Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.
HAZELTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRESENT WERE:

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

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

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Instruction, Inclusive Education	(Virtual)	- J. Nieckarz
Director of Instruction, Learning Services	(Virtual)	- P. Barron
Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education	(Virtual)	- D. Mortimer
Director of Human Resources	(Virtual)	- K. Bath
Director of Facility Services	(Virtual)	- R. Schibli
District Principal, Curriculm Support	(Virtual)	- T. McDonald

Vice Chair Jonkman acknowledged with respect the school District's business being conducted on the unceded traditional territories of the Gitxsan, Haisla, Nisga'a, and Ts'msyen Peoples. She further acknowledged that the meeting was being held in Hazelton on the traditional territory of the Gitxsan 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 attending and advised the meeting was being livestreamed via Coast Mountains School District YouTube Channel. Trustees and District staff were introduced and Vice Chair Jonkman welcomed newly elected Trustees, Troy Peters and Bryana Jack who were attending as guests.

Vice Chair Jonkman recognized *World Teachers' Day* on October 5th and thanked teachers for their dedication to student learning and well-being. She also thanked staff, families and volunteers supporting fall activities and wished school communities a safe "Happy Halloween".

As this was the final Regular Board Meeting of the 2022–2026 Board, Vice Chair Jonkman thanked Trustees Julia Sundell and Mike Maxim for their service, congratulated the newly elected Trustees and acknowledged all candidates who put their names forward.

Appreciation was extended to the Indigenous Education Council, local Nations, Elders, Knowledge Holders and the Indigenous Education Department for the *September 25th District In-Service Day* that focused on Truth and Reconciliation. Vice Chair Jonkman reflected on the learning and relationship building during the sessions on Haisla territory.

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 5:40 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8991

THAT the agenda for October 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board (Public) be approved as circulated.

Carried
Opposed: Trustee M. Maxim

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting of the Board, September 29, 2026

Motion #8992

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

Carried
Opposed: Trustee M. Maxim

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, September 29, 2026

Motion #8993

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

Carried
Abstained: Trustee M. Maxim

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 KSM Mine Tour presented by Dan Hamel, Principal of Northwest Trades & Employment Centre and North Coast Distance Education School

Dan Hamel, Principal of the Northwest Trades and Employment Training Centre and North Coast Distance Education School, presented an overview of the October 14–15 student visit to the KSM (Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell) project's *Camp 11*. Students from across the District experienced camp life and explored careers associated with mining and related industries.

Activities included geology and mineral exploration, a cookie-mining exercise examining extraction and environmental impacts, heavy equipment operation and mechanics, aviation, surveying and environmental monitoring. Mr. Hamel thanked KSM for hosting the students and providing protective equipment.

Superintendent MacMillan congratulated Principal Hamel on receiving the Career Education Society of BC Excellence in Collaboration Award, recognizing his work with community and industry partners to create career opportunities for students. Vice Chair Jonkman thanked Principal Hamel for the presentation.

Received
(No motion required)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – October 2026

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of October 28, 2026, be received as presented.

Received
(No motion required)

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – October 2026

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

Received
(No motion required)

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

No updates were received.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Business Committee Report (Secretary Treasurer Fuller)

11.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2026, be received for information.

Received
(No motion required)

11.1.2 Ministry of Education Data Management 1701 Preliminary Report

Secretary Treasurer Fuller presented the Ministry of Education and Child Care Data Management 1701 Echo Report dated October 23, 2026, reflecting preliminary student headcount and full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolment eligible for funding as at September 29, 2026.

She explained that the 1701 submission is used to determine funding and monitor enrolment trends. Preliminary submissions were due October 9, with verification and final sign-off required by October 30, 2026.

Secretary Treasurer Fuller advised that enrolment was 108 FTE below the District's projection, significantly affecting the preliminary budget and funding for the remainder of the school year. Updated Ministry funding allocations were expected in mid-December. The Finance Department was already working on budget amendments in response

Motion #8994

THAT the Board receive for information the Ministry of Education and Child Care Data Management 1701 Preliminary Report reflecting students eligible for funding as of September 29, 2026.

Carried
All in Favour

11.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

11.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on October 14, 2026, be received for information.

Received
(No motion required)

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1. General School Trustee Elections

Vice Chair Jonkman presented the 2026 General School Trustee Election Results update. Elections were held October 17, 2026, and Chief Election Officer Cathy Jackson officially declared the following candidates elected on October 20, 2026:

Area 1 — Kitimat	Karen Jonkman and Angie Maitland
Area 2 — Terrace	Margaret Warcup and Ed Harrison
Area 3 — Thornhill	Troy Peters
Area 4 — Stewart	Wayne Jones
Area 5 — Hazelton	Bryana Jack

The new Board will serve from November 2026 to November 2030. Elected trustees were congratulated and all candidates thanked. Details of the Swearing In Ceremony and Inaugural Meeting will follow.

Motion # 8995

THAT the Board receive for information the 2026 General School Trustee Election Results as presented.

Carried
All in Favour

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

13.1 Board Chair Report – October 2026

Vice Chair Jonkman read Board Chair Warcup's report in her absence. The report thanked outgoing trustees and welcomed the incoming Board. It outlined governance responsibilities, the planned Strategic Plan update and community engagement, Trustee and committee roles, and continued advocacy. It also addressed the November 26th to 28th BCSTA Trustee Academy, Scholarship Committee participation and provincial Board Chair calls.

Received
(No motion required)

13.2 Trustee Reports

Vice Chair Jonkman invited Trustees to provide reports.

Trustee Maxim reflected on his service to the community and his commitment to his oath of office. He wished the incoming trustees well.

Received
(No motion required)

14. QUESTION PERIOD

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Chair

Secretary Treasurer