



SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 19, 2026

7:00 pm

In Attendance:

Trustees:

Michelle Waite, Board Chairperson
Sarah Jane Howe, Vice Chairperson
Susan Leslie, Trustee (online)
Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Trustee
Janice Caton, Trustee
Shannon Aldinger, Trustee
Cristi May Sacht, Trustee (online)

Staff:

Dr. Jeremy Morrow, Superintendent of Schools
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Candice Hilton, Director of Finance

Regrets: Jennifer Nelson, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Recording Secretary: Candace Jesson, Manager Administrative Services & Projects

1. Call to Order

The Board Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Adoption of Agenda

Pages 1

Motion: (RPS-2026-05-19-01)

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.71 (Comox Valley) adopt the May 19, 2026, Special Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Caton/Howe

CARRIED

4. Decision Items

A. 2026/27 Annual Budget Bylaw

Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer

Pages 2-18

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Board of Education

Vision Statement - Compassionate, connected and personalized learning for all.

Purpose Statement – To create safe, equitable learning environments that lift each learner to thrive, grow and to share their unique gifts.

The Secretary-Treasurer gave an overview of the proposed annual budget. Trustees and partners asked questions for clarification and staff answered.

Motion: (RPS-2026-05-19-02)

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) gives first reading to the 26/27 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$173,446,504 at their meeting on May 19, 2026.

Caton/McCannel-Keene

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Public Question Period to the Board

6. Adjournment – 7:47 pm

Recommended Motion:

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

Howe/Aldinger

CARRIED

Board Approved on:

June 23, 2026

Certified Correct:



Harold Cull
Secretary-Treasurer



Michelle Waite
Board Chairperson

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Board of Education

Vision Statement - *Compassionate, connected and personalized learning for all.*

Purpose Statement – *To create safe, equitable learning environments that lift each learner to thrive, grow and to share their unique gifts.*