



School District No. 51 (Boundary)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

School Board Office, Grand Forks, BC

February 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order

Land Acknowledgement

With gratitude, we acknowledge that School District 51 resides on the unceded traditional territory of the Interior Salish people. We also acknowledge the enduring presence of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. May we always live and care for these lands with respect.

10-Minute Comment Period for Rightsholders and Partners

The purpose of the comment period is to provide an opportunity for brief input on any of the meeting's agenda items that the Board will be considering.

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes

January 28, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Report on In-Camera Meeting from January 28, 2025

The Board discussed personnel issues, properties/facilities, and business items.

Correspondence

Business Items

1. Presentations/Discussion

- Blake Lewis and students from Perley Elementary – Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies

2. Strategic Plan Update (Attachment)

3. Committee Reports

FINANCE

- Expenditure Report to January 31, 2025 (Attachment)
- 2024/2025 Budget Update
 - Recalculated Operating Grant (Attachment)
 - Local Capital (Attachment)

MOTION: “That the Board approve an increase in the transfer from operating to Local Capital in the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget from \$250,000 to \$275,000 to fund planned expenditures.”

- Amended Budget (Attachment)

MOTION: “That the Board unanimously agrees to give the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw all three readings at this meeting of February 25, 2025.”

MOTION: “A Bylaw of The Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) (called the "Board") to adopt the amended annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the *Act*, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 51_(Boundary) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025.
3. The attached “Statement 2” showing the estimated revenues and the estimated expenditures for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$27,500,890 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.
4. Statement 2, Statement 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025.”

MOTION: “That the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) approve the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2024/2025 fiscal year, as read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 25th day of February 2025.”

- Enrolment Projections, September 2025 to September 2027 (Attachment)
- Appointment of External Auditor (Attachment)

MOTION: “That the Board approve an extension to the appointment of BDO Canada LLP as independent financial statement auditors for School District No. 51 (Boundary) for an additional two-year term to June 30/2026.”

OPERATIONS

- Long-Range Facilities Plan

POLICY

4. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course: Learning Strategies 10, 11, 12 (Attachment)

5. BCPSEA AGM – Resolution, Budget, and Audited Financial Statements

6. Board Chair Report

7. Senior Management Reports

- Superintendent Report (Attachment)
 - School Calendar 2025/26 (Attachment)
 - School Upcoming Events (Attachment)
- Secretary Treasurer Report (Attachment)

8. Trustee Reports

- BCSTA Provincial Council
- Rec Commission
- BISM
- BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch
- PAC Highlights (Attachment)
- BCPSEA
- OLRC
- Rural and Remote

9. Around the Boundary

Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events

- Partner Liaison Meeting – March 6-7, 2025
- BCSTA AGM – April 24-27, 2025

Future Agenda Items

Special Regular Board Meeting: **March 25, 2025**
6:00 p.m.
via ZOOM

Next Regular Board Meeting: **April 15, 2025**
6:00 p.m.
West Boundary Elementary, Rock Creek, BC

Adjournment

15-MINUTE QUESTION PERIOD

The purpose of this portion of the Agenda is to provide the opportunity to members of the public, press, radio and staff to ask questions or request clarification on items placed on this evening's Regular Meeting Agenda. While the Board believes that communication with the public is extremely important, the regular Board is not the appropriate setting for general discussion, or comment by residents. Matters currently under negotiation or litigation or related to personnel or specific students will not be permitted. Public with general comments or questions are encouraged to contact the Chair or Superintendent individually.

One question will be taken from each person, after which, time permitting, each person may present a second question. Speakers must identify themselves before speaking. All questions will be directed to the Chair, who may refer the question to the Superintendent or Secretary Treasurer. The Chair may restrict the length of time any one individual may speak. The response to a question will be made during the meeting, when possible, or deferred until a later date when information becomes available. Individuals addressing the Board assume personal responsibility for all statements made to the Board. The Chair will use judgment to stop any inappropriate questions that would be better discussed in a different forum. The Chair may use discretion to terminate any speaker's privilege or exclude a speaker from the meeting if, after due warning, the speaker persists with conduct or remarks which the Chair considers inappropriate.