



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**June 9, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

Present: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Trina Ayling
Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely)
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Alysha Clarke
Trustee Nicole Heckendorf
Trustee Chris Johns
Trustee Sarah Madsen (remotely)
Trustee Wendy Turner

Staff Present Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Instruction Human Resources Brent Reimer
Director of Instruction Systems Leadership and Safe Schools Jason Tichauer
Director of Instruction Curriculum and Assessment Michael Kelly
Director of Operations Joe Tank
District Principal Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips
District Principal of Learning Services Kaley Wasylowich
District Vice Principal Human Resources and Health & Safety Erin Boehm
Manager of Board Office & Executive Services (recorder) Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson McPhee called the June 9, 2026, regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 2:55 p.m.

1.2 Greeting

Chairperson McPhee acknowledged that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa People.

1.3 Chairperson's Opening Remarks and Recognitions

Chairperson McPhee extended condolences to the families of James Vallance and Ruth Ellingson. He expressed appreciation to the District Authority Scholarship selection

committee and the CUPE bargaining committee. He also congratulated the Class of 2026 graduates and District retirees.

1.4 Opening Round

Members of the Board, District Management, District Staff, and local Union Presidents shared a reflection of gratitude.

1.5 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

MOTION R-26-103

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bischler:

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of June 9, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.6 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION R-26-104

Moved/Seconded by Heckendorf/Turner:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of May 12, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-26-105

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Heckendorf:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meetings of the Board of Education of May 12 and May 25, 2026.

CARRIED

1.8 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.8.1 Amy Woodland Elementary Update

The Project Definition Report/business case is currently in review with the Ministry of Infrastructure.

1.8.2 Annual Budget Bylaw - Third and Final Reading

MOTION R-26-106

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the Bylaw of the Board of Education of School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) (called the "Board") to adopt the annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2026/27 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

Read for a third and final time, passed and adopted the 9 day of June, 2026.

CARRIED

2. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Retired Teachers Association

Cindy Gleib and Carol Johns presented on behalf of the Cranbrook Retired Teachers Association.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

3.1 All Committees Public Meeting

Co-Chair Trustee Johns reviewed the All Committees minutes of May 25, 2026.

MOTION R-26-107

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Clarke:

THAT the report of the All Committees be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 BCSTA /Provincial Council

MOTION R-26-108

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Bischler:

THAT the report of the BCSTA Provincial Council be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.3 Communications Media Committee

Trustee Ayling provided the report included in the agenda package.

MOTION R-26-109

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Turner:

THAT the report of the Communications Media Committee be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.4 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns provided a report. Trustee Johns will present at the Select Standing Committee on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at the Rocky Mountain Prestige in Cranbrook.

MOTION R-26-110

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Madsen:

THAT the report of the Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.5 Key City Theatre

MOTION R-26-111

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Clarke:

THAT the report of the Key City Theatre Committee be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.6 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns reviewed the report included in the agenda package.

MOTION R-26-112

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Turner:

THAT the Legacy of Learning report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.7 French Immersion Update

Trustee Heckendorf reviewed the minutes included in the agenda package. Cranbrook District Teachers Association (CDTA) President Johns raised concerns regarding French speaking management capacity within the District.

MOTION R-26-113

Moved/Seconded by Heckendorf/Ayling:

THAT the report of the French Immersion Committee be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.8 Traffic Safety Committee

Secretary Treasurer Taylor provided an update on the Cranbrook Community Engagement Night and subsequent meetings with elementary school Parent Advisory Councils regarding traffic safety concerns in Cranbrook. It was noted that the group will meet again on June 11, 2026, to collaborate and review potential solutions.

MOTION R-26-114

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Clarke:

THAT the report of the Traffic Safety Committee be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.9 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

4.1 Updates

4.1.1 Fernie Elementary School and Child Care

Secretary Treasurer Taylor provided an update on the tender process for Fernie Elementary School and Child Care. The estimated time for groundbreaking is August 2026.

4.1.2 Mountain View Facility

Secretary Treasurer Taylor provided an update on ongoing efforts to lease available space within the Mountain View facility.

4.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-26-115

Moved/Seconded by Heckendorf/Johns:

THAT the Secretary Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report can be found on the School District's website at www.sd5.bc.ca.

5.1 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Director Kelly, on behalf of Superintendent Johnson, provided a written report on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

5.2 Updates

5.2.1 Child Care

District Principal Phillips reviewed the child care report included in the agenda package. She also provided an update on policy and procedural revisions that will be brought forward for review at the August 31, 2026, All Committees Meeting.

5.2.2 Indigenous Education Council

Director Reimer, on behalf of Superintendent Johnson, provided reminders of upcoming Indigenous events at Mount Baker Secondary.

5.2.3 E-Bikes and E-Scooters

Director Tichauer provided an update on the use of e-bikes and e-scooters included in the agenda package.

5.2.4 Engagement Nights - Elkford and Cranbrook

Director Tichauer, on behalf of Superintendent Johnson, reviewed the Community Engagement follow up documents included in the agenda package.

5.3 Recommendations

MOTION R-26-116

Moved/Seconded by Bischler/Johns:

THAT the Superintendent's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 Updates

Chairperson McPhee reported on the policy review completed on June 9, 2026. He also discussed upcoming trustee elections on October 17, 2026.

6.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-26-117

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Clarke:

THAT the Chairperson's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 June Calendar Attached

8.2 August 31 Committee Meetings

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

10. CLOSING ROUND

Trustees, District Management, and local Union Presidents were offered an opportunity to share a final comment on the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-26-118

Moved/Seconded by Bischler/Johns:

THAT the June 9, 2026, regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

What have we done at this meeting to help our students become more interested in school and to support them in their personal learning journey?

Doug McPhee, Chairperson

Nick Taylor, Secretary Treasurer