



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Attendees: All Trustees, Superintendent Dubinsky, Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

Presenters: Principal Mitchell Hemphill, Teacher Stephanie Mervyn, Teacher Erin Collinson

Guests: Barb White – CUPE, Rachael Lesosky – Valley Voice

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

We gratefully acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Sinixt Peoples, and we honour their ongoing presence on the land.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

3. Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved:

THAT the Board of Education hereby **ADOPTS** this agenda for April 15, 2025, as circulated.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved:

THAT the Board of Education hereby **ADOPTS** the minutes from the regular meeting held in public on February 25, 2025, as circulated.

5. Presentations

A. Good News Report

The Superintendent presented the report.

6. Superintendent's Report

- New DL Learning Platform - Brightspace

The new learning platform for Distributed Learning, Brightspace and the process to implement it was described by teacher Stephanie Mervyn.

The Superintendent summarized the history of implementing Brightspace and some of its benefits.

The Chair expressed his appreciation for the benefits of online classrooms, especially for students who may be absent.

- Learning Technologies Update

Teacher Erin Collinson provided an update on progress made as the District Learning Technologies Helper teacher.

7. Trustee, Committee and Organization Reports

Minutes from the Board's recent Policy Committee meeting are found on the Board Meeting Information page on the District's website.

8. Financial Report

A. Monthly Financial Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2025-2026 Budget Development Process and an overview of the revenues and core constraints facing the Board in determining next year's budget.

He noted that all special-purpose funding will continue next year. He explained that the budget does not consider any increases in salary, wages and benefit costs due to collective bargaining with TF and CUPE not yet being concluded. The District uses the assumption that it expects any cost increases for staffing to be funded with new labour settlement funding commensurate with the cost increase.

He noted that the operating grant increase of 1.1% is below inflation of 3%, which will put constraints and require adjustments to services and supplies budgets.

In summary, the proposed budget is a "status quo" budget, but the funding is "tight," so there are no surplus funds for new initiatives, only opportunities to shift spending.

B. 2024-2025 Amended Budget Survey

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the demographics of the respondents to the survey and made a request for all Trustees, Staff and community members to ask parents and stakeholders to participate in the survey.

9. Unfinished Business

A. School Board Office Renovation & Refurbishment

10. New Business

A. 2025-2026 Capital Bylaw

- 2025-2026 MECC Capital Projects Response Letter App. 10B-1
- 2025-2026 Capital Bylaw App. 10B-2

Upon motions duly made and seconded, it was resolved:

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 142 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education and Child Care, and the Minister has approved the capital plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) **APPROVE** Capital Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD10-01, having read the bylaw a first time.

THAT the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) **APPROVE** Capital Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD10-01, having read the bylaw a second time.

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD10-01 may be read three times and adopted at this regular meeting of the Board.

THAT the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) **APPROVE, PASS** and **ADOPT** Capital Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD10-01, having read the bylaw a third time.

B. Policies for Adoption

Upon motions duly made and seconded, it was resolved:

THAT the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 532 – Respectful Workplace & Employee Code of Conduct.

THAT the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 121 – Trustee Code of Conduct.

THAT the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 210 – Communications & PR.

It was noted that regarding Policy 210, an essential facet of the amended policy is that all official communications of the Board can be found on the District website, not other media.

C. Notice of Motions (Policies for Adoption at Future Meetings)

Proposed Resolutions for the Board Meeting on May 20, 2025:

THAT the Board of Education hereby **ADOPTS** Policy 340 – Provision of Nutritious Food to Students.

THAT the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 220 – Inquiries & Concerns.

THAT the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 240 – Participation of Trustees at Public Meetings.

11. Questions from the Public

The Chair noted upcoming meetings:

- A. Partner Group Advisory Meeting: May 5, 2025
- B. Policy Committee Meeting: May 8, 2025
- C. Board Meeting Open to the Public: May 20, 2025
- D. [2024-2025 Board Meetings](#) are posted on the [Board Meetings Information Page](#).

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.



S. Gascon, Chairperson



M. McLellan, Secretary-Treasurer