

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE - TERRACE
HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)

PRESENT WERE:

	(virtual) Chair	- M. Warcup
	(Chaired Meeting) Vice Chair	- K. Jonkman
		- E. Harrison
		- A. Maitland
		- W. Jones
	(virtual)	- J. Sundell
	(virtual)	- M. Maxim
Superintendent of Schools		- T. MacMillan
Secretary Treasurer	(virtual)	- G. Fuller
Recording Secretary	(virtual)	- L. Harder

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Instruction, Inclusive Education	- J. Nieckarz
Director of Instruction, Learning Services	- P. Barron
District Principal, Curriculum Support	- T. McDonald

Vice Chair Jonkman 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 the meeting was being held in Terrace on the traditional territory of the Ts'msyen Peoples. 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.

Vice Chair Jonkman 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.

Vice Chair Jonkman acknowledged and recognized the following observances and events taking place since the previous Regular Board Meeting:

June is *National Indigenous History Month*, which provides an opportunity to honour and learn more about the rich histories, cultures, languages, traditions, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. Within Coast Mountains School District, we are privileged to live, work, learn, and play on the territories of the Gitksan, Haisla, Nisga'a, and Ts'msyen Peoples, and we remain committed to continued learning, reconciliation, and strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is observed on June 21st. This is an important time to celebrate and recognize the diverse cultures, voices, experiences, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the many school and community events taking place throughout the district in recognition

of this day and extend appreciation to the staff, students, families, Elders, Knowledge Holders, and community members who support this learning.

June is also *Pride Month*, a time to recognize and support inclusion, dignity, respect, and belonging for 2SLGBTQIA+ students, staff, families, and community members. We acknowledge the importance of safe, caring, and inclusive school communities where all students and staff feel respected and valued.

Vice Chair Jonkman acknowledged the many year-end activities taking place across the District, including celebrations, transitions, awards ceremonies, scholarship presentations, and graduation events. On behalf of the Board, she extended congratulations to all graduating students and recognized their hard work, perseverance, growth, and accomplishments.

Vice Chair Jonkman also expressed appreciation to families, caregivers, staff, Indigenous communities, scholarship committees, donors, volunteers, and community partners for their ongoing support of students. As the 2025–2026 school year drew to a close, she thanked staff across the District for their dedication, care, and commitment and wished students, staff, and families a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer.

On behalf of the Board, Vice Chair Jonkman acknowledged the recent passing of former Trustee and Board Chair Art Erasmus. She extended sincere condolences to his family and expressed appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to public education, students, families, and the Board of Education.

The following reminder was shared by Vice Chair Jonkman 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

Vice Chair Jonkman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8961

THAT the agenda for June 17, 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, May 27, 2026

Motion #8962

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held May 27, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, May 27, 2026

Motion #8963

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held May 27, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Northwest Trades & Employment Training Centre — Dan Hamel, Principal

Dan Hamel, Principal of the Northwest Trades & Employment Training Centre (NTETC), provided an overview of recent career education and trades-related opportunities available to students across the District. Highlights included career fairs, Maker Days, trades samplers, dual credit programs, Adventures in Healthcare, Adventures with First Responders, and other hands-on learning experiences.

Mr. Hamel advised that 56 students had been accepted into dual credit programming for the upcoming school year and outlined plans to expand dual credit pathways, student supports, trades samplers, and career exploration opportunities in 2026–2027.

In response to Trustee questions, Mr. Hamel provided further information regarding the range of dual credit programs available, and the supports provided to participating students.

Superintendent MacMillan thanked Mr. Hamel and the NTETC team for their work supporting student engagement, career exploration, and transitions beyond graduation.

Received
(No motion required)

6.2 “State of the Arts” – Terrace Thornhill Parents for Music Society

Miranda Leffler and Amber Zanon, representing the Terrace Thornhill Parents for Music Society, provided an overview of school music and band programming in Terrace and Thornhill. They highlighted the benefits of music education for student achievement, well-being, confidence, belonging, and school engagement.

The presenters discussed challenges affecting music programming, including reduced Instructional time, recruitment and succession planning for specialist music teachers, and differences in access between schools. They also shared recommendations to support and strengthen music education across the District.

Trustees shared with the presenters that the Board has previously advocated in support of music and fine arts education, including through a resolution submitted to the BC School Trustees Association that was approved at its Annual General Meeting.

Superintendent MacMillan thanked the presenters for sharing their information, recommendations, and continued support for school music programs.

Received
(No motion required)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS’ MONTHLY REPORT – June 2026

THAT the Superintendent of Schools’ Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of June 17, 2026, be received as presented.

Received for information
(No motion required)

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – June 2026

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

Received
(No motion required)

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

Kimberly Robinson, Vice-Chair of the Indigenous Education Council, joined the meeting virtually after the agenda item had passed. Arrangements were made for the Council's update to be provided in writing following the meeting.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Harrison)

11.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2026, be received for information.

Received
(No motion required)

11.1.2 2027-2028 Five-Year Plan Intake – Call for Projects

Trustee Harrison presented the proposed 2027–2028 Five-Year Capital Plan submissions and advised that the replacement of Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School remains the District's highest-priority major capital project.

