

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

Open Meeting of the Board of Education
December 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	R. Zitko	Chair
	S. Hall	Vice Chair
	B. Bird	Trustee
	L. Van Marck	Trustee
	M. Danyluk	Trustee
	K. Jepsen	Trustee
	A. Lautard	Superintendent
	M. Burdock	Secretary-Treasurer
	J. Massey	Trustee

Absent: Nil

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED

["That the Agenda for December 17, 2024, be adopted as circulated."](#)

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED

["That the November 26, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated."](#)

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

["That the November 26, 2024, Election Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated."](#)

CARRIED

Correspondence

Nil

Business Items

1. Strategic Plan Update

- Superintendent Lautard introduced the strategic plan update and invited student trustees to share their updates.
 - Cerys Hoover provided an update for GFSS – The Global Citizenship Club ran a food drive and participated in the annual Write for Rights; the Art Gala is on display; there was a staff vs student volleyball game; the Ski and Board Club is preparing for a trip to Big White in January and there is a school dance scheduled in February. Beautification of the school includes signage and murals, and student announcements have encouraged more student voice and participation.
 - Elizabeth Tsigonias and Adaline Molloy provided an update for BCSS - the theatre group production of Chicago will be in January, the Youth Advisory Council is still discussing vending machines; Spirit Club is running activities: decorating contests, Christmas spirit day, minute-to-win-it games; spirit wear has been delivered; basketball season started; gr. 10 and 12 students went to a museum and rock climbing in Kelowna; and the Physics 11/12 class went skating in Midway.
- Superintendent Lautard highlighted the strategic initiative updates including the Neuro-sequential Model for Education being guided by Kirsten Rezansoff and Peter Scott, as well as Peter Scott’s Applied Design Skills and Technologies (ADST) portfolio.

2. Committee Reports

FINANCE

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the Expenditure Report to November 30/2024 and provided the following highlights:
 - Salaries and benefits are on track. Substitute/replacement costs continue to trend high. Will review in more detail at Finance Committee meeting in January.
 - Spending on supplies and services is on track.
- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the 2025-2026 Budget Process and highlighting the key goals of improving stakeholder engagement and improving alignment with strategic plan priorities. Board discussed World Café and internal consultation process, including suggestion for a workshop-style approach.

OPERATIONS

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the 2024/2025 Five-Year Capital Plan Amendment. MECC opened a call for submission in response to approval of ZETF applications.

MOVED/SECONDED

“In accordance with provisions under section 142(4) of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) hereby approves the amendment to the Five-Year Capital Plan for 2024/25 for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.”

CARRIED

POLICY

Nil

3. Accessibility Update

- Superintendent Lautard presented the Accessibility Update and highlighted that some items will fall under administrative procedures, some cost items are District responsibility, some cost items are school responsibility, and some items will be included on the survey that will go out to families as part of the Long-Range Facilities Plan.

4. Board Chair Report

- Board Chair Zitko provided a verbal update:
 - Phone call with the Minister of Education and Childcare, Lisa Beare, went well, shared SD51's financial and capital maintenance pressures.
 - Also had introductory phone call with the newly appointed Minister of Infrastructure, Bowinn Ma.

5. Senior Management Reports

- Superintendent Lautard presented her report and highlighted her All Superintendents meeting on November 21st and the Christmas concerts that she has been attending.
- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented her report and highlighted the announcement that the recalculated operating grant will not be released until January 2025 and how it may impact the amended budget process, as well as the flood which occurred at the Perley Indigenous Ed building.

6. Trustee Reports

- BCSTA Provincial Council – No report available
- Recreation Commission – No report available
- Boundary Integrated Services Model – No report available
- BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch – Motion building session on January 18th
- BCPSEA – No update available
- PAC Highlights – Trustees Danyluk and Van Marck provided written reports
- Okanagan Labour Relations Council – No update available
- Rural and Remote – No update available

7. Around the Boundary

Future Agenda Items

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer