

MINUTES

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (Peace River North)

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026
5:30 p.m.

Present: Helen Gilbert, Chair – Board of Education (Area 5)
Nicole Gilliss, Vice-Chair (Area 3)
Ida Campbell, Trustee (Area 4)
David Scott-Moncrieff, Trustee (Area 2)
Bill Snow (Area 5)
Tom Whitton, Trustee (Area 5)

Stephen Petrucci, Superintendent of Schools
Wade Hart, Assistant Superintendent
Angela Telford, Secretary-Treasurer
Londa Livingstone, Recording Secretary



(Guests/Media) Ruth Prarthana Stephen Albert (Moose Media)

Regrets: Madeleine Lehmann, Trustee (Area 1)

This Regular Board Meeting will be recorded and uploaded to our district website

Disclaimer: The definitive documentation and decisions of the Board are documented in the meeting minutes

Any use of an electronic device such as a computer or cell phone is related to the business of the meeting

The core values that guide the work of the school district are *RESPECT, COMPASSION, HONESTY, RESPONSIBILITY, and RELATIONSHIPS.*

Call to Order Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Acknowledgement that today's Board Meeting is being held within the traditional territory of the Dane Zaa and Treaty 8.

Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Motion # 76-26

Campbell/Snow
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Presentations/Delegations

School District 60 Music Presentation

- Trustee Scott-Moncrieff asked what single change would most improve the band program.

- Mrs. Brooks responded that having a trained band teacher in every elementary school would significantly strengthen the program.
- Trustee Whitton inquired about the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the band program and whether it has been positive, negative, or neutral.
- Mrs. Brooks replied that music and physical education are among the few areas where AI cannot replace human experience. She emphasized that band helps students develop collaboration and other soft skills through working together and interacting with students from different schools. While AI can serve as a useful tool, she indicated that it has limited effectiveness in music creation and instruction, noting that students who have attempted to use AI for songwriting have found it inadequate for band-related purposes.

Trustee Engagement/Celebrations

At this time, opportunity was given for Trustees to report on activities undertaken and/or information of interest:

Trustee Campbell (Area 4)

- Attended the Food Fair in Taylor.
- Attended the Taylor "Meet the Author" event featuring student authors.
- Attended the Indigenous Graduation Ceremony.
- Attended the Long Service and Retirement Banquet
- contact with PACS

Vice-Chair Gilliss (Area 3)

- Judged the speech competition at École Central Elementary School.
- Attended the Committee of the Whole Meeting in Buick Creek.
- Participated in Director of Instruction interviews.
- Attended Hudson's Hope School Sports Day.
- Attended the BCPSEA AGM virtually.
- Assisted the North Peace Secondary Prom at the curling rink.

Trustee Scott-Moncrieff (Area 2)

- Attended the Committee of the Whole Meeting in Buick Creek.
- Attended the Buick Creek PAC meeting.
- Attended the District Track Meet.
- Attended the Long Service and Retirement Banquet.
- Attended the School District chili cook-off.
- Attended the Buick Creek year-end dinner.
- Attended a breakfast event in Upper Pine.

Trustee Snow (Area 5)

- Visited North Peace Secondary School, Bert Bowes Middle School, Bert Ambrose Elementary School, and the Energetic Learning Campus.
- Attended the Committee of the Whole Meeting in Buick Creek.
- Attended the DPAC/SUPAC meeting.
- Attended the District Track Meet.
- Attended the Middle School Baseball Tournament.
- Umpired at the Elementary Slow-Pitch Tournament.
- Attended the Dr. Kearney Entrepreneur's Market.
- Attended the Long Service and Retirement Banquet.
- Attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

Trustee Whitton (Area 5)

- Attended Doig Days.

