

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

Open Meeting of the Board of Education

June 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

## Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

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| 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      |
|          | I. Zare      | Secretary-Treasurer |
|          | D. Reid      | Guest               |

Absent:

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

### 10-Minute Comment Period for Rightsholder and Partners

BDTA President, Janine Fraser, commented on what she wanted to convey to the new Superintendent and what they needed to know about this area. Fraser felt that the greatest gift is the people who work here. Fraser talked about the storm event that had staff, parents, and the community all working together to ensure safety. She acknowledged Lautard as an important person who's been part of the people in the Boundary and thank her for years of dedication and leadership in her roles.

### Adoption of Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED

["That the Agenda for May 26, 2026, be adopted as circulated."](#)

CARRIED

### Adoption of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED

["That the April 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated."](#)

CARRIED

### Recognition, Presentations and Delegations

Nil

### **10-Minutes Comment Period for Rightsholders and Partners**

BDTA President, Janine Fraser, commented on People who care. Wanted to acknowledge Anna for years of dedication and devotion to student learning.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

- Student Trustees reported for:
  - Presentation by Sophie Perry Van Moll. Sophie has been participating in science fairs since grade 4. This year she participated in – Canada Wide Science Fair – biodegradable alternative working on this project for 2 years. Sophie felt the need to make a better alternative to plastic. She found last year's model to be too brittle and wasn't flexible enough so this year she added a different size to her bio plastic to make it more flexible. She separated the molecules, which makes it so they can float or move more easily and less brittle. District Science Fair was presented on a project board display. Regional Science Fair asked a lot of questions. She won teachers award at Nationals and \$100 and Women in Science. With this win, she then got an all expenses paid trip to nationals. She had to have it printed on a poster board and videos had to be created. She made good connections and new friends. Lots of fun was experienced on her trip. It taught her about different opportunities. Silver award – 20 people in Canada. \$2500 scholarship to the University of Alberta and \$1000 Scholarship to the University of Alberta for participating. This has inspired her to keep improving on her ideas and wanting to do science. Next idea is to keep moving forward with biodegradable and flexibility to keep improving on her project. 396 students were at nationals. Her suggestion to anyone wanting to participate pick a project that you are passionate about.
  - BCSS - Elizabeth – Update: her final meeting – started in grade 9 and was roped into filling in for a fellow student trustee. Become more confident in speaking in front of the board. Kalya will be following Elizabeth when she is done.
- Superintendent Lautard discussed strategic Priorities 2025/26 – The Well at Work Program – still the report will not be available until September. The interviews took more time than expected. Calendar was discussed: Oct 27, 2026.

### **Business Items**

#### **1. 2026/27 Board and Committee Meeting Dates**

- Calendar was discussed: Oct 27, 2026.

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#### **2. School Fees**

- Reviewed

#### **3. Committee Reports**

### **EDUCATION**

- Superintendent Lautard discussed spring reading assessments
- Superintendent Lautard discussed reason for extending the Strategic Plan to include the new staff to be committed to responsibility.

MOTION: "That the Board of Education extend the current 2021-2026 School District No. 51 (Boundary) Strategic Plan for one additional year, with a new end date of June 2027."

### **FINANCE**

- Secretary Treasurer Zare presented Expenditures to May 31, 2026
- 2026/2027 Annual Budget – consideration \$50,000 deductions into teacher expenditure budget.

MOVED/SECONDED

“That the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) approve having all three readings of the 2026/27 Annual Budget Bylaw in this one meeting.”

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

“That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2026/27 be given first reading.”

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

“That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2026/27 be given second reading.”

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

“That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2026/27, be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 23rd day of June 2026.”

