



Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES

February 23, 2026 6:30 PM

Present:	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
	H. Silver	Recording Secretary
Present		
Online:	K. Evans	Director of Instruction
	L. Prince	Director of Instruction
In-House		
Guests:	M. Moutray	Principal, Sinkut View Elementary School
	Sebastian	Student Voice Representative
	3 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. SHOWING SUPPORT FOR TUMBLER RIDGE

Chairperson D. Christie offered words of support and there was a moment of silence for the people of Tumbler Ridge.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

The following guests were introduced:

- Sebastian – Student Voice Representative
- M. Moutray – Principal, Sinkut View Elementary School

5. 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 February 23, 2026.
- The Record of the In-Camera Meeting dated February 23, 2026.

26-07 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 23, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

6. STUDENT VOICE

Student Voice Representative Sebastian shared a presentation about student-led activities that have happened in the past month across the District.

* Student Voice Representative Sebastian departed the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

7. EDUCATION DIVISION

7.1 EDUCATION UPDATE

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

- Accessibility in Nechako Lakes
- Preparations for Share the Love 2026
- Compassionate Systems Awareness Training
- GPES World Read-Aloud Day
- Increasing Student Belonging
- Ski S’kool

7.2 SINKUT VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAN

Principal M. Moutray presented about Sinkut View Elementary Schools current growth plan.

* Principal M. Moutray departed the Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

7.3 OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIPS

A. NVSS TRAVEL CLUB, COSTA RICA, MARCH 14-23, 2027

26-08 *MOVED and SECONDED*

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

Carried

8. OPERATIONS DIVISION

8.1 FINANCE

A. 2025-2026 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget was reviewed and discussed.

26-09 *MOVED and SECONDED*

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

Carried

26-10 *MOVED and SECONDED*

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

Carried

B. AUDITOR GENERAL LETTER

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner reported that the District will comply with the requirements of the Auditor General’s letter.

C. 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner shared an update about the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Process, including that there will be an online survey and other engagement opportunities for members of the public.

8.2 POLICY AND REGULATIONS

A. BYLAW 101.1.1 – TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

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

26-11 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT 'Bylaw 101.1.1 – Trustee Elections' be given second reading.

Carried

9. DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

Chairperson D. Christie shared a reminder about the District Science Fair that will take place at Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School on March 3, 2026.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Chairperson D. Christie provided an update about the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting that took place on January 29, 2026.

Chairperson D. Christie also reported on his attendance at the provincial Indigenous Education Committee meeting on February 5 and 6, 2026. It was noted that this committee will play an integral role in planning and hosting the upcoming Canadian School Board Association meeting in July 2026.

Vice-Chair N. Hazelton shared a report about the virtual Provincial Council meeting that took place on February 20, 2026.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Member of the Public Question 1:

With respect to the upcoming Trustee Election, why are there three Trustees from the Burns Lake community?

Chairperson D. Christie responded that Trustee electoral areas are determined by Elections BC. Chairperson D. Christie also indicated that the west end area of the District covers a far wider region than the community of Burns Lake alone.

12. ADJOURNMENT

26-12 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 19, 2026, adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

Carried

Darlene Turner, Secretary-Treasurer

Dave Christie, Chairperson