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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**Attendees:**

**Trustees:** Stephen Gascon (Chair), Chris Dixon, Rhonda Farrell and Amanda Murphy

**Staff:** Superintendent Dubinsky, Secretary-Treasurer McLellan, Mike Hibberson, Justin Buisson, Tessa Wiseman

**Guests:** Zac Wethal (Hockey Coach), Hockey Students Hudson Gascon and Noah Wethal, Barb White (CUPE), and Rachel (Valley Voice).

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

**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 the February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting, as circulated.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

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

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **APPROVES** the minutes from the Regular Meeting held January 20, 2026, as circulated.

**5. Presentations**

A. Good News Report

The Superintendent presented the Good News Report.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

A. NSS Hockey Course

Principal Hibberson presented the NSS Hockey Course, noting the benefits to students and the funding to the district from the additional enrolment grants, which cover the ice-time expense. Zac Wethal described the program, noting its benefits to students, and thanked the seven community members who stepped up to help coach. Students Hudson Gascon and Noah Westhal noted that getting out of bed for early practices was the toughest challenge, but well worth it; they have seen significant skill improvement through skating five times per week with excellent coaching, including stick handling, creativity, discipline, and commitment.

B. Careers – Dual Credit/Train in Trades Update

Careers Teacher Tessa Wiseman presented the District's Dual Credit Programs. Students have benefits. There are now four partner colleges, providing numerous options locally and online. The dual credit courses can open up pathways and apprenticeships. The District provides individualized career support to students.

C. Numeracy Community of Practice

Vice-Principal Buisson presented the progress made by the Numeracy Community of Practice in improving the teaching of numeracy, including diverse techniques, local subject inclusion, and cross-subject learning.

**7. Trustee, Committee and Organization Reports**

**8. Financial Report**

A. Monthly Financial Report

B. 2025-2026 Amended Budget

The Chair read the full Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

Upon motions duly made and seconded, it was resolved:

**THAT** the Board of Education give the 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw first reading;

**THAT** the Board of Education give the 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw second reading;

**THAT** the Board give the 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw third reading;

**AND THAT** the Board of Education **APPROVE, PASS, and ADOPT** the 2025-2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

C. 2026-2027 Budget Process

Upon motions duly made and seconded, it was resolved:

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **ADOPTS** the 2026-2027 Budget Development Process & Schedule.

**9. Unfinished Business**

A. School Board Office Renovation & Refurbishment

**10. New Business**

A. 2026-2027 Schools' Calendar

The Superintendent noted that next year's school calendar is the third year of the District's three-year school calendar. It has been reviewed by Partner Groups, and no proposed changes were made.

B. Policies for Amendment:

- Policy 320 Participation in Graduation Ceremonies
- Policy 332 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion in Schools
- Policy 301 – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Upon motions duly made and seconded, it was resolved:

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 320 – Participation in Graduation Ceremonies, as circulated.

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 332 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion in Schools, as circulated.

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 301 – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, as circulated.

C. Notice of Motions – Policies:

A notice of motions was made for future meetings:

**Notice of Motions for the Board Meeting on April 7, 2026**

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 330 – Child and Youth Protection.

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 510 – Recruitment and Selection of Exempt Staff.

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 530 – Safe and Caring Schools.

**Notice of Motions for the Board Meeting on June 16, 2026**

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 623 – Purchasing of Goods and Services.

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 630 – Child Care.

**THAT** the Board of Education hereby **AMENDS** Policy 641 – Disposal of Land or Improvements.

**11. Questions from the Public**

**12. Upcoming Dates**

- A. Policy Committee Meeting: March 12, 2026
- B. School Board Office closure for Spring Break: March 14, 2026 to March 29, 2026
- C. Board Meeting Open to the Public: April 7, 2026
- D. Partner Group Advisory Meeting: April 30, 2026
- E. The [2025-2026 Board Meetings](#) schedule is available on the [Board Meetings Information Page](#).

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.