

BOARD MEETING NO. 992

April 9, 2025

Location: Pemberton Secondary School (Library)/Virtual (Meeting will be live streamed [here](#). Refer to [SD48 website](#) for additional information)

Time: 6:00 pm

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"We would like to acknowledge that we are privileged to meet on the unceded and ancestral territories of the Skwxwú7mesh and St'át'y'emc Nations."

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance:

Trustees: R. Barley, C. Higgins, M. Ronayne, A. Lowe, R. Lythe (via Zoom), C. Bickford (via Zoom), L. Turpin (via Zoom)

Staff: Superintendent Nicholson, Secretary Treasurer Haverstock, Assistant Superintendent Lorette, Administrative Assistant Benipal

1. AGENDAMOVED/SECONDED: **"That the amended agenda of this meeting be approved."**

CARRIED

2. MINUTESMOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [minutes of the Board meeting held on March 12, 2025](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [summary minutes of the In-Camera Board meeting held on March 12, 2025](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**A. Chairperson's Remarks**

The 2026 Canadian School Board Association (CSBA) Conference will be held in Whistler. Board Vice-Chair Higgins is serving on the planning committee for the event.

Board Chair Barley and Superintendent Nicholson are preparing their presentation on Bill 40 at the British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting.

B. Trustee Remarks

Trustee Ronayne thanked the Pemberton Red Devil Alumni Association for organizing last weekend's Pemberton Secondary School fundraiser. It raised significant funds to support student athletics by helping cover costs like travel and accommodations.

Trustee Bickford, Trustee Lythe and Board Chair Barley attended the School Learning Plan meeting for Q'aLaTKu7em Community School that happened earlier today. Trustee Bickford presented a report from the meeting.

Trustee Turpin thanked the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) for their recent advocacy with the Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) on education-related issues.

C. Superintendent's Remarks

St'a7mes School highlighted their year-long exchange with the Kuujjuaq community in Quebec. Students exchanged letters in French and English, exploring identity and place. The visit included a warm Squamish welcome, drumming, a tour, and a gondola trip, celebrating new friendships.

Superintendent Nicholson highlighted relationship mapping efforts at Myrtle Philip Community School (MPE), aimed at ensuring every student feels known and supported. Notably, 100% of students were able to name at least two adults who believe in them.

Today, a district-wide Indigenous Leadership gathering was held at Xetólacw Community School (XCS). Thank you to all who support Indigenous leadership across the district.

D. Secretary Treasurer's Remarks

Questions of clarification from the public will be answered during the question and answer period scheduled later in the agenda. Any questions of clarification from the public should be submitted to Board@sd48.bc.ca.

4. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

A. Jeff Maynard on Nt'ákmen Journey

The Nt'ákmen Program was designed to support students in exploring their sense of self, their connection to others, and their relationship with the land. This land-based leadership program was delivered over five full days and involved a select group of students. Some of these students attended the Board meeting to share their experiences and reflections from the program.

5. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS

A. [Christine McLeod from Squamish Volleyball Club \(SVC\)](#)

SVC recently applied for a grant from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation to support the expansion of volleyball in the Sea to Sky region. As part of their initiative, they plan to donate a portion of the grant funding to replace the existing volleyball equipment at Howe Sound Secondary (HSS). In exchange for this equipment donation, SVC is requesting a waiver/reduction of rental fees for facility use at HSS for a period of two years.

The Board thanked SVC for their presentation and will inform them about their decision following further discussions at the May/June Board meetings.

6. TRUSTEE ITEMS - Nil

7. BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

a. Report - Board Chair

Board Chair Barley presented a report on the Committee of the Whole meeting that happened earlier in the day.

b. Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the [minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 12, 2025](#) be accepted."**

CARRIED

B. Policy Committee

- a. Report - Board Chair
Board Chair Barley presented a report on the Policy Committee meeting that happened earlier in the day. A couple of motions will be brought forward for the Board's approval later today.

