



**Central Okanagan  
Public Schools**

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 6:00 pm**

**School Board Office**

**1040 Hollywood Road S**

**Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee V. Johnson, Board Chair  
Trustee C. Desrosiers  
Trustee L. Tiede  
Trustee J. Fraser  
Trustee A. Geistlinger (*by telephone*)

*Absent:* Trustee W. Broughton  
Trustee L. Guderyan

Staff: Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools  
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant  
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Teri Wishlow, CUPE President and George York, CUPE Vice-President  
Nicola Baker, COPAC President  
Jim Laird, COPVPA President  
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*by Zoom, joined meeting 6:26 pm*)  
*There were no representatives from District Student Council.*

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held  
on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

## **AGENDA**

### **Main 26P-046**

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 20, 2026 be adopted as presented.  
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - April 22, 2026**

#### **Main 26P-047**

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 22, 2026 be adopted as presented.  
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### **Changer mes pensées: When Teachers Learn Together, Students Take the Lead**

In attendance: Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction – Learning & Innovation  
Kevin Dent, Rutland Family Learning and Innovation Team  
LeeAnn Yapps, Principal, École Belgo Elementary School  
Phoebe Cseresnyes, French Language Support Teacher

Presenters: Lisa Schooley – Grade 2/3 English teacher, École Belgo Elementary School  
Lynn Harshenin – Grade 2/3 French Immersion teacher, École Belgo Elementary School

The presentation highlighted the growth of both students and educators over time. The presenters described their own learning journeys in numeracy and how their beliefs and teaching practices have evolved. By focusing on students' current strengths and abilities as numerate learners, they explained how responsive instruction helps them better understand and support each learner. Through flexible scheduling and intentional structures, students are given meaningful opportunities to strengthen problem-solving skills, self-regulate, adapt, and take risks in their learning. The presentation also emphasized student voice, broad engagement across diverse learners, and thoughtful, reflective access to curriculum within a dual-track elementary school setting.

*6:26 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting by Zoom.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Staff in a New Role**

The Board of Education welcomed the following staff members in their new roles within the District:

Monique West - District Principal, Human Resources  
Michelle Newman - Principal, Quigley Elementary School  
Leigh-Ann Yanow - Vice-Principal, A.S. Matheson Elementary School

## **MEETING RECESS**

*The meeting recessed at 6:36 pm*

*The meeting reconvened at 6:41 pm.*

## **STAFF PRESENTATION**

### **Indigenous Art Presentation**

Presenters: James Elwood, Indigenous Art Teacher - Mount Boucherie Secondary School  
Lee Claremont - Indigenous Elder Artist

James Elwood and Lee Claremont presented the “Skywoman” painting to the Board of Education and shared the process of creating the artwork through story with the students in the Indigenous Art class at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. The artwork will be hung in the newly renovated Learning Centre.

*6:57 pm: Trustee Tiede left the meeting.*

## **DECLARATIONS**

### **National Allergy Awareness Month - May 2026**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of May, 2026 as "National Allergy Awareness Month " in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **Mental Health Week - May 4 - 10, 2026**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that the week of May 4-10, 2026 was "Mental Health Week" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **National AccessAbility Week - May 31 - June 6, 2026**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of May 31 to June 6, 2026 as "AccessAbility Week" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

## **Pride Month**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June as "Pride Month" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

*7:03 pm Trustee Tiede returned to the meeting.*

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

Samuel Robson, a Grade 12 student at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, queried the "Trustee Indemnity for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year" action item and the proposed pay increase considering the budget pressures.

## **TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

Trustee Geistlinger noted that, following her comments at the April 22, 2026 Public Board meeting regarding the approval of the revisions to the Policy Manual, she has printed hard copies of all the Policies and Regulations for a binder she keeps at home, and has them available for future reference.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Trustee Indemnity for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year**

#### **Main 26P-048**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 2.1% for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$26,102, Vice-Chair - \$27,567, Chair - \$29,794.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Tiede**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

**Letter to Minister of Education and Child Care Requesting Increase to Per-Pupil Funding**

*Notice of Motion from Trustee Fraser - April 22, 2026:*

**Main 26P-049**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

WHEREAS Boards of Education across British Columbia are responsible for delivering high-quality, equitable public education to all students;

AND WHEREAS per-pupil funding has not kept pace with the rate of inflation, resulting in increased financial pressure on school districts;

AND WHEREAS rising costs related to staffing, utilities, transportation, insurance, and classroom resources continue to outpace current funding levels;

AND WHEREAS school districts are experiencing increased student needs, including mental health supports, inclusive education services, and supports for diverse learners;

AND WHEREAS competitive compensation is required to recruit and retain qualified teachers, support staff, and administrators in a challenging labour market;

AND WHEREAS aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance costs place additional strain on operating budgets;

AND WHEREAS school districts are committed to providing safe, inclusive, and modern learning environments that support student success;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

**THAT: The Board of Education write to the Minister of Education and Childcare and the Minister of Finance requesting an increase to per-pupil funding that is indexed to inflation;**

