



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

January 19, 2026 6:30 PM

Present

Online:	D. Christie	Chairperson
	N. Hazelton	Vice Chair
	D. Albertson	Trustee
	S. Davis	Trustee
	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
	M. Gauthier	Director of Instruction
	L. Prince	Director of Instruction
	H. Silver	Recording Secretary
Absent:	K. Evans	Director of Instruction
Online	R. Turner-Klopper	SD91 School Food Program Manager
Guests:	8 Members of the Public	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson D. Christie called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 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

SD91 School Food Program Manager R. Turner-Klopper was introduced as a guest to the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The Agenda for the Regular Meeting dated January 19, 2026.
- The Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 15, 2025.
- The Record of the In-Camera Meeting dated December 15, 2025.

26-01 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 19, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

5. PRESENTATION

SD91 School Food Program Manager R. Turner-Klopper presented to the Board, sharing highlights from the first three years of the school food program.

6. EDUCATION DIVISION

6.1 EDUCATION UPDATE

Superintendent A. McClinton shared highlights from her monthly report to the Board, including:

- Numeracy and literacy work in SD91
- Language learning at Mapes Elementary School
- Hereditary Chief visit to Lakes District Secondary School

- Share the Love 2026
- Project Marine
- Spirit North programming at Mouse Mountain Elementary
- Ski S'kool for Vanderhoof schools

6.2 OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIPS

A. EBUS ACADEMY, EUROPE, MARCH 15-23, 2027

26-02 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT initial approval be given for selected EBUS Academy students to travel to Europe from March 15 to 23, 2027.

Carried

B. LDSS TRAVEL CLUB – PERU – MARCH 14-28, 2026

26-03 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT final approval be given for selected LDSS Travel Club students to travel to Peru from March 14 to 28, 2026.

Carried

7. OPERATIONS DIVISION

7.1 FINANCE

A. 2025-2026 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner presented the 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget.

26-04 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT the 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget in the amount of \$80,667,505 be given first reading.

Carried

B. Q2 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer K. Black provided the Quarter 2 Financial Update.

7.2 POLICY AND REGULATIONS

A. BYLAW 101.1.1 – TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

There was a discussion about 'Bylaw 101.1.1 – Trustee Elections.'

26-05 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Bylaw 101.1.1 – Trustee Elections' be given first reading

Carried

8. STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH UPDATE

Superintendent A. McClinton presented about the work being done to refresh the District's Strategic Plan, including that comments made during in-person community engagement sessions would be posted on the SD91 website before the end of the week.

9. LDSS CROSSWALK

Superintendent A. McClinton advised that the Ministry of and Transit has approved the installation of a new crosswalk between LDSS and the Foundry in Burns Lake.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Member of the Public Question 1:

With respect to the Strategic Plan Refresh, were the online survey questions the same for everyone?

Superintendent A. McClinton responded that different language was used in surveys aimed at certain population groups, such as students / parents / community stakeholders. It was noted that each version of the online survey had the same theme.

Member of the Public Question 2:

The graph that showed biggest concern was class sizes/supports but those factors cannot be considered due to collective agreements. How does the collective agreement get fixed so that isn't an issue?

Chairperson D. Christie responded that class sizes/supports are negotiated at the provincial level, so the Board has no say in those matters. Superintendent A. McClinton noted that similar concerns were shared in all formats of community feedback. Chairperson D. Christie added that there is union representation on the steering committee for the Strategic Plan Refresh.

11. ADJOURNMENT

26-06 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 19, 2026, adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Carried

Darlene Turner, Secretary-Treasurer

Dave Christie, Chairperson



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)
VANDERHOOF, BC**

RECORD OF THE JANUARY 19, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING

1. The personnel report was accepted.
 - Information was received on ten non-teaching new casuals
 - Information was received on nineteen non-teaching new appointments
 - Information was received on seven non-teaching leaves of absence
 - Information was received on thirteen non-teaching resignations
 - Information was received on two non-teaching retirements
2. There was no administrative update.
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 eleven topics related to Board business.
7. There were no emergent items.