- b. Minutes
MOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on March 12, 2025](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

C. Finance Committee

- a. Report - Board Chair
Nothing to report at this time.
- b. Minutes - Nil

D. Public Relations, Community Engagement and Communications Committee

- a. Report - C. Bickford/R. Lythe
Nothing to report at this time.
- b. Minutes - Nil

8. GENERAL

A. Business Arising - Nil

B. Information Items

- a. [Partner Group Feedback](#) - C. Nicholson
Superintendent Nicholson walked the Board through the budget input summary feedback from the Partner Group meeting, held on February 19th. This feedback will be incorporated into the budget development process and will support our Education Plan.
- b. [Budget Update](#) - D. Haverstock
Secretary-Treasurer Haverstock provided the Board with an update on the 2025/2026 Budget. The Board was informed of the financial pressures currently facing the district, including provincial funding not keeping pace with inflation and the absence of funding to cover rising sick leave costs. Additional details can be found in the attached slidedeck.
- c. Attachments
 - i. [Media Report](#)
 - ii. [Field Trips](#)
- d. Correspondence
 - i. [Climate Education in Schools](#)
Superintendent Nicholson suggested drafting a response to highlight the district's sustainability efforts and clarify that the district does not accept funding from fossil fuel companies.

C. Items for Discussion - Nil

D. Policy Motions

- a. [Policy 401 Senior Management and District Organization](#) - C. Nicholson
MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves Policy 401 Senior Management and District Organization, with changes as discussed in section 2.2 as well as housekeeping changes, as discussed."**

CARRIED

- b. [Policy 109 Environmental Sustainability](#) - C. Nicholson

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education adopts Policy 109 Environmental Sustainability, with housekeeping changes as discussed."**

CARRIED

E. Action Items

a. [Annual Facilities Grant Project List](#) - I. Currie

The attached document shows the proposed spending plan for the 2025/2026 Annual Facilities Grant (AFG). The total allocation for the 2024/2025 AFG projects is \$1.2 Million.

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approve the 2025/2026 Annual Facilities Grant, as presented."**

CARRIED

b. [International Fees](#) - F. Rawji

District Principal Rawji presented the 2026/2027 International Education Fee Schedule, which includes a homestay fee increase for Whistler.

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approve the 2026/2027 International Education Fee Schedule, as presented."**

CARRIED

c. School Fees - P. Lorette

i. [Elementary](#)

ii. [Secondary](#)

The changes to the elementary and secondary school fee schedule are highlighted in the above linked attachments.

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves 2025/2026 District Elementary School Fee Guidelines, as presented."**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves 2025/2026 District Secondary School Fee Guidelines, as presented."**

CARRIED

F. Items to be brought out of Camera - Nil

G. Bylaws

a. [2025/2026 Capital Plan Bylaw](#) - D. Haverstock/I. Currie

The attached letter shows a number of capital projects approved for our school district for the 2025/2026 school year. In accordance with *Section 143 of the School Act*, the Board is required to adopt a Capital Bylaw for the 2025/2026 5-Year Capital Plan, as per the Ministry's approval.

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education unanimously agree to waive the requirement that the first, second and third reading of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD48-01, be given on different dates."**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education give first, second and third reading to School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Project Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD48-01 as follows:**

WHEREAS in accordance with section 142 of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) (hereinafter called the "Board") has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education and Child Care (hereinafter called the "Minister") and the Minister has approved the capital plan or has approved a capital plan with modifications,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 143 of the *School Act*, the Board has prepared this Capital Bylaw and agrees to do the following:

- (a) Authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to execute a capital project funding agreement(s) related to the capital project(s) contemplated by the capital plan or the capital plan with modifications;
- (b) Upon ministerial approval to proceed, commence the capital project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each capital project substantially as directed by the Minister;
- (c) Observe and comply with any order, regulation, or policy of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the capital project(s); and,
- (d) Maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the capital project(s), as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2025/26 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated *March 25, 2025*, is hereby adopted.
2. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as *School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Capital Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD48-01*.

CARRIED

READ A FIRST TIME THE 9th DAY OF April 2025;
READ A SECOND TIME THE 9th DAY OF April 2025;
READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED THE 9th DAY OF April 2025.

9. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

CUPE President Christina Forsyth requested that any documents discussed at meetings be made available to the public when the agenda is distributed, specifically referencing the partner group meeting summary. She was advised that documents are typically made public 48 hours before the meeting. However, in this case, the omission of the partner group meeting summary document was an oversight.

10. ADJOURNMENT **"THAT the meeting be adjourned."**

Seeing no objection from trustees, the Board Chair concluded the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer