

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

Open Meeting of the Board of Education

October 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

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

Absent: Nil

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED Massey
2ND Danyluk

[“That the Agenda for October 29, 2024, be adopted as circulated.”](#)

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED Massey
2ND Jepsen

[“That the September 24, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes be adopted as amended.”](#)

CARRIED

Correspondence

Nil

Business Items

1. Presentation

- BCSS Fire Suppression – Student Presentation by Erica Harcus and Kieriana Guillet

2. Strategic Plan Update

- Superintendent Lautard introduced the strategic plan update and invited student trustees to share their updates.
 - Cerys Hoover, Kenna MacGregor, and Ashton Finstad provided an update for GFSS. Student council is just getting started, with goal to improve student engagement and school culture. Current school clubs/groups include: announcement crew, drama production, global citizenship, e-sports teams, mountain biking, sexual orientation and gender identify, and many sports teams.
 - Elizabeth Tsigonias, Tara Faminoff, and Adaline Molloy provided an update for BCSS. Highlights include grad class fundraising, field trip to Selkirk in Castlegar, hot lunch program, senior musical theatre production, students attending Kiwanis music festival in Penticton, youth advisory council, career 10 class investigating vending machines, spirit club activities such as costume contest and turkey hunt.
- Superintendent Lautard confirmed the Board will be presented with Student Learning Survey data at education meeting in early November.

3. Accessibility Report

- Lois Ehman – District Principal of Student Services presented the recommendations from the Accessibility Committee.
 - Committee was established last Fall. Surveys went to staff/families shortly after, and then results reviewed by Committee and categorized. Feedback from reporting tool also collected and recommendations summarized for the Board.
 - Key themes include: lights/sounds/flickering/noise/HVAC, increasing of services, accessible furniture and washrooms, improvement to outdoor spaces and additional training for staff.

4. Committee Reports

FINANCE

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the 2024/25 Student Enrolment
 - Projected student enrolment was 1,306.00 FTE. Actual enrolment per September student data collection is 1,283.75.

OPERATIONS

POLICY

- Trustee Bird presented School District No. 51 (Boundary) Board Procedures Bylaw No. 2-24 for third reading.

MOVED Bird
2ND Massey

[“That School District No. 51 \(Boundary\) Board Procedures Bylaw No. 2-24 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 29th day of October 2024.”](#)

CARRIED

- Trustee Bird confirmed the Policy Committee is recommending seven policies be repealed and replaced with administrative procedures.

MOVED
2ND Bird
 Massey

“That the Board repeals and replaces the following policies with administrative procedures as recommended by the Policy Committee:

- 1270, Vandalism
- 3037, The Environment
- 3070, Laptop Computers for Staff Use
- 5070, Transportation of Students in Private Vehicles
- 2000, Retention & Disposal of School District Documents
- 2065, Use of Facilities & Equipment by Staff
- 2072, School Enhancement Projects.”

CARRIED

- Trustee Bird confirmed the Policy Committee is recommending two policies be repealed outright.

MOVED
2ND Bird
 Massey

“That the Board repeals the following policies outright as recommended by the Policy Committee:

- 3063, StrongStart Early Learning Centers
- 2010, School District Banking.”

CARRIED

5. Board Chair Report

- Board Chair Zitko provided the following verbal update:
 - Attended the provincial board chair call on October 24th
 - Confirmed Minister Singh was not re-elected but will stay until new minister announced and sworn in, likely mid-November.

6. Senior Management Reports

- Superintendent Lautard presented her report and highlighted her school visits this Fall.
- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented her report and highlighted the volume of Ministry reporting due in September and October, as well as the value of attending the BCPSEA Bargaining Academy in Kelowna.

7. Trustee Reports

- BCSTA Provincial Council – Trustee Jepsen provided a verbal update
- Recreation Commission – Trustee Bird provided a verbal update
- Boundary Integrated Services Model – Trustee Massey provided a verbal update
- BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch – No update available
- BCPSEA – Trustee Hall to attend symposium next week
- PAC Highlights – Trustees Danyluk, Jepsen, and Van Marck provided written reports

- Okanagan Labour Relations Council – No update available

8. Around the Boundary

Future Agenda Items

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer