



BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

Date: **Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

Recognition

The Board of Education congratulated the following two students on their recent Scholarship Awards:

- Shaeyllan Beardmore, Grade 12 student, École Kelowna Secondary School
Recipient of a \$120,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship
- Dilynn Scott, Grade 12 student, École Kelowna Secondary School
Recipient of \$70,000 TD Scholarship for Community Leadership

Staff Presentation

1. Superintendent of Schools Report on the Annual Workplan 2025/2026

Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the Annual Workplan 2025/2026. The report was based on the nine Superintendent Priorities approved for the 2025/2026 school year. The nine priorities are:

- Student Agency and Voice
- Equity and Excellence in Learning
- Truth, Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Employee Well-Being and Workplace Culture
- Family and Community Engagement
- Evidence-Informed Policy Governance
- Relational Trust and Organizational Excellence
- Financial Sustainability and Infrastructure
- Strategic Plan Refresh

The Superintendent of Schools Report on the Annual Workplan 2025/2026 is posted on the District [website](#).

Action Items

1. Comprehensive Review Follow-Up – Additional Information re: Possible 15-Minute Adjustment to Secondary School Start and Dismissal Times

The Board of Education approved a 15-minute adjustment to start and dismissal times for secondary schools, effective September 1, 2026.

2. 2026/2027 Annual Budget Bylaw

The Board of Education gave first, second and third reading, and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$397,249,663.

3. Multi-Year Financial Plan (2026/2027 to 2028/2029)

The Board of Education approved the Multi-Year Financial Plan (2026/2027 to 2028/2029).

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2025/2026 and 2026/2027
2. June 10, 2026 General Statement
3. Sustainability Initiatives for the 2025/2026 School Year
4. 2025/2026 Estimated Accumulated Operating Surplus
5. COPVPA Executive for 2026/2027

The Board of Education congratulated the members of the COPVPA Executive for 2026/2027.

Advocacy

On behalf of the Board of Education, and as Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee, Trustee Fraser submitted an email to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. The email covered the following items:

- Increase per-pupil funding and index it to inflation on an ongoing basis;
- Fully fund negotiated collective agreement costs, including benefit increases;
- Provide dedicated funding support for portable classrooms required to address enrolment growth; and
- Ensure that funding levels reflect:
 - o the true cost of delivering public education;
 - o increasing student complexity and support needs;
 - o rising operational and capital costs;
 - o the need to recruit and retain qualified staff; and
 - o the importance of maintaining safe, inclusive, and effective learning environments.

Items Requiring Public Mention

The Board Chair, Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including Graduation Ceremonies, Indigenous Blanketing Ceremonies, Operations Appreciation Barbecue and Band Concerts.
- On Thursday, June 11, 2026 the iGen Finale Entrepreneurial Competition, hosted by KF Centre for Excellence, was held. This exciting event showcased the innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit of our emerging student founders as they presented their business ideas to a panel of industry leaders. The top three teams were:

First Place

ShepherdSignals (Sargeant Shepherd - OKM)

A company providing better oversight of invoices & finances (\$1,900)

Second Place

Markless (Hafsa Erol - RSS)

A company making a portable, reusable deodorant stain remover (\$1,600)

Third Place (tied)

Dr. Whiff (Hudson Hicks - OKM)

A company that eliminates odours naturally (\$1,300)

Third Place (tied)

Swap Tops (Jackson Glendinning - MBSS)

A company manufacturing modular hats with interchangeable, snap on panels (\$1,300)

Overall, \$10,000 was awarded at the iGen Finale alone.

Trustee Candidate Information Session

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Room 355, Learning Centre

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Next Public Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

4:00 pm Policy Committee

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