



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

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
	H. Silver	Recording Secretary

Absent:	K. Evans	Director of Instruction
	L. Prince	Director of Instruction
	Anna	Student Voice Representative

Online

Guests:	J. Kennedy-Burgoyne	Principal, Babine Elem.-Sec. School
	J. Fairley	District Principal, Indigenous Education
	C. Larsen	Manager of Facilities
	C. Work	DPAC Representative
	3 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. EDUCATION WEEK 2026

Chairperson D. Christie expressed appreciation for all SD91 staff who work together to help students learn and experience positive moments each and every day.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

The following guests were introduced:

- J. Kennedy-Burgoyne, Principal, Babine Elementary-Secondary School
- J. Fairley, District Principal, Indigenous Education
- C. Larsen, Manager of Facilities

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The Agenda for the Regular Meeting dated April 20, 2026.
- The Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 30, 2026.
- The Record of the In-Camera Meeting dated March 30, 2026.

26-23 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 20, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

6. STUDENT VOICE

Director of Instruction M. Gauthier shared the Student Voice presentation. Chair D. Christie reported that he had attended a recent Student Voice meeting at Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School.

7. EDUCATION DIVISION

7.1 EDUCATION UPDATE

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

- UNBC Academic Achievers
- CNC for Youth Strategy Launch Event
- New Grassy Plains Daycare Centre

7.2 BABINE ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

BESS Principal J. Kennedy-Burgoyne presented about daily happenings, learning and positive results that are ongoing for the students in Granisle.

** Principal J. Kennedy-Burgoyne departed the Regular Meeting at 6:52 p.m.*

7.3 HOW ARE WE DOING? FEEDBACK

District Principal of Indigenous Education J. Fairley gave a detailed report about the successes and challenges for Indigenous learners in our District.

** District Principal J. Fairley departed the Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m.*

7.4 FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING FEEDBACK

Superintendent A. McClinton reported about feedback received by Ministry of Education staff in response to the District's 2024-2025 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report.

7.5 STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH

Superintendent A. McClinton invited members of the public to engage in ongoing feedback opportunities with respect to the draft language for the District's 2026-2031 Strategic Plan. Currently, there is an online survey (with paper copies available) open until May 15, 2026. There will also be an online engagement session in the coming weeks, with the date to confirmed and publicized as soon as possible.

7.6 NVSS SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN

26-24 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT, pursuant to Section 8.3 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) approves the 'NVSS School Plan to Enhance Student Learning' as presented.

Carried

8. OPERATIONS DIVISION

8.1 FINANCE

A. 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner shared dates and details about the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Process.

B. Q3 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer K. Black reviewed the Quarter 3 Financial Update.

8.2 ANNUAL FACILITIES GRANT – FIVE YEAR PLAN

Manager of Facilities C. Larsen presented the AFG Five Year Plan. Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner expanded on the Ministry's AFG process.

** Manager of Facilities C. Larsen departed the Regular Meeting at 8:07 p.m.*

8.3 CAPITAL PLAN BYLAW

A. BYLAW APPROVAL

Section 68.4 of the School Act states, "The board may not give a bylaw more than two readings at any one meeting unless the members of the board who are present at the meeting unanimously agree to give the bylaw all three readings at that board meeting."

26-25 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT the following 'Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD91-01' be given three readings and adopted at this meeting as per Section 68.4 of the School Act.

Carried

B. CAPITAL BLAN BYLAW NO. 2026/27-CPSD91-01

26-26 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD91-01' as per the Ministry's School Bus Purchasing Letter dated March 27, 2026, be given first reading.

Carried

26-27 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD91-01' as per the Ministry's School Bus Purchasing Letter dated March 27, 2026, be given second reading.

Carried

26-28 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD91-01' as per the Ministry's School Bus Purchasing Letter dated March 27, 2026, be given third reading and adopted.

Carried

8.4 POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

A. POLICY REVIEW INFORMATION

Superintendent A. McClinton noted that the BC School Trustees Association helps guide the work of the Board's Policy Committee and that all Boards of Education across the province have been encouraged to review and clean up or rescind outdated policies.

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

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

26-29 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 100.0.1 – Role of the Board' be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

C. POLICY 200.1 – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

There was a discussion about 'Policy 200.1 – Superintendent of Schools / Chief Executive Officer.'

26-30 *MOVED and SECONDED*

THAT 'Policy 200.1 – Superintendent of Schools / Chief Executive Officer' be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

D. POLICY 304.6 – SELECTION OF LEARNING RESOURCES

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

26-31 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT ‘Policy 304.6 – Selection of Learning Resources’ be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

E. POLICY 304.7 – CONTROVERSIAL LEARNING RESOURCES

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

26-32 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT ‘Policy 304.7 – Controversial Learning Resources’ be given first reading and circulated for public feedback.

Carried

8.5 BOARD MEETING PUBLIC QUESTIONS DURING 2026 TRUSTEE ELECTION PERIOD

There was a discussion about how Boards of Education should perform governance and Board business during the official election period. It was noted that this would only take effect for one Board meeting in the fall of 2026 and that any member of the public will still be able to email staff with questions or concerns.

26-33 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) shall hereby suspend all public question periods at all meetings of the Board from the nomination period to general election day (September 8 to October 17, 2026).

Carried

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Chairperson D. Christie and Vice-Chairperson N. Hazelton reported on the Board’s recent attendance at the BCSTA’s Annual General Meeting.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Member of the Public question:

My question is about item 2 of the meeting agenda – territory acknowledgement and equity versus equality. How does the Board define those terms in this context?

Response:

The Board will respond to this question via email.

11. ADJOURNMENT

26-34 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 20, 2026, adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Carried



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

RECORD OF THE APRIL 20, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING

1. The personnel report was accepted.
 - Information was received on one non-teaching new casual hire
 - Information was received on eight 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 six non-teaching returns from leaves
 - Information was received on four non-teaching resignations

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 ten topics related to Board business.

7. There were no emergent items.