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Achieving Educational Excellence through
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Competent and confident learners making positive
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Regular Board Meeting		MINUTES	May 26, 2025 6:00 PM
Present:	D. Christie N. Hazelton D. Albertson R. Gratz R. Pooley C. Walker D. Turner M. Skinner K. Black M. Gauthier H. Silver	Chairperson Vice Chair Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee Secretary-Treasurer Assistant Superintendent Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Director of Instruction Recording Secretary	
Present Online:	S. Davis A. McClinton	Trustee Superintendent	
In-house Guests:	L. Hart C. Smith 5 Members of the Public	Principal, W.L. McLeod Elementary DPAC Representative	
Online Guests:	5 Members of the Public		
1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chairperson D. Christie called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.		
2.	<u>RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY</u> 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, we are working diligently towards creating equity for our learners through conscious Acts of Reconciliation. Specifically for this meeting, we feel honoured to gather in Saik'uz First Nation territory.		
3.	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> The following guests were introduced at the meeting: • L. Hart, Principal - W.L. McLeod Elementary School • C. Smith, DPAC Representative		
4.	<u>APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</u> The Consent Agenda, including the following items, was approved: • The Agenda for the Regular Meeting dated May 26, 2025. • The Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated April 28, 2025. • The Record of the In-Camera Meeting dated April 28, 2025.		
25-35 <i>MOVED and SECONDED</i> <i>THAT the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 26, 2025, be approved as presented.</i>			
Carried			

5. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Chairperson D. Christie reported on the Board of Education's recent attendance at the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) annual general meeting, including the following highlights:

- professional development sessions centered around community engagement, student success, Indigenous education, and data/evidence;
- keynote address by Lauren Sergy regarding community communication, education and engagement;
- a new Board, including good representation from northern districts, was elected;
- 41 motions debated on topics such as increasing funding to match inflation and supporting northern districts with higher maintenance/building costs, continued funding for pre-K programs, and more; and
- the Canadian School Board Association (CSBA) will host its 2026 annual conference in Whistler, BC.

Chairperson D. Christie also reported on the Board of Education's two recent meetings with Minister of Education L. Beare and her staff, including the following highlights:

- recruitment and retention challenges in the north
- SD91's proposal for a recruitment specialist project
- introduction to SD91 strengths and challenges

6. **DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DPAC)**

DPAC Chairperson C. Smith provided an update, including:

- DPAC's annual general meeting took place in Fraser Lake on May 22nd: five individual parent advisory committees were represented, and C. Work will be the new Chairperson for the 2025-26 school year;
- Three DPAC members attended the BCCPAC conference in Prince George last weekend;
- DPAC was appreciative of being included in the District's recent Budget Stakeholders' sessions;
- the value of DPAC and the Committee's desire to be active contributors in SD91; and
- ensuring the safety and feelings of safety for all DPAC representatives at future SD91 Board Meetings.

7. **EDUCATION DIVISION**

7.1 **EDUCATION UPDATE**

A. **SCHOOL PLAN PRESENTATION**

Principal L. Hart presented the school growth plan for W.L. McLeod Elementary School and engaged meeting attendees to review a section of the plan and share back what resonates most for each group.

Chairperson D. Christie thanked Principal L. Hart for her presentation and commended the overall comprehensiveness of the WLM school growth plan.

* *Principal L. Hart departed the Regular Meeting at 6:31 p.m.*

B. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Superintendent A. McClinton shared her monthly report, including the following highlights, to the Board of Education:

- Share the Love Week and Red Dress Day across the District;
- Stream of Fish mural at W.L. McLeod Elementary School;
- FSJSS' new boat inauguration event; and
- CUPE professional development day on May 9.

C. **SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN**

The school growth plan for Grassy Plains School was presented for approval.

25-36 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT, pursuant to Section 8.3 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) approve the 'Grassy Plains School Plan to Enhance Student Learning' as presented.

Carried

8. **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

8.1 **FINANCE**

A. **2025-2056 PRELIMINARY ANNUAL BUDGET**

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner presented the 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw. It was noted that this is a preliminary budget that is still open for feedback and questions. Chairperson D. Christie thanked the stakeholder group representatives who participated in engagement sessions, as well as the members of the public who had provided feedback.

25-37 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) for the total budget amount of \$78,052,867 be given first reading.

Carried

8.2 **POLICY AND REGULATIONS**

A. **POLICY AND REGULATION 1003.1 - VISITORS TO BUILDINGS AND SITES**

There was discussion on 'Policy 1003.1 - Visitors to Buildings and Sites.'

25-38 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT 'Policy 1003.1 - Visitors to Buildings and Sites' be given second reading.

Carried

25-39 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT 'Policy 1003.1 - Visitors to Buildings and Sites' be given third reading and adopted.

Carried

B. **POLICY 504.4 - STUDENT INJURIES**

There was discussion on 'Policy 504.4 - Student Injuries.'

25-40 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT 'Policy 504.4 - Student Injuries' be given first reading.

Carried

C. **POLICY 1001.2 - COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES**

There was discussion on 'Policy 1001.2 - Communication Guidelines.'

25-41 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) rescind the Amended Motion #24-05A that was carried at its Regular Meeting on January 22, 2024.

Carried

25-42 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) re-opens Motion #24-05 that was originally presented at the Board's Regular Meeting on January 22, 2024.

Carried

25-43 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT 'Policy 1001.2 - Communication Guidelines' be rescinded.

Carried

8.3 2027-2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR

There was discussion about the amended draft 2027-2028 School Calendar.

25-44 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the draft 2027-2028 School Calendar be amended to shift spring break 2028 to the period of March 20 to 31, 2028,
AND THAT the amended draft 2027-2028 School Calendar be circulated for public feedback for the required minimum 30-day period.

Carried

8.4 2025-2026 EARLY DISMISSAL REQUESTS

A. FORT ST. JAMES AREA SCHOOLS

Fort St. James Area Schools:

- Early Dismissal Request for 2025-26 Professional Learning Communities (PLC) time
- Early Dismissal Request for 2025-26 Talk About Learning (TLT) time on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, and Wednesday, March 11, 2026

25-45 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT approval be given to Fort St. James area schools for early dismissal days for the 2025-26 school year for the purposes of Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and Talk About Learning (TLT) time as presented.

Carried

B. VANDERHOOF AREA SCHOOLS

Vanderhoof Schools:

- Early Dismissal Request for 2025-26 Talk about Learning Time (TLT) on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, and Tuesday, March 10, 2026

25-46 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT approval be given to Vanderhoof area schools for early dismissal days on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, and Tuesday, March 10, 2026, for the purpose of Talk About Learning (TLT) time.

Carried

8.5 BC FOOD GRANT NEWS

Chairperson D. Christie announced that SD91 has been chosen as a funding recipient for two upcoming projects:

- approximately \$250,000 for the Fraser Lake farm initiative, and
- approximately \$32,000 for local food procurement.

Superintendent A. McClinton expressed that our District is incredibly grateful to be receiving these funding opportunities.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

One member of the public presented a question to the Board about a capital project matter; however, Chairperson D. Christie stopped the question because the matter had not been included in the June 23rd agenda. The member of the public was encouraged to communicate further with district staff about the matter.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

25-47 *MOVED and SECONDED*
 THAT the Meeting of Monday, May 26, 2025, adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Carried

Darlene Turner, Secretary-Treasurer

Dave Christie, Chairperson