

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE – HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)**

PRESENT WERE:

Chairperson - M. Warcup
(virtual) - S. Duncan-Green
- W. Jones
Vice Chairperson - K. Jonkman
- M. Maxim
(virtual) - J. Sundell

ABSENT:

- E. Harrison
- A. Callaghan
Superintendent of Schools - A. Callaghan
Secretary Treasurer - G. Fuller
Recording Secretary - C. Gagnon

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Human Resources - K. Bath
Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education - R. Clifton
Director of Instruction, Graduation & Innovation - G. Lawlor
Director of Instruction, Learner Support - J. Nieckarz
Director of Facility Services - R. Schibli

Board Chairperson Warcup acknowledged with respect the school district's business being conducted on the unceded traditional territories of the Gitksan, Haisla, Nisga'a, Ts'msyen and Lheidli T'enneh Peoples. Board Chairperson Warcup shared that Trustees Duncan-Green and Sundell were attending the meeting virtually from Kitimat and Prince George respectively. We are honoured to work with their children and privileged to live on these lands.

Board Chairperson Warcup welcomed guests who joined the first Regular Board Meeting of the 2023-2024 school year 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 Chairperson Warcup shared the start of the new school year was smooth, however, it was a busy start-up with staff and students returning to welcoming, safe and inclusive schools. September is a month of getting to know one another – students, staff and parents/guardians – in an effort to build meaningful relationships and establishing a sense of community within classrooms and schools.

Trustees and District staff recognized and showed their support for Truth & Reconciliation Week 2023 and September 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. By wearing an orange shirt on this day, you commit to the enduring truth that EVERY CHILD MATTERS, every day and everywhere.

A video was presented that was produced and first shared by the Orange Shirt Society two years ago in September 2021 sharing the story of Phyllis Webstad of her orange shirt. Phyllis' story has inspired Orange Shirt Day (now in its 10th year), a national movement to remember and honour First Nation, Metis and Inuit children who attended Canada's Residential School System, including the thousands who never returned home.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Warcup called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared. Board Chairperson Warcup extended regrets on behalf of Trustee Ed Harrison who was unable to attend the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8486

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

All in Favour

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting, June 14, 2023

Motion #8487

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 14, 2023 be approved.

Carried

All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, June 14, 2023

Motion #8488

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held June 14, 2023 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Notice of Motion – Amended Trustee School Liaison Rationale, Parameters & Purpose Agreement

Motion #8489

THAT the Board approve the amended Trustee School Liaison Rationale, Purpose & Parameters agreement as presented.

Carried
In Favour 4 / Opposed 2 (Trustees Mike Maxim & Julia Sundell)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Board Response to Skeena Valley Seniors Society, June 2023 Presentation, Express of Interest for Senior Housing, Former Kiti K'Shan School

Motion #8490

THAT the Board receive for information the letter issued by Board Chairperson Warcup on September 25, 2023, on behalf of the Board, to the Skeena Valley Seniors Society in response to their interest in the former Kiti K'Shan School as a possible building for senior housing in Terrace.

Carried
In Favour 5 / Abstained (Trustee Mike Maxim)

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

Motion #8491

THAT the Superintendent of School's Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of September 27, 2023 be received as presented.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed (Trustee Mike Maxim)

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

Motion #8492

THAT the Board receive for information the Indigenous Education Report for September 2023.

Carried

All in Favour

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Sonny Duncan-Green)

10.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2023

Motion #8493

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2023 be received for information.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 – Trustee Mike Maxim

10.1.2 2022-2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements

Motion #8494

THAT the Board approve the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements and Notes Version: 4505-3759-1777 as presented.

