

**BOARD MEETING NO. 984**

June 12, 2024

Location: SBO Boardroom/Virtual (Meeting will be live streamed [here](#). Refer to [SD48 website](#) for additional information)

Time: 6:00 pm

**MINUTES**

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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, R. Lythe (until 8:07 pm), C. Bickford, A. Lowe, L. Turpin, M. Ronayne

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

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

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES**MOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [minutes of the Board meeting held on May 8, 2024](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [summary minutes of the In-Camera Board meeting held on May 8, 2024](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

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

Board Chair Barley thanked all the Board members who filled in for her while she was away due to sickness.

**B. Trustee Remarks**

Board members shared a number of events that they were in attendance since the last Board meeting.

- **Trustee Lowe:** 24-Hour Drum on May 24, 2024
- **Trustee Higgins:** Whistler Secondary School (WSS) Fashion show on May 15, 2024 to raise money for WSS Dry Grad 2024.
- **Trustee Turpin:** National Day of Mourning on April 28, 2024 in Downtown Squamish as well as the Howe Sound Secondary Awards Night on May 30, 2024.
- **Trustee Ronayne:** Pemberton Secondary School Graduation Ceremony on June 8, 2024.
- **Trustee Bickford:** DPAC Meeting on May 13, 2024, National Day of Mourning on April 28, 2024, HSS Scholarship Awards Night on May 30, 2024, Indigenous Education Grad Ceremony on June 6, 2024.

**C. Superintendent's Remarks**

June is National Indigenous History Month, and June 21st is Indigenous Peoples' Day. During this month, we recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience, and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada. Additional information can be found under the News and Events section of the district website.

On May 24th, Indigenous Youth Leadership students, staff, families and elders from Pemberton Secondary School, Xefólacw Community School, Whistler Secondary School and Howe Sound Secondary came

together at Pemberton Secondary School on the ancestral territories of Lil'wat Nation to honour and celebrate culture as part of the 24-Hour Drum event. Photos from the day are posted on the News and Events section of the district website.

June is also Pride Month. As a district, we are committed to ensuring all schools are inclusive and safe spaces for all students, staff and families. Please check out SOGI FAQs for Parents and Caregivers, found under the Families tab on our district website, for answers to common questions about SOGI-inclusive education in SD48.

We have added a number of digital resources on the district website:

- **Language Matters! An Introductory Guide for Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Educators and School Communities:** The Ministry has joined forces with BC Children's Hospital to create this guide. It is designed to help educators and school communities better understand common concepts and terms related to mental health and substance use.
- **Digital Literacy and the Use Of AI in Education:** This page contains resources to assist students and families in their decision making about using AI tools in K-12 education.

Congratulations to the remarkable graduating class of 2024. Embrace the joy of commemorating this significant achievement alongside your loved ones. All the best wishes to our graduating students.

Superintendent Nicholson wished everyone a restful summer break.

#### D. Secretary Treasurer's Remarks

Secretary-Treasurer Haverstock along with a number of trustees and senior staff visited Q'aLaTKu7em School last month. The school planned a wonderful day involving drumming, a nature walk, as well as some gardening with the students.

Later this evening, we will be passing the Budget Bylaw for the 2024-25 school year. Due to escalating costs, each year the budget is getting harder to balance. Many thanks to all of the staff who assisted us in getting the budget to where it is today.

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](mailto:Board@sd48.bc.ca).

## 4. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS - Nil

## 5. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

### A. [District Student Council on Feeding Futures Inquiry](#)

Students from Howe Sound Secondary, Whistler Secondary, Pemberton Secondary and Don Ross Middle School walked the Board through the results of the food survey that they conducted at each of their schools and their next steps. One common theme that emerged at most schools was insufficient seating and students had plans to address this issue.

### B. [Indigenous Youth leadership on Design at the Sp'akw'wus Feather Park at Oceanfront](#)

St'a7mes School Indigenous Leadership Group with facilitation from Matthew Van Oostdam, Land-based Coordinator at St'a7mes School, designed the new community playground at Sp'akw'us Feather Park,

formerly known as Nexen Beach. Students engaged in the design and development process and they contributed innovative ideas while immersing themselves in traditional legends and practices. Their brainstorming sessions brought to life stories like Sinulkay, the Two-Headed Sea Serpent, Kalkalith, the Cannibal Woman, Kwos, the Salmon Chief, the Xaays Brothers, and the Raven, Seagull, and the Daylight Box.

C. [Superintendent's Year in Review Presentation](#)

Superintendent Nicholson walked the Board through the priorities that were established at the beginning of this school year for each department and the progress that has been made to date. The theme for the 2024/2025 school year was Better Together.

## 6. TRUSTEE ITEMS

A. [BC Student Film Festival](#) - C. Higgins

Isa Guerrero won three awards last weekend at the BC Student Film Festival. The Whistler Secondary School (WSS) student's work, "La Mort", netted him the prestigious Most Promising Young Filmmaker accolade along with Top Junior Narrative and Top Junior Cinematography.

