from Angelique Lalonde, dated February 18, 2026
- Letter from Kevon Koch, dated January 23, 2026
- Letter from Canadian Parents for French – Hazelton Chapter (Bryana Jack, President) dated December 2, 2025

Received
(No motion required)

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Hazelton French Immersion Program Review Update

Superintendent MacMillan presented the Hazelton French Immersion Program Review Update, including enrolment data, financial considerations, staffing implications, community consultation feedback, and potential options for the structure of programming beginning in the 2026–2027 school year.

Trustees engaged in discussion regarding program sustainability, student attrition rates, financial implications, and community engagement.

Motion #8916

THAT the Board direct staff to write to the local chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF) to request, within two weeks, information regarding any potential financial viability to support the sustainability of the French Immersion program in Hazelton, as well as details outlining what recruitment efforts have been undertaken to date and what action CPF is willing to pursue to support enrolment growth and program viability; and that upon receipt of the response, the Board schedule a Special Public Meeting to review the information provided.

Carried
All in Favour

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – February 2026

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2026, be received as presented.

Received
(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 February 2026

Vice-Chair Kimberly Robinson provided regrets. Chair Jericho Collison was not in attendance. No IEC update was provided.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Ed Harrison)

11.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2026

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

Received

(No motion required, noted Trustee Maxim abstained)

11.1.2 Annual Review – District Video Surveillance System

Motion #8917

THAT the Board receive for information the Annual Review of the District Video Surveillance System Report.

Carried

All in Favour

11.1.3 Quarterly Financial Statements, December 31, 2025

Motion #8918

THAT the Board receive for information the Quarterly Financial Statements as at December 31, 2025.

Carried

All in Favour

11.1.4 2025-26 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

Motion #8919

THAT the 2025–2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw (Version: 1296-9550-7568) be read a first time.

Carried

All in Favor

Motion #8920

THAT the 2025–2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw (Version: 1296-9550-7568) be read a second time.

Carried
All in Favour

Unanimous consent to proceed to third reading of the 2025–2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw (Version: 1296-9550-7568) was not obtained. As a result, third reading of the Bylaw did not proceed.

A Special Meeting of the Board will be scheduled in accordance with the required notice provisions to consider third reading of the Bylaw.

11.1.5 Ministry Data Collection Projected Enrollments: 2026-2027, 2027-2028 & 2028-2029 School Years

Motion #8921

THAT the Board receive for information the Ministry Data Collection Projected Enrolments for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years.

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.6 Trustee Remuneration Annual Review – CMSD Policy 5095

Motion #8922

THAT the Board defer consideration of Policy 5095 – Trustee Remuneration pending receipt of information from BCSTA regarding trustee remuneration provincially.

Carried, with Trustee Maxim opposing.

11.1.7 Review Revised Policy 1035 – Student Records (First Reading)

Motion #8923

THAT the Board approve Revised *Policy 1035 – Student Records* for first reading.

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.8 New Policy 1120 – Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies (First Reading)

Motion #8924

THAT the Board Approve New *Policy 1120 – Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies* for first reading

Carried
All in Favour

11.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

11.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, February 11, 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 Board Approval in Principle – Level 5 Field Trip:

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

Motion #8925

THAT the Board approve in principle the Out-of-Province UNESCO Leadership of Hazelton Secondary School trip to Ottawa, Ontario, from May 26 – May 30, 2026. There will be 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, with Trustee Maxim abstaining

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Appointment of Elections Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer for 2026

Motion #8926

THAT the Board appoint Ms. Kathy Jackson as Chief Elections Officer and Ms. Shawna Wilson as Deputy Chief Election Officer for Coast Mountains School District No. 82 Trustee Election scheduled for October 17, 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

13.1 Board Chair Report – February 2026

Board Chair Warcup highlighted that the BCSTA has completed the provincial review related to policy development. Trustees were advised that the information has been posted to the Board site for review. Board Chair Warcup also noted that the District continues to make progress updating Board policies and thanked staff for their ongoing work in supporting the policy review process. She further noted that additional discussion regarding policy direction is anticipated at the upcoming BCSTA meeting in April.

Received

(No motion required)

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

Trustee Harrison provided a verbal report on the February 2026 BCSTA Provincial Council meeting. He noted concerns regarding voter participation in school trustee elections and the importance of promoting awareness of the role of school trustees. Trustee Harrison also highlighted the new BCSTA Strategic Plan, available on the BCSTA website, and the Ministry of Education and Child Care's "How Are We Doing?" report, which is available on the Ministry website.

Received

(No motion required)

13.3 Trustee Reports

Trustee Maxim provided comments regarding the information presented in the agenda package. Trustee Jones shared information about community partnerships in Stewart supporting students, including the *Jays Care Foundation*, which provides baseball programming and equipment for youth through the *Toronto Blue Jays*.

Received

(No motion required)

14. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public provided comments and asked questions regarding the Hazelton French Immersion program. Questions requiring further information were noted for follow-up.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located in Terrace.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Board of Education Chair



Secretary Treasurer