

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.

**BEAR VALLEY SCHOOL - STEWART
HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)**

PRESENT WERE:

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

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer

- T. MacMillan
(virtual) - G. Fuller

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

(virtual) - J. Nieckarz
(virtual) - P. Barron
- 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 the meeting was being held in Stewart on Nisga'a Nation territory 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.

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:

National Teacher Appreciation Week and National Teacher Appreciation Day, observed throughout May, provided an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the dedication, professionalism, and contributions of teachers and staff across the District. Board Chair Warcup expressed appreciation for the important role educators and support staff play in supporting student learning and well-being.

Red Dress Day was recognized on May 5 provided an opportunity to honour and remember Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+). Board Chair Warcup acknowledged the importance of continued reflection, learning, and awareness in support of truth, reconciliation, and community healing.

Moose Hide Campaign Day, recognized throughout the District in May, highlighted the importance of standing together to end violence against women and children while promoting respect, healing, and reconciliation.

Canadian Mental Health Week, recognized during the month of May, highlighted the importance of supporting the mental health and well-being of students, staff, and families while fostering safe, caring, and inclusive school communities.

Board Chair Warcup further noted the many student activities taking place across the District during the spring season, including athletics, arts and cultural events, outdoor learning opportunities, student voice initiatives, and year-end celebrations recognizing student achievement and success

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 5:35 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8950

THAT the agenda for May 27, 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, April 29, 2026

Motion #8951

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held April 29, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, April 29, 2026

Motion #8952

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held April 29, 2026, be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

6. PRESENTATION: Bear Valley School – Music Performance

Prior to the commencement of the Regular Board Meeting, students from Bear Valley School provided a musical performance of *The Captain's Mate*. Trustees were advised that the school's choir was established following encouragement from a retired music teacher and that students had been exploring opportunities to learn and sing together. Students performed the selection a cappella, accompanied by dance, showcasing their work learning to sing in two-part harmony.

Board Chair Warcup expressed appreciation to the students and staff for sharing their talents and congratulated the students on their performance.

Received
(No motion required)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Ombudsperson Quarterly Report (October – December 2025) dated March 31, 2026 (rec'd April 21, 2026)

The Board received correspondence dated March 31, 2026, from the Office of the Ombudsperson regarding its Quarterly Report for the period October 1 to December 31, 2025.

Trustees were advised that the report included summary information regarding complaint files closed relating to School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains) during the reporting period. No action was required by the District.

Received for information
(No motion required)

7.2 Letter regarding Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School dated May 14, 2026, from Minister Bowinn Ma

Board Chair Warcup shared correspondence dated May 14, 2026, from the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure, regarding the Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School replacement project.

Board Chair Warcup advised that, following the release of the 2026/2027 Capital Plan response, she received a telephone call from Minister Bowinn Ma acknowledging the Board's disappointment that funding for the replacement project was not confirmed as part of Budget 2026. Trustees were advised that the Minister reaffirmed the importance of the project and indicated that Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School (MEMSS) remains a priority replacement project for the Province. Board Chair Warcup further noted the Minister's appreciation for the ongoing work and collaboration between District staff and Ministry representatives.

Received for information
(No motion required)

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – May 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 – May 2026

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

Received
(No motion required)

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

No report was provided as no Indigenous Education Council (IEC) representative was in attendance.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Harrison)

11.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, May 13, 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 Quarterly Financial Statements, March 31, 2026

Motion #8953

THAT the Board receive for information the Quarterly Financial Statements as at March 31, 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.3 Ministry Adjusted Funding Allocations, February 2026

Motion #8954

THAT the Board receive for information the Ministry of Education and Child Care Adjusted Funding Allocations for February 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

**11.1.4 New Policy 1120 – Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies
(Final Reading)**

Trustee Harrison advised that Policy 1120 – Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies was presented for first reading at the February 25, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and was brought forward for final reading and adoption.

Motion #8955

THAT the Board adopt Policy 1120 – Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies.

Carried
All in Favour

11.1.5 Expenditure of Indigenous Education Targeted Funding (Policy 3040)

Trustee Harrison presented the recommendation regarding the purchase of a passenger bus for the Hazelton area utilizing Indigenous Education Targeted Funding. In response to trustee questions, Secretary-Treasurer Fuller provided clarification regarding the expenditure thresholds outlined in Board Policy 3040 and the rationale for proceeding without a public tender process due to limited vehicle availability and supply constraints.

Motion #8956

THAT the Board acknowledge and endorse the expenditure of Indigenous Education Targeted Funding for the purchase of a passenger bus for the Hazelton area with an estimated purchase cost of \$305,320.96 in accordance with Board Policy 3040.

Carried
All in Favor

11.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

11.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on May13, 2026, be received for information.

Received
(No motion required)

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Request to Establish Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) – Kitwanga Elementary

Superintendent MacMillan presented correspondence received from parents and guardians of students attending Kitwanga Elementary School requesting approval to establish a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) in accordance with the School Act and Board Policy 5050.

Discussion included the process for connecting the newly established PAC with the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC).

Motion #8957

THAT the Board of Education approve the establishment of the Kitwanga Elementary School Parent Advisory Council as requested in the correspondence dated May 22, 2026.

Carried
All in Favor

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Board Chair Report – May 2026

Board Chair Warcup presented her report and further commented on discussions with the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure, regarding the Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School replacement project.

Board Chair Warcup shared reflections from the District Student Voice Summit, noting student feedback related to creating safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments. Students identified the importance of addressing racism and microaggressions, supporting access to clubs, sports, and arts opportunities, and continuing efforts to address food security for students.

Board Chair Warcup also highlighted her participation in Maker Day activities and acknowledged the contributions of community members and industry partners who supported hands-on learning opportunities for students across the District.

Received
(No motion required)

13.2 Provincial Council Delegate Report (Trustee Harrison)

No report

13.3 Trustee Reports

Board Chair Warcup invited Trustees to provide reports.

Trustee Maxim shared information regarding a concept he is exploring to support student success and future opportunities for graduates through collaboration with various levels of government and community partners. Trustee Maxim noted the importance of creating opportunities that encourage student engagement and long-term success.

Received
(No motion required)

14. QUESTION PERIOD

Cyra Yunkws advised that she had submitted several questions in advance and would await responses by email. Ms. Yunkws also inquired about the LNG Canada contribution referenced in the Superintendent's Report. Administration provided information regarding the numeracy funding initiative and confirmed the contribution amount.

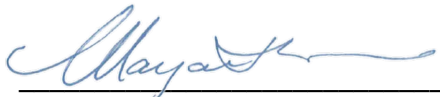
Terry Marleau expressed appreciation for the Board's continued advocacy regarding the Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School replacement project and other community infrastructure priorities.

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, June 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at Board of Education Office in Terrace.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Board of Education Chair



Secretary Treasurer