



MISSION:
*Achieving Educational Excellence through
engaging and personalized learning*
VISION:
*Competent and confident learners making positive
contributions in an evolving global environment*

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES

May 25, 2026 6:30 PM

Present:	D. Christie	Chairperson
	R. Gratz	Trustee
	R. Pooley	Trustee
	C. Walker	Trustee
	A. McClinton	Superintendent
	D. Turner	Secretary-Treasurer
	M. Skinner	Assistant Superintendent
	K. Black	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
	K. Evans	Director of Instruction
	M. Gauthier	Director of Instruction
	L. Prince	Director of Instruction
	H. Silver	Recording Secretary
Present		
Online:	N. Hazelton	Vice Chair
	D. Albertson	Trustee
	S. Davis	Trustee
In-house		
Guests:	W. Salewski	Presenter, Nechako Watershed Roundtable
	D. Carpenter	SD91 Careers Coordinator
	4 Members of the Public	
Online		
Guests:	4 Members of the Public	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson D. Christie called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Chairperson D. Christie acknowledged that we are grateful to live, work, and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of fourteen First Nations represented by the Dakelh, Nedut'en, and Wet'suwet'en Peoples; and that we are working diligently towards creating equity for our learners through conscious Acts of Reconciliation.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

The following guests were introduced:

- W. Salewski, Nechako Watershed Roundtable
- D. Carpenter, SD91 Careers Coordinator

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda, including the following items, was approved:

- The Agenda for the Regular Meeting dated May 25, 2026.
- The Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated April 20, 2026.
- The Record of the In-Camera Meeting dated April 20, 2026.

26-35 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 25, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

5. PRESENTATION – STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS

W. Salewski, founder of the Nechako Watershed Roundtable, shared a presentation about the Junior Initial Attack and eDNA programs that happen for students within the District.

* W. Salewski and D. Carpenter departed the Regular Meeting at 6:46 p.m.

6. EDUCATION DIVISION

6.1 EDUCATION UPDATE

Superintendent A. McClinton indicated that her monthly report to the Board was attached, in full, to the meeting agenda package.

6.2 COMPASSIONATE SYSTEMS

Director of Instruction K. Evans presented about Compassionate Systems, including that the District is hosting a fall learning session from August 31 to September 4, 2026 in Burns Lake.

6.3 EMERGENCY PLANNING

Director of Instruction K. Evans presented about emergency planning matters that affect the District.

6.4 2026-2029 MENTAL HEALTH PLAN

Director of Instruction K. Evans presented about the District's three-year mental health plan.

6.5 RURAL – REMOTE EDUCATION PROGRAM (UBC)

Superintendent A. McClinton shared information about a summer education program hosted by UBC in Vanderhoof over the summer months. The District is working with UBC to source homestay options for some of the university program participants.

6.6 STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH

Superintendent A. McClinton reported on public feedback received with respect to the draft language for the District's 2026-2031 Strategic Plan.

7. OPERATIONS DIVISION

7.1 FINANCE

A. 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY ANNUAL BUDGET

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner presented the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Process.

26-36 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2026-2027 for School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) for the total budget amount of \$78,760,425 be given first reading.

Carried

7.2 SD91 ONLINE AUCTION

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer reported that there will be an online auction in June 2026.

7.3 2026 TRUSTEE ELECTION

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner reported about the 2026 Trustee Election process.

26-37 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT Darlene Turner be appointed as Chief Election Officer for the 2026 General School Elections.

Carried

7.4 ADVANCE VOTING EXEMPTION

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner shared historical data about low voter turnout at the second advance voting opportunity for Vanderhoof residents during the 2022 General School Election.

26-38 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT, in accordance with section 45(5) of the School Act and section 97(2) of the Local Government Act, the Board request the Minister of Education to provide an advance voting exemption order for the 2026 General School Trustee Election for Electoral Area 1 – Engen, Mapes, Vanderhoof and Cluculz Lake.

Carried

7.5 DRAFT 2028-2029 DISTRICT CALENDAR

It was reported that there had been no public feedback specific to the draft 2028-2029 District Calendar that had been circulated from March 24 to May 22, 2026.

26-39 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the draft 2028-2029 District Calendar be approved as presented.

Carried

7.6 POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Trustee R. Pooley reported that the Policy Committee meets prior to Regular Board Meetings regularly and that, on May 19, 2026, there had been extensive committee discussion about the policies that are being brought forward during this Regular Board Meeting.

A. *NEW* POLICY 100.0.1 – ROLE OF THE BOARD

There was a discussion about ‘Policy 100.0.1 – Role of the Board.’

26-40 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT ‘Policy 100.0.1 – Role of the Board’ be given second reading.

Carried

26-41 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT ‘Policy 100.0.1 – Role of the Board’ be given third reading and adopted.

Carried

B. POLICY 101.0 – STATEMENT OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There was a discussion about ‘Policy 101.0 – Statement of Guiding Principles for the Board of Education.’

26-42 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT ‘Policy 101.0 – Statement of Guiding Principles for the Board of Education’ be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

C. POLICY 101.1 – TRUSTEE ELECTIONS BYLAW

There was a discussion about ‘Policy 101.1 – Trustee Elections Bylaw.’

26-43 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT ‘Policy 101.1 – Trustee Elections Bylaw’ be given third reading and adopted.

Carried

D. POLICY 101.2 – TRUSTEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

There was a discussion about ‘Policy 101.2 – Trustee Standards of Conduct.’

26-44 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT ‘Policy 101.2 – Trustee Standards of Conduct’ be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

E. POLICY 101.2A – TRUSTEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT – APPENDIX A

There was a discussion about 'Policy 101.2A – Trustee Standards of Conduct – Appendix A.'

26-45 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 101.2A – Trustee Standards of Conduct – Appendix A' be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

F. *NEW* POLICY 101.3.1 – ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE

There was a discussion about 'Policy 101.3.1 – Role of the Trustee.'

26-46 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 101.3.1 – Role of the Trustee' be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

G. POLICY 101.3.2 – CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

There was a discussion about 'Policy 101.3.2 – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.'

26-47 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 101.3.2 – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson' be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

H. POLICY 200.1 – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

There was a discussion about 'Policy 200.1 – Superintendent of Schools.'

26-48 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 200.1 – Superintendent of Schools' be given second reading.

Carried

26-49 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 200.1 – Superintendent of Schools' be given third reading and adopted.

Carried

I. POLICY 304.6 – SELECTION OF LEARNING RESOURCES

There was a discussion about 'Policy 304.6 – Selection of Learning Resources.'

26-50 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 304.6 – Selection of Learning Resources' be given second reading.

Carried

26-51 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 304.6 – Selection of Learning Resources' be given third reading and adopted.

Carried

J. POLICY 304.7 – CONTROVERSIAL LEARNING RESOURCES

There was a discussion about 'Policy 304.7 – Controversial Learning Resources.'

26-52 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 304.7 – Controversial Learning Resources' be given second reading.

Carried

26-53 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 304.7 – Controversial Learning Resources' be given third reading and adopted.

Carried

8. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee R. Gratz reported on his attendance at the SD91 Indigenous Education Council meeting that took place on May 12, 2026.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Member of the Public question:

Why do we have to re-do so many policies in one season?

Response:

Chairperson D. Christie explained that Board policies must be kept up to date to reflect current times, so the Policy Committee is tasked with regularly reviewing and updating policies. Additionally, the Ministry of Education and/or the BC School Trustees Association guides the Board to make additions or updates to policies. Trustee R. Pooley added that, there is generally some urgency when the Board receives policy creation/update directives from the Ministry. Superintendent A. McClinton and Chairperson D. Christie noted the importance of the Board continuing its regular review and updating processes even at times when there are several additions/updates based on Ministry requirements or BCSTA guidance.

10. ADJOURNMENT

26-54 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 25, 2026, adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Carried

Darlene Turner, Secretary-Treasurer

Dave Christie, Chairperson

RECORD OF THE MAY 25, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING

1. The personnel report was accepted.
 - Information was received on three non-teaching new casual hires
 - Information was received on fourteen non-teaching new appointments
 - Information was received on one non-teaching increase in hours
 - Information was received on four non-teaching leaves of absence
 - Information was received on three teaching limited duration appointments
 - Information was received on four teaching retirements
 - Information was received on two teaching resignations
 - Information was received on five teaching medical leaves
 - Information was received on one teaching parental leave
 - Information was received on four teaching changes of contract
 - Information was received on two teaching maternity leaves
 - Information was received on five teaching personal leaves

2. The administrative update was accepted.

3. There was an update given on staffing.

4. There was an update given on grievances.

5. There was an update given on investigations.

6. There were discussions on sixteen topics related to Board business.

7. There were no emergent items.