Chair Gilbert (Area 5)

- Completed the Ready, Set, Learn program in early June.
- Judged the Regional District Public Speaking Competition.
- Participated in Agenda Setting and Review Meetings.
- Met with the Secretary-Treasurer and Transportation Supervisor.
- Attended Indigenous Graduation
- Attended an Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting.
- Attended a Northern Lights College Convocation
 - Declining international student enrolment was noted.
- Attended the District Track Meet.
- Attended the Long Service and Retirement Banquet.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Approval of the Minutes

Motion # 77-26

Snow/Whitton

THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The following business arose from the above noted Minutes:

- Secretary-Treasurer Telford provided an update on the action item regarding the Clearview Arena and confirmed it is attached to the same dugout as the school.

Approval of Excerpts

Motion # 78-26

Campbell/Snow

THAT the excerpts from the April 20, 2026, In Camera Meeting Minutes be approved and appended to these Regular Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED.

Announcements & Reminders

June 17	Trustee Info Session	5:30 p.m.	Board Office
June 19	NPSS Graduation	1:30 p.m.	North Peace Arena
June 25	Last Day for Students		
June 26	Hudson's Hope Graduation	1:00 p.m.	HH School
June 26	Administrative Day – Schools Close		
Aug 24	Board Meeting (Tentative)	5:30 p.m.	Board Office
Aug 26	Trustee Info Session	5:30 p.m.	Board Office
Sep 8	Schools Open		
Sep 21	Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Board Office
Sep 22	SUP-PAC Meeting	12:00 p.m.	Board Office
Sep 25	NID Day (School Planning)		
Sep 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day		

Senior Staff Reports

Superintendent's Report

A written and electronic report was presented. Topics discussed and reported included:

Human Resources Summary for Teachers & AO's

- For information purposes

Superintendent's Report

<https://togetherwelearn.prn.bc.ca/2026/06/11/superintendents-report-june-2026/>

- For information purposes

Security Issues in Schools

- For Information purposes

Community Coaches

- See motion below

Motion # 79-26

Whitton/Scott-Moncrieff

THAT the Board accept the Superintendent's Report with the exception of School Frameworks 2025-2026 and Community Coaches.

CARRIED.

Motion # 80-26

Campbell/Snow

THAT the Board approves the School Frameworks 2025-2026 as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion # 81-26

Scott-Moncrieff/Whitton

THAT the Board approves the Community Coaches as presented.

CARRIED.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

A written report was presented. Topics discussed and reported included:

Finance Update to May 31, 2026

- Secretary-Treasurer Telford presented the Finance Update to May 31, 2026, for information.
- Secretary-Treasurer Telford advised that the district received approximately \$1.4 million in labour settlement funding for teachers and exempt staff.
Chair Gilbert noted that exempt staff received a lower wage increase than teachers.
- Secretary-Treasurer Telford confirmed that exempt staff received a 2.5% increase.

Carbon Neutral Report (Attachment)

- The Carbon Neutral Report was received for information.
- Trustee Whitton inquired whether the carbon neutral payment was lower than the previous year.
- **ACTION**: Secretary-Treasurer Telford will provide a comparison with the previous year's payment.

School Access Security Update

- Feedback from schools indicates a preference for maintaining unlocked main doors during school hours. District Staff are reviewing

options to determine the most appropriate and consistent approach across the district. Cost estimates are still being developed; however, funding has been included in the Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) submission.

- Childcare facilities will require separate consideration, as some programs begin operating as early as 7:00 a.m. District Staff reviewing access procedures for non-student facilities.
- Next steps include establishing a timeline for implementation and reviewing priorities, with schools identified as the first priority.
- Superintendent Petrucci noted that some buildings currently rely on personnel-based access control while others use mechanical systems. District Staff's goal is to establish consistent access procedures across all District facilities.

Human Resources Summary Report

- For information purposes

Elections Information Session (*Attachment*)

Motion # 82-26

Scott-Moncrieff/Campbell
THAT the Board accept the Secretary-Treasurer's Report

CARRIED.

