



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee V. Johnson, Board Chair
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee L. Tiede

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

Partner Groups COPAC: Leslie Atwell, incoming President and Nicola Baker, President
CUPE: George York, Vice-President
COPVPA: Jim Laird, President
DSC: Mattea Sulko and Ella Thomas
COTA: Susan Bauhart, President (online)

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

Main 26P-068

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of June 24, 2026 be adopted as presented.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 10, 2026

Trustee Geistlinger suggested the following amendments to the June 10, 2026 Public Board Meeting minutes.

- Under Information items: rename ‘Survey Results Presentation: Possible 15-minute Adjustment to Secondary Schools’ Start and Dismissal Times’ to ‘Transportation Survey Results Presentation’.
 - *The Board Chair indicated that the titles of items in the minutes match what was listed on the Agenda, so this amendment would not be appropriate.*
- On page 8, adjust the notation regarding her temporary absence from the meeting from 8:10-8:13 pm so it does not appear as though she missed the question and answer portion of the meeting.
 - *This amendment was accepted.*

Main 26P-069

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 10, 2026 be adopted as amended.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

RECOGNITION

Shaeyllan Beardmore, Grade 12 student, École Kelowna Secondary School and Dilynn Scott, Grade 12 student, École Kelowna Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated Shaeyllan Beardmore and Dilynn Scott on their recent scholarship awards and heard about their scholarship application experiences and post-secondary plans.

Shaeyllan Beardmore received a \$120,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship. Dilynn Scott received a \$70,000 TD Scholarship for Community Leadership.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:27 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:32 pm.

STAFF PRESENTATION

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 of Schools 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](#).

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

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

Main 26P-070

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

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

Amendment 26P-071

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education ~~approve~~ grant conditional approval for a 15-minute adjustment to start and dismissal times for secondary schools start and dismissal times, effective September 1, 2026, subject to staff conducting a transparent, accurately titled consultation survey regarding the proposed change. Staff shall report the results to the Board, and the adjustment shall only be implemented if the consultation demonstrates overall positive support.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Desrosiers, Trustee Broughton, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Guderyan

Trustees continued the discussion regarding the proposed 15-minute adjustment, including the survey, consultation process, budget, BC Transit schedules, and implementation should the plan be approved. The Board of Education was asked how the District would assess potential impacts on bus reliability, student attendance, and participation in extracurricular activities, as well as whether a District-wide feedback process would be established. Trustees agreed that receiving feedback would be valuable.

The Board Chair called the question on Main 26P-070.

CARRIED

2026/2027 Annual Budget Bylaw

Main 26P-072

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$397,249,663.

CARRIED

Main 26P-073

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$397,249,663.

CARRIED

Main 26P-074

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 the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$397,249,663.

CARRIED

Main 26P-075

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 the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$397,249,663.

CARRIED

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

Main 26P-076

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Multi-Year Financial Plan (2026/2027 to 2028/2029) as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the June 24, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

8:14 pm: Trustee Geistlinger left the meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

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

Trustee Tiede queried the 2026/2027 field studies and whether the numbers listed were estimates or confirmed students. The Superintendent of Schools advised that they were likely estimates at this point, for annual field studies, such as the OKM Grade 12 trip to Yoho National Park.

General Statement – June 10, 2026

Received.

Sustainability Initiatives for the 2025/2026 School Year

Received.

2025/2026 Estimated Accumulated Operating Surplus

Received.

COPVPA Executive - 2026/2027

Received.

ADVOCACY

Trustee Fraser advised that, on behalf of the Board and in consultation with the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and Trustees, a submission was made to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services regarding the 2027 Budget consultation. The submission requested increased and inflation-indexed per-pupil funding, full funding for negotiated costs and enrolment growth, and support that reflects the rising costs and complexity of public education.

8:21 Trustee Geistlinger returned to the meeting.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Desrosiers advised that she attended the District's Human Rights Committee meeting where they discussed the Anti Racism Framework.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2026-06-10 Submission from D. and M. Price re Indigenous Programming at GESS
- 2026-06-10 Submission from E. Talbot re music program at PGE

Sent:

- 2026-06-04 Email from Trustee Fraser to OKM Relay for Life team
- 2026-06-12 Submission to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services - 2027 Budget Consultation

Main 26P-077

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the June 24, 2026 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

8:35 pm: DSC Rep Ella Thomas left the meeting.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL 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, 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)
 - Second Place: Markless (Hafsa Erol - RSS)
 - Third Place (tied): Dr. Whiff (Hudson Hicks - OKM) and Swap Tops (Jackson Glendinning - MBSS)
- Overall, \$10,000 was awarded at the iGen Finale alone.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Trustee Fraser advised that she attended the BCPSEA AGM. The 2026 Learning Symposium is scheduled for November 30 to December 1, 2026.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

The Canadian School Board Association conference is scheduled for July 5-8, 2026, in Whistler BC and several Trustees plan to attend.

The Thompson Okanagan Branch designed a Trustee onboarding document which has now been shared out to other Branches.

8:38 pm: the CUPE Vice-President left the meeting.

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday August 12, 2026
5:00-7:00 pm, Room 355

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Planning Committee

- Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Policy Committee

- Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer/CFO