CARRIED

#### **OPERATIONS**

- N/A

#### **POLICY**

- N/A

#### **4. Board Chair Report**

- Board Chair Hall reported out on attending the Board Chair Call for BCSTA on June 11th and wanted to provide a few highlights:
- With the recent federal announcement of the social media ban, BCSTA will ensure they are in the room to offer their unique perspective.
- Academy Preparation is under way – the BCSTA is planning a bigger event than normal as it’s the first one following the election. The focus will be on foundational areas such as what the BCSTA organization is as well as our partner groups. More diversity of topics in the concurrent sessions to ensure that returning trustees have a variety of choice.
- With the Trustee Elections coming up in October the BCSTA Comms teams has been developing videos and guides. These are available on BCSTA.org – 2026 Elections will take you to everything you need to know about elections. The BCSTA is registered as a third-party advertiser and wanted a trustee to be the face and voice of the campaign, so Carolyn Brody has been appointed spokesperson as she is not running for re-election...
- Trustee Benefits – in response to a motion from Trustees, BCSTA was able to negotiate access into the UBCM under their Pacific Blue Cross plan. More information is available in the weekly

- but individual boards will need to determine if they want to participate and if this is paid by trustees or included as part of the compensation.
- Lastly, on behalf of the Board of Education, Anna, we'd like to recognize and honour your extraordinary career and the lasting impact you have had on our district. You have served with distinction as a teacher, administrator, and lifelong learner, bringing dedication, compassion, and professionalism to every role you held.
  - Throughout your journey, you have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to student success and a deep respect for the colleagues and communities you supported. Your thoughtful leadership, strong values, and genuine care for others have shaped a culture of collaboration and excellence that will endure.
  - As Superintendent, Lautard led with integrity, clarity, and purpose. Drawing on your years of experience, you have guided the district through many challenges and achievements, always keeping students at the heart of every decision. Your leadership has strengthened our organization and inspired those around you.
  - As you go into retirement after a lifetime of service, the board wants to express our sincerest gratitude. Your contributions have made a meaningful and lasting difference, and your legacy will continue to influence our district for years to come.

## **5. Senior Management Reports**

- Superintendent Lautard presented her report and provided further comments on:
  - As I reflect on my time in SD 51, I am filled with gratitude. It has not always been easy. There have been difficult decisions, humbling mistakes, and challenging conversations. Our communities have faced extreme weather events that have had a significant impact on students, families, and staff. We have also navigated societal shifts that, at times, have divided people and increased conflict. Economic downturns have further complicated matters, affecting student enrollment and creating financial constraints. Yet, despite these challenges, there is so much to celebrate in SD 51. I would like to share a few reflections.
- Secretary Treasurer (ST) Zare presented his report on:
  - Banking – getting very close to going with RBC. Found that this was the only bank that could accommodate our policies. This bank has large support features. The Credit Union has caused large amounts of inefficiencies.
  - School Cash Online – one of the recommendations from last year for dealing with cash was to have more control measures. This School Cash Online will deal with this risk. Tech savvy secretaries say that this will be a good transition to use this new system.
  - Fully automated Expense Claims being implented in stages. AP is very excited for this update.
  - Share Point – Store information in the cloud is more secure than the servers. Sharing and accessing information is easier with Share Point.

## **6. Trustee Reports**

- BCSTA Provincial Council – nothing to report
- Recreation Commission – nothing to report.
- Boundary Integrated Services Model – Trustee Van Marck reported out the application has been sent out. 32 kids on the wait list for early childcare.
- BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch – Trustee Massey nothing to reported out.

- BCSTA AGM Reports – nothing to report.
- BCPSEA – Trustee Bronwen reported out and that it was a short 10 minute meeting.
- Okanagan Labour Relations Council – Trustee Danyluk reported out that the council purchased a new photo copier. Approved the budget. A lot of increase in workload.
- Rural and Remote – Trust Jepsen reported that had a discussion with another member to have SD51 included.
- PAC Highlights
  - Trustee Larissa on Hutton and Perley provided written reports.

## **7. Around the Boundary**

### **Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events**

- 2026 School Trustee Elections - Oct 17, 2026
- BCSTA Trustee Academy and New Trustee Orientation - Nov 26-28, 2026
- BCSTA AGM - April 15-17, 2027

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Catchment Areas
- Strategic Plan
- Long Range Facilities Plan

Next Board Meeting: Sept 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.  
School Board Office, Grand Forks, B.C

### **Question Period**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.**

**ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ON FILE**

**Chairperson**

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**Secretary-Treasurer**