**AND THAT: This correspondence highlight the need for sustainable, predictable funding that reflects:**

- **The true cost of delivering public education;**
- **Increased student complexity and support needs;**
- **Rising operational and capital costs;**
- **Recruitment and retention of qualified staff;**
- **The importance of maintaining safe and effective learning environments;**

**AND THAT: Copies of this motion be shared with the British Columbia School Trustees Association, local Members of the Legislative Assembly, and neighbouring school districts for future support and advocacy.**

**Amendment 26P-050**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

*Remove preamble from motion:*

~~WHEREAS Boards of Education across British Columbia are responsible for delivering high-quality, equitable public education to all students;~~

~~AND WHEREAS per pupil funding has not kept pace with the rate of inflation, resulting in increased financial pressure on school districts;~~

~~AND WHEREAS rising costs related to staffing, utilities, transportation, insurance, and classroom resources continue to outpace current funding levels;~~

~~AND WHEREAS school districts are experiencing increased student needs, including mental health supports, inclusive education services, and supports for diverse learners;~~

~~AND WHEREAS competitive compensation is required to recruit and retain qualified teachers, support staff, and administrators in a challenging labour market;~~

~~AND WHEREAS aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance costs place additional strain on operating budgets;~~

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- **The true cost of delivering public education;**
- **Increased student complexity and support needs;**
- **Rising operational and capital costs;**
- **Recruitment and retention of qualified staff;**
- **The importance of maintaining safe and effective learning environments;**

**AND THAT: Copies of this motion be shared with the British Columbia School Trustees Association, local Members of the Legislative Assembly, and neighbouring school districts for future support and advocacy.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

**Amendment 26P-051**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

*Amend last paragraph of motion:*

~~AND THAT: Copies of this motion be shared with the British Columbia School Trustees Association, local Members of the Legislative Assembly, and neighbouring school districts for future support and advocacy.~~

**AND THAT: The Board of Education work with BCSTA and the Branch for future support and advocacy.**

**Amendment 26P-052 to Amendment 26P-051**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

*Amend last paragraph of amended motion:*

~~AND THAT: The Board of Education work with BCSTA and the Branch for future support and advocacy.~~

**AND THAT: The Board of Education work with the British Columbia School Trustee Association, local members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Thompson Okanagan Branch for future support and advocacy.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

**Main 26P-049 as amended by Amendment 26P-050, Amendment 26P-051 and Amendment 26P-052**

**THAT: The Board of Education write to the Minister of Education and Childcare and the Minister of Finance requesting an increase to per-pupil funding that is indexed to inflation;**

**AND THAT: This correspondence highlight the need for sustainable, predictable funding that reflects:**

- **The true cost of delivering public education;**
- **Increased student complexity and support needs;**
- **Rising operational and capital costs;**
- **Recruitment and retention of qualified staff;**
- **The importance of maintaining safe and effective learning environments;**

**AND THAT:** The Board of Education work with the British Columbia School Trustee Association, local members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Thompson Okanagan Branch for future support and advocacy.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan

**Comprehensive Review - Transportation of Secondary Students**

**Main 26P-053**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT:** The Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools to explore adjusting secondary school start and dismissal times by 15 minutes.

**AND THAT:** The Superintendent of Schools provide a plan for public consultation.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan

**Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools' Operating Budget Recommendation Report for 2026/2027**

**Main 26P-054**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT:** The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools' Operating Budget Recommendation Report for 2026/2027, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 20, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

**Amendment 26P-055**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

NO SECONDER

NO DEBATE

**THAT:** The Board of Education amend the attached Operating Budget Recommendation Report for 2026/2027 by removing the second bullet point under Proposed Additions to Teacher Staffing Allocations (page 15 of the Report) and replacing it with the following:

**‘2.1 FTE classroom teaching staff have been added to support schools in which additional classroom teachers are most needed.’**

*8:06 pm: Trustee Fraser left the meeting.*

*8:08 pm: The CUPE President and Vice-President left the meeting.*

*8:13 pm: Trustee Fraser returned to the meeting.*

**Amendment 26P-056**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools' Operating Budget Recommendation Report for 2026/2027, as attached to the Agenda, and as ~~presented~~ amended at the May 20, 2026 Public Board Meeting to include the following change:**

**The removal of the second bullet point under Proposed Additions to Teacher Staffing Allocations (page 15 of the Report) and replacement with the following:**

**'2.1 FTE classroom teaching staff have been added to support schools in which additional classroom teachers are most needed.'**

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Tiede, Trustee Desrosiers, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Fraser**

**ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan, Trustee Broughton**

**The question was called on Main 26P-054**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan, Trustee Broughton**

*8:24 pm: The COPAC President and COPVPA President left the meeting*

**Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD23-01**

**Main 26P-055**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD23-01.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

**Main 26P-056**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD23-01.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

**Main 26P-057**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD23-01 at the May 20, 2026, Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

**Main 26P-058**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD23-01.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

**2027/2028 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission**

**Main 26P-059**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolutions for the 2027/2028 Capital Plan as outlined on the attached summary attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 20, 2026, Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

Further to her comment at the April 29, 2026, Finance and Planning Committee, the Board Chair again raised the issue of why the Ministry of Infrastructure requires school districts to annually list suggested schools for replacement when school replacement does not seem to happen anywhere in the province.

