



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday March 17, 2026
7:00 pm

In Attendance:

Trustees:

Michelle Waite, Board Chairperson
Susan Leslie, Trustee (online)
Janice Caton, Trustee
Shannon Aldinger, Trustee
Cristi May Sacht, Trustee (online)

Staff:

Dr. Jeremy Morrow, Superintendent of Schools
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Vivian Collyer, Associate Superintendent
Dr. Joe Heslip, Associate Superintendent
Jay Dixon, Associate Superintendent
Josh Porter, Director of IT
Craig Sorochan, Manager of Communications

Regrets: Sarah Jane Howe, Vice Chairperson
Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Trustee

Recording Secretary: Candace Jesson, Manager Administrative Services & Projects

1. Call to Order

The Board Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Board of Education acknowledged that the meeting took place on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation and thanked them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

3. Agenda Changes/Additions

None

4. Adoption of Agenda

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Recommended Motion: (RP-2026-03-17-01)

That the Board of Education of School District No.71 (Comox Valley) adopt the March 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Caton/Aldinger

CARRIED

5. Board Meeting Minutes

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Recommended Motion: (RP-2026-03-17-02)

That the Board of Education of School District No.71 (Comox Valley) adopt the February 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Aldinger/Caton

CARRIED

6. Record of In-Camera Meetings

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- February 24, 2026 – Regular In-Camera Meeting
- March 10, 2026 – Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting

7. Presentations / Delegations

A. None

8. Announcements

A. Board Chairperson Report

Acknowledged the day-light-savings time change and decision. Highlighted the production of 'Beetlejuice Junior'. Trustees gathered at the semi-annual Island trustee gathering in the Cowichan Valley.

B. Superintendent Report

The Superintendent highlighted student engagement in experiential and career-focused learning; shared updates on French Immersion cultural programming and elementary participation in the curling funspiel; noted inclusive, student-centered programming through the Inclusive Education Play Program; recognized strong student achievement at the Skills Canada regional competition and successes in the fine arts; and extended appreciation to staff and well wishes to the school community heading into Spring Break.

C. Trustee Reports

i. **BCSTA Provincial Council**
Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Trustee Representative

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ii. **Indigenous Education Council (IEC)**
Cristi May Sacht, Trustee Representative

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9. Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Committee of the Whole Board Report - none

Next Open Committee of the Whole Meeting:

DATE: May 12, 2026
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: School Board Office: 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay

B. Ad Hoc Policy Committee Board Report - none

Next Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting:

DATE: April 7, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
LOCATION: School Board Office: 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay

10. Decision Items

A. None

11. Information Items

A. Learning Services

i. None

B. Business Services

i. **District Progress Report (Winter)**
Jeremy Morrow, Superintendent

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Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) receive the 2026 Winter District Progress Report as presented.

Caton/Leslie

CARRIED

ii. **2026/27 Budget Update**
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer

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Motion: (RP-2026-03-17-03)

That the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) receive the 2026/27 Budget Update as presented.

Aldinger/May Sacht

CARRIED

12. Board Business

A. Unfinished Business

- i. None

B. New Business

- i. **Revised 2026-2026 Board Committees**

Michelle Waite, Board Chairperson

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Motion: (RP-2026-03-17-04)

That the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) approve the revised 2025-26 Board Committee & Liaison Positions, as presented March 17, 2026.

Leslie/May Sacht

CARRIED

13. Correspondence

- A. None

14. Public Question Period to the Board

Questions were received and answered.

15. Adjournment at 7:55pm

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) adjourn this meeting.

Caton/Aldinger

CARRIED

Board Approved on:
April 28, 2026

Certified Correct:



Harold Cull
Secretary-Treasurer



Michelle Waite
Board Chairperson

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