Motion #8963

THAT the Board approve the 2027–2028 Five-Year Major Capital Plan and the 2026-2027 Five-Year Minor Capital Plan submissions to the Ministry of Education's Capital Division.

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.3 Draft Preliminary 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw

Motion #8964

THAT the Board approve the utilization of capital replacement dollars through Local Capital Reserves of up to \$250,000 for the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Facilities and Maintenance Departments for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.

Carried
All in Favour

Motion #8965

THAT the 2026–2027 Annual Budget Bylaw and Budget (Version: 8038-7293-5310) be read a first time the 17th day of June 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

Motion #8966

THAT the 2026–2027 Annual Budget Bylaw and Budget (Version: 8038-7293-5310) be read a second time the 17th day of June 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

Unanimous consent was received to proceed to the third reading of the 2026–2027 Annual Budget Bylaw and Budget (Version: 8038-7293-5310).

Motion #8967

THAT the 2026–2027 Annual Budget Bylaw and Budget (Version: 8038-7293-5310) be read a third time the 17th day of June 2026

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.4 Policy 5020 – Policy Development (Final Reading)

Trustee Harrison presented the Revised Policy 5020 – Policy Development for second and final reading.

Motion #8968

THAT the Board give second and final reading to Revised Policy 5020 – Policy Development.

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.5 Policy 2010 Respect and Anti-Harassment (Final Reading)

Trustee Harrison presented Revised Policy 2010 - Respect and Anti-Harassment for second and final reading.

Motion #8969

THAT the Board give second and final reading to Revised Policy 2010 — Respect and Anti-Harassment.

Carried
All in Favor

11.1.6 Policy 1035 Student Records (Final Reading)

Trustee Harrison presented Revised Policy 1035 – Student Records for second and final reading.

Motion #8970

THAT the Board give second and final reading to Revised Policy 1035 – Student Records.

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.7 Bylaw 5065 – Trustee Elections

Trustee Harrison presented Revised Bylaw 5065 – Trustee Elections for approval.

Motion #8971

THAT that Revised Bylaw 5065 - Trustee Elections be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

11.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

11.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2026, be received for information.

Received
(No motion required)

11.2.2 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Year-End Report (Update)

Motion #8972

THAT the Board receive for information the 2026-2027 Strategic Plan Year-End Report Update as presented by Superintendent MacMillan.

Carried
All in Favor

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1.1 2026-2027 Annual Facilities Grant Expenditure Plan

Motion # 8973

THAT the Board receive for information the 2026-2027 Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) Ministry Expenditure Grant Allocation and Project Summary List for Coast Mountains School District as presented by Secretary Treasurer Fuller.

Carried
All in Favour

12.1.2 2025 Carbon Neutral Action Report

Motion #8974

THAT the Board receive for information the 2025 Carbon Neutral Action Report as presented by Secretary Treasurer Fuller.

Carried
All in Favour

12.1.3 Draft 2026-2027 Internal Administrative Calendar

Superintendent MacMillan presented the Draft 2026-2027 Internal Administrative Calendar and advised that meeting dates may be subject to change due to scheduling consideration.

Motion #8975

THAT the Board accept the 2026-2027 Internal Administrative Calendar.

Carried
All in Favour

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

13.1 Board Chair Report – June 2026

Vice Chair Jonkman read Board Chair Warcup's report on her behalf. Board Chair Warcup thanked District staff for their ongoing commitment to students and families and wished staff a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer.

The report highlighted planning underway for the 2026–2027 school year, including employee recruitment and preparations for the October trustee election. It also outlined the Board's submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, advocating for provincial education funding that better reflects current responsibilities and pressures, including childcare, changing enrolment, aging infrastructure, inclusive education supports, technology, and the recruitment and retention of educators, support staff, and early childhood educators.

The report further called for a broader review of the supports students need to thrive, including cultural competencies, cultural safety, food security, and social and emotional learning. It also noted the Trustees' decision not to attend the 2026 Canadian School Boards Association Trustee Gathering due to the District's tight budget and the need for careful fiscal monitoring. Appreciation was extended to the administrative team and all those, including students, who contributed to the 2026–2027 budget process.

Received
(No motion required)

13.2 Trustee Reports

Vice Chair Jonkman invited Trustees to provide reports.

Trustee Harrison highlighted his attendance at recent student events, including Maker Day, a First Peoples feast, and the Parkside Secondary School graduation.

Trustee Maitland highlighted her attendance at recent student events, including Maker Day, graduation celebrations, and scholarship awards presentations.

Trustee Maxim advised he cannot attend the upcoming Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) gathering was for personal reasons.

Vice Chair Jonkman highlighted her attendance at the Kildala Elementary Entrepreneur Fair, Maker Day, graduation celebrations, and scholarship awards presentations, and acknowledged the creativity, engagement, and accomplishments of students across the District.

Received
(No motion required)

14. QUESTION PERIOD

Vice Chair Jonkman invited questions pertaining to the agenda. No agenda-related questions were received.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Board of Education Chair


Secretary Treasurer