## 7. BOARD COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

a. Report - R. Barley

Board Vice-Chair Higgins shared a report about the Committee of the Whole meeting held earlier in the day.

b. Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the [minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 8, 2024](#) be accepted."**

CARRIED

B. Policy Committee

a. Report - R. Barley

Nothing to report.

b. Minutes - Nil

C. Finance Committee

a. Report - R. Barley

Board Vice-Chair Higgins shared a report about the Finance Committee meeting held earlier in the day.

b. Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the [minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on May 8, 2024](#) be accepted."**

CARRIED

D. Indigenous Education Council

a. Report - R. Barley/R. Lythe

Board Chair Barley presented a report on the Indigenous Education Council meeting held on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

b. Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the [minutes of the Indigenous Education Council meeting held on May 6, 2024](#) be accepted."**

CARRIED

E. Public Relations, Community Engagement and Communications Committee

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

## 8. GENERAL

### A. Business Arising - Nil

### B. Information Items

- a. 2024-2025 SSTA Professional Development Day Change - P. Lorette  
The SSTA Professional Development Day and School-Based Professional Development Day for the 2024-2025 school year have now been swapped. The new dates are SSTA PD Day - September 27, 2024, and School-Based PD Day: January 24, 2025.
- b. [Enrollment Update](#) - P. Lorette  
The attached document shows a comparison between the spring enrollment projections and the actual enrollment, as of June 12th, for the 2024-2025 school year.
- c. Attachments
  - i. [Media Report](#)
  - ii. [Field Trips](#)
- d. Correspondence
  - i. Nil

### C. Items for Discussion - Nil

### D. Policy Motions

### E. Action Items

- a. HSS Semester Turnaround Day (New Date: Jan 28, 2025) - P. Lorette  
Howe Sound Secondary requested to move their Semester Turnaround Date from February 3, 2025 to January 28, 2025.  
MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves the Howe Sound Secondary's Semester Turnaround Day, as discussed."**  
CARRIED
- b. French Immersion Review - P. Lorette  
A French Immersion Program Review was conducted this school year in accordance with Board Policy 605 French Immersion and 604 Program of Choice. Assistant Superintendent Lorette walked the Board through the highlights of the below linked report and made a recommendation for the Board consideration.
  - i. [Survey Results](#)
  - ii. [Report](#)MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves maintaining the existing French Immersion program."**  
CARRIED
- c. 2024/2025 Indigenous Education Targeted Funding Budget
  - i. [North](#)
  - ii. [South](#)MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approve the 2024/2025 Indigenous Education Targeted Funding Budget, as presented."**

CARRIED

- d. 5-Year Capital Plan
  - i. [2025/26 Major Capital Submission](#)
  - ii. ChildCare BC New Spaces
    - 2024/25 - Signal Hill Elementary
    - 2025/26 - Squamish Elementary

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approve the 2025/2026 Major Capital Plan, as presented."**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approve the 2024/2025 Minor Capital Plan for Signal Hill Elementary, as presented."**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education extends the adjournment of this Public Board meeting to complete the agenda."**

CARRIED

#### F. Items to be brought out of Camera

- a. Access Zones - C. Nicholson
 

The Province recently passed the Safe Access to School Act, gives the Province the legal authority to prohibit disruptive behaviour that impedes access to school grounds. These zones will be in effect on school days from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and during extracurricular school activities at all of B.C.'s K-12 public and independent schools. This legislation does not apply to school boards.
- b. Strategic Planning - C. Nicholson
 

At the In-Camera Board meeting held earlier this day, the Board approved proceeding with a contract for service with Jo Chrona for the 2024/2025 Strategic Planning Process.
- c. Board of Education Evaluation - D. Haverstock
  - i. [Growth Plan Recommendations](#)

At the In-Camera Board meeting held earlier in the day, the Board reviewed the Board of Education Growth Plan, which has been framed under the three objectives of the Board Evaluation process as outlined in Board Policy 212. The growth plan has been developed based on the input from individual trustees, senior staff and partner group representatives to support the Board's ongoing professional development.

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves the Board of Education Growth Plan recommendations, as presented."**

CARRIED

#### G. Bylaws

- a. 2024/2025 Annual Budget and Bylaw - D. Haverstock
  - i. [Budget Infographic](#)
  - ii. [Annual Budget Summary](#)
  - iii. [Annual Budget Detail](#)
  - iv. [Annual Budget and Budget Bylaw](#)

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education unanimously agree to waive the requirement that first, second and third reading of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025, be given on different dates."**

CARRIED

#### ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY) (called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act , R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act ").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the Act , Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 48 (Sea To Sky) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$83,118,859 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 9th DAY OF MAY, 2024;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2024;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2024;

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary Treasurer

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approve School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025, as presented."**

CARRIED

## 9. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Board Chair

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Secretary Treasurer