Carried

All in Favour

Upon approval of the Financial Statements by the Board, the Independent Auditors' Report (pages 2-4) will be provided for inclusion in the Audited Financial Statements to the Ministry of Education. The 2022-2023 appointed auditor, Steve Kietzmann of Vohora LLP (chartered professional accountants) presented a verbal report of the Financial Statements and accompanying Notes to the Board at the September 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

10.1.3 2022-2023 Aboriginal Education Fund Carry Forward

Motion #8495

THAT the Board approve the carry forward of \$415,680 surplus in Indigenous Education targeted funds to the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Carried
In Favour 5 / Opposed – 1 (Trustee Mike Maxim)

10.1.4 2022-2023 Draft School Year Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis Report

Motion #8496

THAT the Board receive the 2022-2023 School Year Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis Report for Coast Mountains School District 82 as presented.

Carried
All in Favour

10.1.5 Revised Policy 5010: Trustee Code of Ethics (First Reading)

Motion #8497

THAT the revised Policy 5010: Trustee Code of Ethics be presented for first reading at the September 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried
In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Mike Maxim)

10.1.6 Revised Policy 5015 – Communication & Consultation with the Public (First Reading)

Motion #8498

THAT the revised Policy 5015: Communication & Consultation with the Public be presented for first reading at the September 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Mike Maxim)

10.1.7 New Policy 5035 – Trustee Conflict of Interest (First Reading)

Motion #8499

THAT the new Policy 5035: Trustee Conflict of Interest be presented for first reading at the September 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried

In Favour 5 / Opposed 1 (Trustee Mike Maxim)

10.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

10.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2023

Motion #8500

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2023 be received for information.

Carried

All in Favour

10.2.2 2022-2023 Draft Enhancing Student Learning Report

Motion #8501

THAT the Board approve the 2022-2023 Enhancing Student Learning Report for submission to the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2023.

Carried

All in Favour

10.2.3 2023-2024 Action Plan Commitments – Strategic Plan Update

Motion #8502

THAT the Board receive for information the 2023-2024 Action Plan Commitments in support of the Board's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

All in Favour
Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2023-2024 Annual Board Work Plan & Trustee Onboarding Schedule

Motion #8503

THAT the Board receive for information the 2023-2024 Annual Board Work Plan and Trustee Onboarding Schedule.

Carried
All in Favour

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Board Chairperson Report – September 2023

Motion #8504

THAT the Board receive for information the Board Chairperson Report for September 2023.

Carried
All in Favour

12.2 BCPSEA Delegate Report

Trustee Jonkman and BCPSEA Delegate representative for the Board shared the BCPSEA 2023 Annual Report was emailed to Trustees for their information. This comprehensive report shares progress updates on BCPSEA's Strategic Plan Goals, along with their Operational Plan objectives from last school year. Results from the 2023 satisfaction survey of boards of educations, school districts, and management associations were used to help measure BCPSEA's progress. Trustee Jonkman encouraged Trustees to review the report for their interest.

12.3 Trustee Reports

There were no Trustee reports shared.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

A brief question period ensued with the following comment and question asked:

- Troy Peters, District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) representative for Terrace extended a well done to Director Clifton for the District's In-Service Day held on September 22 to the theme of *ReconciliACTION: Indigenous Education For All - By All*.
- Mr. Peters recently attended a presentation relating to DPAC and a point was brought up whether Reconciliation Training is offered by School District 82 for parents and staff. Mr. Peters wondered whether this is something that could be facilitated in the future.
- Superintendent Callaghan shared the district have discussed a webinar for participation by staff and parents, noting in the interim, the district acknowledges an openness for learning for our community and partners. Superintendent Callaghan indicated the district will try to action these learnings opportunity this school year. Mr. Peters noted the importance that we educate the world on reconciliation. Board Chairperson Warcup suggested to Mr. Peters that he may wish to visit the Nanaimo School District website for the training webinar they provided. Director Clifton indicated they plan to provide training for caregivers with possibly some seats in the learning circles.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting Secretary Treasurer Fuller acknowledged Joslyn Bagg and Terry Marleau, Co Presidents for Coast Mountain Teachers' Federation (CMTF), who were in attendance at the meeting. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Marleau on his appointment to the role of Co-President for CMTF effective the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Marleau shared he is excited taking on this new role and looks forward to working with everyone.

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in Hazelton (venue to be confirmed).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Board of Education Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer