

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

Open Meeting of the Board of Education

February 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present:	S. Hall	Chair
	R. Zitko	Vice Chair
	B. Bird	Trustee
	J. Massey	Trustee
	L. Van Marck	Trustee
	K. Jepsen	Trustee
	M. Danyluk	Trustee
	A. Lautard	Superintendent
	M. Burdock	Secretary-Treasurer
	I. Zare	Secretary-Treasurer

Absent:

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: "That the Agenda for February 24, 2026, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: "That the January 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Recognition, Presentations and Delegations

Nil

10-Minutes Comment Period for Rightsholders and Partners

BDA President, Janine Fraser, commented on the data from EDI that shows learning deficits, mental health concerns and attendance issues.

Strategic Plan Update

- Diana Marcoux, Indigenous Culture and Student Success Facilitator & Kirsten Rezansoff, District Vice Principal: "Perley Circle of Courage". The program provides a pathway to guide youth toward success, using the concept of a "Circle" as a lifelong guide that supports students as they grow. It was launched

with students this year and includes a weekly learning theme, with one to two classroom lessons per week lasting approximately 30 minutes each. Initiative is built around three core rules: Take care of yourself, take care of others, take care of our school.

- Superintendent Lautard introduced BCSS Student Trustees, who provided the following update:
 - BCSS: Grad hoodies, Grad filling out scholarships, Valentine’s fundraiser, any leftovers were donated to Senior Manor, Senior Class working on yearbook, Ski Trip being scheduled, activity list being created, Musical theater practicing songs, Girls’ basketball compete in Zone finals. Boys completed compete Zones finals last week.
- Trustee Jepsen asked about Strong Start Program support. When someone is sick and program closes, is there way to keep it running. No funding is available to be able to support this.

Business Items

- **Committee Reports**

EDUCATION

- Data Discussion, Kindergarten Screening
 - Superintendent Lautard introduced a new assessment tool for early literacy that is being developed. The intention is to conduct early literacy assessments to help with students’ development. Data has found developmental challenges from the effects of Covid. Trustee Zitko asked if SD51 would be interested in participating with the pilot project.

FINANCE

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the Expenditure Report to January 31, 2026.
- 2025/2026 Transfer to Local Capital – Reserved Budget \$275,000 Ending Balance \$510,192.

MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: “That the Board approve an increase in the transfer from operating to Local Capital in the 2025/26 Amended Annual Budget from \$215,000 to \$425,000 to fund planned expenditures.”

CARRIED

- 2025/2026 Amended Annual Budget (Attachment)

MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: “That the Board unanimously agrees to give the 2025/26 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw all three readings at this meeting of February 24, 2026.”

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

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 2025/2026 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 2025/2026.
3. The attached “Statement 2” showing the estimated revenues and the estimated expenditures for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$27,229,679 for the 2025/2026 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 2025/2026.”

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: “That the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) approve the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2025/2026 fiscal year, as read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 24th day of February 2026.”

CARRIED

- **Enrolment Projections, September 2026 to September 2028**
 - Preliminary Projections based on September 2026. Projected 1,226.750 FTE’s.

OPERATIONS

Nil

POLICY

Nil

- **BCPSEA AGM – Resolution, Budget, and Audited Financial Statements**
 - Budget was projected and passed. Had motions on the table: revising the timing of the AGM, timing for the language around term, housekeeping changes, recognizing the name change for North Okanagan to native name, conflict of interest with Common Law, Elections were conducted.
- **Board Chair Report**
 - Board Chair Hall provided a verbal update of her recent call with BCSTA, outlining:
 - Thanks for support with regards to Tumbler Ridge.
 - Schools are safe space for many students. Safety planning is key to keeping students safe. Minimal to 2 drills per year.
 - Minister Letter distributed regarding Tumbler Ridge incident.
 - Spending is limited and budgets will be a big focus to ensure no over-expenditure.
 - Thank you to Secretary Treasurer Miranda Burdock for her great service and best wishes on next role.
- **Senior Management Reports**
 - Superintendent Lautard presented her report and provided further comments on:
 - Children and Youth with Support Needs will be expanding and strengthening services for children with support needs. New program: Income tested, a family income falls within eligible parameters. Bringing community-based support to school grounds.

Children receive support where they already are, including on school grounds.

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented her report on:
 - Amended Budget 2025/2026, February 1701 Student Data Collection, SD51 Annual Budget 2026/2027, BC Budget 2026, Professional Development/Meetings, Operations, and Technology.
 - Burdock gave a big thank you for all her growth and development and thanked the Trustees for their trust and support throughout her position with SD51.

- **Trustee Reports**
 - BCSTA Provincial Council – Trustee Massey reported out
 - Recreation Commission – Trustee Bird reported out
 - Boundary Integrated Services Model – Trustee Van Marck reported out
 - BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch – Trustee Massey reported out
 - BCPSEA – Nothing to report
 - Okanagan Labour Relations Council – Nothing to report
 - Rural and Remote – Trustee Van Marck reported out
 - PAC Highlights
 - Trustee Danyluk, Jepsen, and Van Marck provided written reports

- **Around the Boundary**

Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events

- Special Regular Meeting
- BCSTA AGM – April 9-11, 2026
- Finance Committee – April 14, 2026

Future Agenda Items

Next Board Meeting: April 21, 2026
6:00 p.m.
West Boundary Elementary, Rock Creek, B.C

Question Period

Questions from the audience included: StrongStart being cancelled with minimal notice, more resources needed to help parents deal with school trauma, new autism funding delivery, and safety protocols at School Board Office

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer