



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)
Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot)

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Cyndy Rodgers (Zeballos)
Katie Unger (Gold River)

ALSO PRESENT: Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent
Deane Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Corday, Assistant Superintendent
Stephen Larre, Deputy Superintendent
Gillian Leask, Secretary Treasurer
Ellena Gjesdal, Executive Assistant

PUBLIC PRESENT: 8

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairperson Fehr acknowledged, gave thanks, and shared that she was happy to be on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2025:R-023 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the agenda"

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2025:R-024 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board meeting May 12, 2025."



BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

a. VIWTU

VIWTU's Social Justice Committee presented findings from an internal membership-wide survey asking teachers about their experiences with safety, inclusion, and support relating to gender identity and sexual orientation in the workplace. VIWTU drafted and presented a proposed joint commitment to inclusive schools focused on LGBTQ2S+ students, staff, and families, as opposed to the joint Commitment to Inclusive Schools in Vancouver Island West currently in place between VIWTU and the Board, which addresses a broader range of any type of harassment or discrimination. The committee thanked the Board for considering the following requests:

1. Require SOGI 123 training for all administrators
2. Protect teaching materials from quiet censorship
3. Publicly affirm support for inclusion by signing the proposed joint commitment and displaying it prominently in schools, along with other displays such as safe space stickers
4. Hold a district-wide rainbow day during the first two months of school and a district-wide pride event during June

Board Chair Fehr thanked the committee for the informative session and noted that the Board will review and provide a response.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING

Chairperson Fehr reported that there were one labour, no land, no legal.

Chairperson Fehr reported that there was one labour item during the May 20, 2025 meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

a. School Reports:

- i. CMESS: Students enjoyed the Tlitsuu in Zeballos and are heading to Friendly Cove on June 16th. Grad is at 1pm on June 21st.
- ii. KESS: Nil
- iii. GRSS: Grad is at 2pm on June 16th. In September students are going to Yuquot for a camping trip. Two students made the provincial track and field podium, Solomon Pearson and Ken Sevinski. Solomon Pearson also placed 5th at nationals. The Board is pleased that students are participating in sports as it benefits their mental health.
- iv. RWES: Nil
- v. ZESS: Nil

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT

Superintendent Tarasoff reported on behalf of Jorge Llaca, that the IEC met May 26th 2025 in Gold River hosted by Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation at the new hotel, with a meeting summary attached. The next meeting is June 23, 2025 at Ehattesaht First Nation.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Strategic Plan

2025:R-025 MOVED: Trustee, Stiglitz SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the Strategic Plan for 2025-2030 for Publication"

b. School Calendar

The final version of the school calendar was attached for information.

NEW BUSINESS

a. School Fees

No school fees for the 2025-2026 year

2025:R-026 MOVED: Trustee Hanson SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve No School Fees for Students for 2025-2026, as presented"

b. School Bell Schedules - attached

c. School Codes of Conduct

2025:R-027 MOVED: Trustee, Hanson SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the Student Codes of Conduct for 2025-2026, as presented"

d. School Plans

2025:R-028 MOVED: Trustee Hanson SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the School Plans for 2025-2026, as presented"

e. Summer Board Office Closure

2025:R-029 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the closure of the School Board Office to the public, effective July 7, 2025 to August 22, 2025 inclusive."

f. Five-year Capital Plan

2025:R-030 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:

"In accordance with provisions under section 142(4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West) hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Programs) for 2026/27, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2026/27 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care."



STAFF REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tarasoff noted that the school year is winding up, with athletics, class trips, and graduation ceremonies taking place. He attended the NTC Grad in Port Alberni and expressed how wonderful it was to see grads cross the stage and be present with their families. Superintendent Tarasoff thanked everyone for their work this school year to the end of June and a special thank you to those who work over the summer such as maintenance and board office staff. Congratulations to all students on their success this year, particularly graduates. We have witnessed graduates from the ages of 17 to 74 years receiving their Dogwood and Masters. Wishing all those here and in the district a safe and relaxing summer.

b. Secretary Treasurer's Report

Secretary Treasurer Leask reported that overall, the district is closing out the year under budget. She is looking forward to the audit over the summer.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES

Nil.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES

Joni Johnson shared that she has earned her master's degree and that her Grandma Margarita James recently graduated at the age of 74. She also shared that on this upcoming National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 20th there will be Gold River students from both schools signing and drumming at the plaza between 10 and 12pm.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on September 8, 2025 at 4:00 pm, at the School Board Office in Gold River. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for agenda additions should go to egjesdal@viw.sd84.bc.ca two weeks prior to the meeting. Board meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at sd84.bc.ca/about-sd84/board-meetings/.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm

Certified Correct:

Chairperson
Arlaine Fehr

Secretary-Treasurer
Gillian Leask