Reports of Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approval of the Minutes – June 1, 2026

Motion # 83-26

Snow/Scott-Moncrieff
THAT the Board accept the Regular Committee of the Whole minutes of June 1, 2026 and its recommendations

CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The following business arose from the above noted Minutes:

Policy Committee

Motion # 84-26

- a) 1013 – Delegation of Authority
Gilliss/
That the Board of Education issue a Notice of Motion for the adoption of Policy 1013 – Delegation of Authority

Motion # 85-26

3003 – Selection of Learning Resources
Campbell/
That the Board of Education issue a Notice of Motion for the adoption of 3003 – Selection of Learning Resources

Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Updates

None

Other Reports

BCSTA

- Chair Gilbert provided an update from the recent Board Chair Call.
 - Trustees were advised that the upcoming conference in Whistler is fully booked.

- The BCSTA Academy format has been revised and will consist of full-day sessions on Thursday and Friday, followed by a half-day session on Saturday.
- BCSTA continues to focus on trustee election awareness and recruitment. Advertising and promotional materials will feature outgoing past president Caroline Broady, who is not seeking re-election.
- BCSTA representatives met with the Minister Beare and Opposition Critic for Education, both agreed

BCPSEA

- Vice-Chair Gilliss reported on the BCPSEA AGM. The meeting primarily focused on the presentation and approval of the financial statements.

Board Pro-D Committee

- Chair Gilbert discussed professional development opportunities for Trustees and noted the availability of twelve learning modules through BCSTA.
- **ACTION:** Obtain the twelve BCSTA learning modules for Trustee review.

Correspondence

2026-2027 Preliminary Annual Budget (Attachments)

Angela Telford, Secretary-Treasurer

Motion # 86-26

Scott-Moncrieff/Campbell

THAT the Board adopt that the Third and Final Reading of 2026-2027 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw be done in short form

CARRIED

Motion # 87-26

Whitton/Gillis

THAT the Board THAT adopt the Third and Final Reading of 2026-2027 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw

CARRIED

2027-2028 Major Five-Year Capital Plan (Attachment)

Angela Telford, Secretary-Treasurer

Motion # 88-26

Snow/Scott-Moncrieff

That the Board of Education approve the attached 2027-2028 Major Five-Year Capital Plan submission

CARRIED

Whitton – Any Discussion about École Central Elementary school
Telford – they had a full revamp of the face and interior of the school.

Unfinished Business

- Chair Gilbert provided an update regarding the OPS site.
 - The site is expected to be turned over to operators on June 22, 2026. A walkthrough and open house are being planned.
 - Chair Gilbert noted that concerns had previously been raised regarding student safety. Based on the proposed hours of operation, there should be minimal interaction between students and site users during school travel times in the morning.

- Chair Gilbert advised that drug testing services will be provided through the First Nations Health Authority. Several questions remain unanswered, including whether updated usage statistics will be provided.
- **ACTION:** Chair Gilbert will follow up regarding updated site usage statistics.
- Trustee Whitton inquired about the use of spectrometers at the site.
- **ACTION:** Chair Gilbert will follow up regarding the use of spectrometers at the OPS site.

New Business

None

PRNTA Update – Donna Bulmer, President

No report, not present

CUPE Local #4653 Update – Jennie Copeland, President

No report, not present

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Report – Athena Andritz, President

No report, not present

Questions from Press/Public

None

Suspension & Move into In-Camera Meeting

Motion # 89-26

Snow/Whitton

THAT the Board suspend the Regular Meeting and move into the In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED.

Motion # 97-26

Campbell/Snow

THAT the Board resume the Regular Meeting and those Motions made In Camera be brought forward for implementation.

CARRIED.

Adjournment

Motion # 98 -26

Snow/Scott-Moncrieff

THAT the meeting be adjourned. 8:02 p.m.)

CARRIED.

HELEN GILBERT, CHAIR,
BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANGELA TELFORD,
SECRETARY-TREASURER