**Policy Manual Modernization - Rescinded Policies, Regulations, Appendices and Forms**

**Main 26P-060**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: As part of Phase 1 of the Policy Framework and Manual Review Project and the implementation of the Policy Manual Mapping and Sorting Process, the Board of Education rescind the following policies, regulations, appendices and forms:**

- **Form F215 - Superintendent of Schools Evaluation**
- **Policy 340 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Blood-Borne Viruses - Employees**
- **Regulations 340R - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Blood-Borne Viruses - Employees**
- **Policy 387 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy**
- **Policy 388 - Public Interest Disclosure Act**
- **Policy 401 - Role of the Student K-12**
- **Appendix 401A - Role of the Student K-12**
- **Policy 410 - Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years**
- **Appendix 435A - Medical Treatment of Students**
- **Policy 445 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Blood-Borne Viruses (Students)**
- **Regulations 445R - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Blood-Borne Viruses (Students)**
- **Policy 453 - Child Protection**
- **Regulations 453R - Child Protection**
- **Policy 501 - Aboriginal Education K-12 Enhanced Funding**
- **Policy 605 - Educational Facility Planning**
- **Policy 610 - School Sites**
- **Regulations 610R - School Sites**
- **Policy 701 - Early Years Partnerships**
- **Policy 702 - Indigenous Education Community Partnerships**
- **Policy 730 - Charitable Donations**
- **Regulations 730R - Charitable Donations**

**AND THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools to ensure that any required administrative direction, forms, operational protocols, statutory compliance processes and communication to staff are maintained or updated outside the Board Policy Manual, as appropriate.**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Geistlinger**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

Trustees suggested that links could be added to the Policies section of the District's website to help direct parents and staff to District Administrative Procedures or other external governing or legislative resources.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

None.

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2025/2026 and 2026/2027**

Received.

### **General Statements**

- General Statement – April 22, 2026
- General Statement - April 30, 2026
- General Statement - May 6, 2026

Received.

### **Financial Update – March 31, 2026**

Received.

### **2026/2027 CommunityLINK Allocations**

Received.

Trustee Johnson shared that she has been communicating with a Trustee from Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows School District, which is investigating CommunityLINK funding discrepancies and querying how the allocation is calculated. Their district receives \$38 per student in CommunityLINK funding, compared to the provincial average of \$100 per student. The Vancouver School District receives \$204 per student and New Westminster School District \$212 per student. School District No. 23 is allocated \$51 per student. Trustee Johnson noted that the funding formula has not been provided and may bring forward a Notice of Motion asking the Ministry of Education and Child Care for greater transparency.

### **2025/2026 Transportation Services Update**

Received.

## **2025/2026 International Education Program Update**

Received.

### **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Trustee Tiede reported attending the May 13, 2026, Safe Schools Community Network meeting where there were presentations by the CRCL Team (Crisis Response Community Led) and Childhood Connections and HRVY (Honoring Resiliency for Vulnerable Youth).

Trustee Fraser attended the monthly COPAC meeting and noted that there is a new Executive for 2026/2027.

Trustee Desrosiers attended the District Student Council meeting where there was an interesting and varied discussion on the potential 15-minute adjustment to bell schedules in secondary schools.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Received:**

- 2026-04-22 Email from C. Simpson re Review and Revision of the Current Board of Education Policy Manual
- 2026-04-29 Email from M. Bencze re submission of evidence for LDIP CEA Position review (*referred by Finance and Planning Committee - April 29, 2026*)
- 2026-04-29 Letter from M. Toal re Learning disability intervention programs support letter (*referred by Finance and Planning Committee - April 29, 2026*)

#### **Sent:**

- 2026-04-22 Letter of Thanks to Volunteers
- 2026-05-12 Letter to COBSS re recognition of Kelowna Civic Award
- 2026-05-12 Letter to Dilynn Scott re recognition of Kelowna Civic Award
- 2026-05-12 Letter to Hadyn Bosma re recognition of Kelowna Civic Award
- 2026-05-12 Letter to Payton Bischoff re recognition of Kelowna Civic Award
- 2026-05-12 Letter to Karina and Layna Haggerty re recognition of Kelowna Civic Award

#### **Main 26P-061**

**MOVED** by Trustee Desrosiers

**SECONDED** by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: At the May 20, 2026, Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Guderyan**

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Board Chair and Trustees spoke of their attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including École Okanagan Mission Secondary School and École George Elliot Secondary School Capstone presentations, School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at École Hudson Road Elementary School, Central Programs and Services Annual Spring Community Barbeque, TEDx Kelowna Youth presentations, Mount Boucherie Secondary School 4th Annual Walk for Mental Health which raised funds for the Foundry, Red Dress Day, Lunch with Mayor and Council of the City of West Kelowna, Parent Information/Consultations Sessions regarding the new École George Pringle Secondary School, the spring drama production at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, and the Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society (COBSS) Donor Appreciation Celebration.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

- Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Policy Committee

- Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee

- Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Finance and Planning Committee

- Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO