

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: April 21, 2026 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: School Board Office – Main Boardroom

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS, BRIEFS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. National Day of Mourning Presentation

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. April 7, 2026

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ROUTINE

No items for presentation

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

7. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND REPORT

- a. 2026-27 Accumulated Operating Surplus Plan

8. NEW BUSINESS

No items for presentation

9. QUESTION PERIOD

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- a. At call of the Chair, the next scheduled meeting will be held on April 28, 2026,
at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board Office Main boardroom

11. ADJOURNMENT

TOPIC: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2

NARRATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

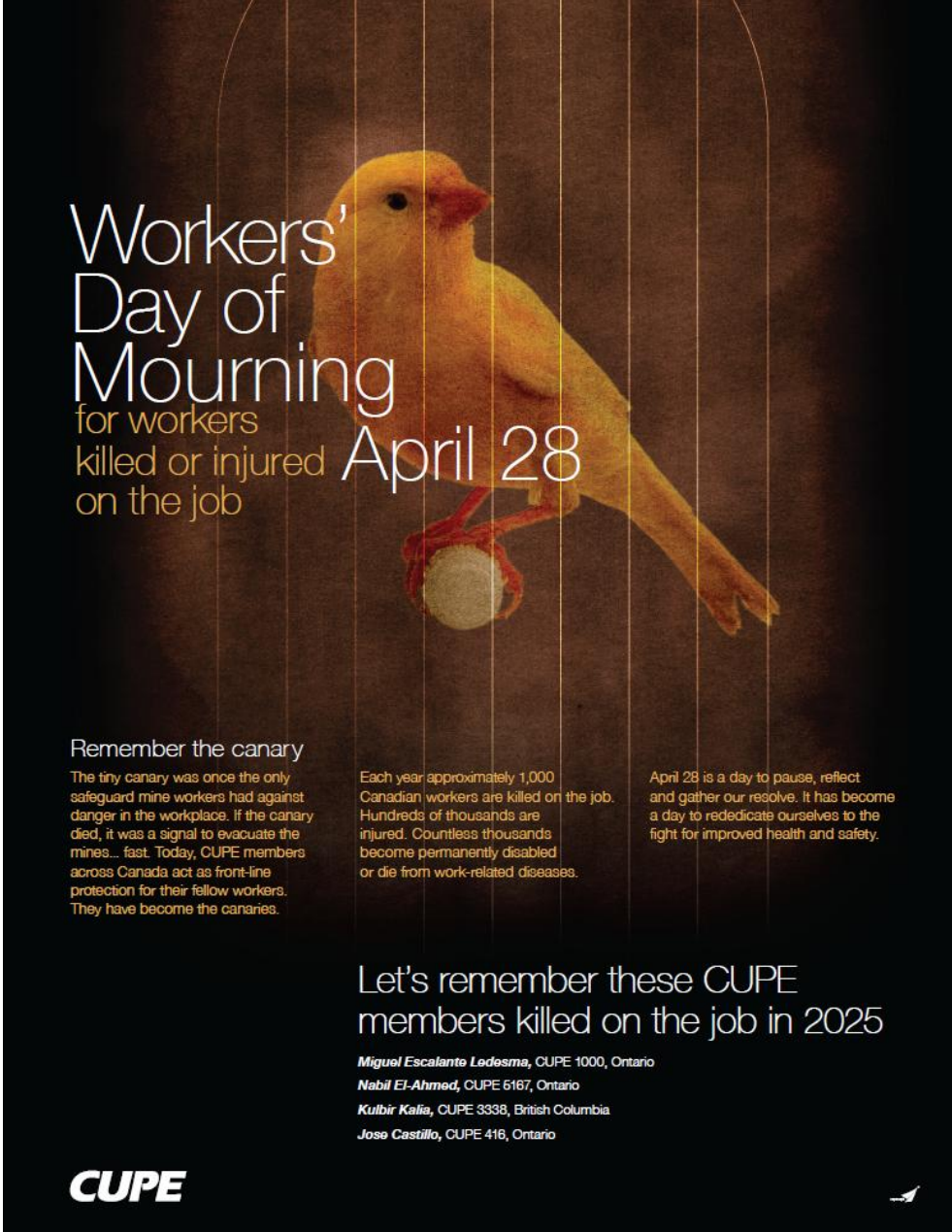
THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

TOPIC: NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING
PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3a

NARRATION:

Leigh Bartlett, 3rd Vice President, CUPE Local 1091, Health and Safety, will provide a presentation on the National Day of Mourning, in recognition of union workers who have been injured and died while on the job.



Workers' Day of Mourning
for workers killed or injured on the job
April 28

Remember the canary
The tiny canary was once the only safeguard mine workers had against danger in the workplace. If the canary died, it was a signal to evacuate the mines... fast. Today, CUPE members across Canada act as front-line protection for their fellow workers. They have become the canaries.

Each year approximately 1,000 Canadian workers are killed on the job. Hundreds of thousands are injured. Countless thousands become permanently disabled or die from work-related diseases.

April 28 is a day to pause, reflect and gather our resolve. It has become a day to rededicate ourselves to the fight for improved health and safety.

Let's remember these CUPE members killed on the job in 2025

Miguel Escalante Ledesma, CUPE 1000, Ontario
Nabil El-Ahmed, CUPE 6167, Ontario
Kulbir Kalia, CUPE 3338, British Columbia
Jose Castillo, CUPE 416, Ontario

CUPE

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM NO: **4a**

NARRATION:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of April 7, 2026 be approved.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (DELTA)
APRIL 7, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: April 7, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Main Boardroom, School Board Office, 4585 Harvest Drive, Delta

PRESENT: Trustees: J. Muego, Chairperson
A. Dhillon, Vice-Chairperson
E. Beard
N. Daula
M. Gooch
N. Kanakos
V. Windsor

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent
J. Gray, Assistant Superintendent
C. Bromley, Director, Information Technology Services
R. Dhiman, Director of Finance
D. Duff, Director of Human Resources
J. Duffin, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Klassen, Director, Learning Services – Inclusive Learning
P. McLoughlin, Director, Facilities & Planning
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services – Education Programs
L. Tait, Director, Learning Services – Equity & Success
C. Tucker, Director of Communications

REGRETS: K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Muego called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

He then acknowledged the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen First Nation and Musqueam Indian Band and of all the Hun'qumi'num speaking people who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial. He offered his respect to all the Elders who have gone before us and to all Canadians who are on the journey of Reconciliation.

Chairperson Muego introduced the following education partners attending the meeting, and thanked them for their participation:

- Jessica Van Ryk, Secretary, Delta Teachers' Association
- Niki Parassidis, Member-at-Large, Delta Teachers' Association
- Claire George, Economic Welfare Rep, Delta Principals & Vice-Principals Association
- Daun Frederickson, President, CUPE Local 1091
- Jennifer Rak, DPAC, Vice-Chair

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S Trustees Beard and Gooch

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

FEEDING FUTURES UPDATE

Kirsten Hermanson, District Manager, Prevention & School Wellness, Learning Services/Inclusive Learning, provided an update on the Feeding Futures program, with respect to the allocation and use of funding in the current year and the program goals for 2026/27.

The Delta School District's Feeding Futures initiative addresses rising food insecurity affecting children and youth across B.C., with over 32% of children and over 24% of households experiencing food insecurity. Local data shows students skipping meals or going to bed hungry due to financial constraints.

Feeding Futures provides the largest provincial investment in school food programs to date, supported by approximately \$1.7 million in provincial and \$240 thousand in federal funding. This funding enables stigma-free access to nutritious food, expansion of BC-sourced foods, strengthened community partnerships, and flexible district-level planning.

Key accomplishments include district-wide coordination, expanded meal and snack programs, community fridges, improved meal spaces, increased B.C. food integration, and enhanced support for Child and Youth Care Workers and school staff. The district has also re-evaluated lunch and backpack programs and begun centralizing procurement to streamline operations.

Looking ahead to 2026–2027, the district plans to expand breakfast programs, grow community fridges, increase B.C. food partnerships, centralize Starfish Backpack distribution, strengthen food literacy, and move toward a universal lunch program by 2027–2028.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor and Beard

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 10, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Kanakos reported the following:

- March 13: Attended the graduation ceremony of the Fire Fighter's academy at Boundary Bay Fire Hall and emergency centre. Graduates learned about the roles and responsibilities of emergency responders. About 16 students graduated and the event was well attended.
- March 29: Attended the rally at Delta Hospital protesting the provincial government's decision to halt the Beedie long-term care facility planned for Ladner. Participants also raised concerns that half of the infrastructure projects cancelled for 2026 were located within Fraser Health. Despite Fraser Health serving roughly 40% of the population, it has the lowest number of hospital beds per 1,000 residents and receives only 22% of provincial health-care funding.
- March 29: Represented the district in the reopening of Westham Island Bridge.

Trustee Beard reported the following:

- March 4: Attended the Audit committee meeting to discuss the audit work plan and the district's asset retirement obligation.

Trustee Windsor reported the following:

- March 13: Attended the Junior Firefighters Camp Graduation at Firehall #4
- March 30: Attended the Liaison Committee Meeting with Delta City Council. It was reported that the opening of the Youth Hub at North Delta Recreation Centre was a success and early reports indicate the Hub is achieving its purpose in reaching out to youth in the community. The City also provided updates on the various Track and Field Projects that the City and the school district are sharing. The field house at North Delta is progressing after a delay and the bus stop at Harvest Drive is progressing according to schedule.

Vice-Chair Dhillon reported the following:

- February 20: Attended the BCSTA Provincial council meeting
- February 25: Attended the Battle of the Badges
- February 25: Attended a school production - Robin Hood at NDSS
- February 26: Attended a BCSTA Metro branch meeting to test run a motion on behalf of Delta requesting that the Ministry consider implementing the relational literacy framework.
- February 26: Attended the budget engagement meeting with CUPE
- February 27: School visits to North Delta and Jarvis
- March 6: Participated in a CUPE staff meeting luncheon and recognized the IWD

Chair Muego reported the following:

- March 13: Attended the Junior Firefighters Camp Graduation at Firehall #4, where he acknowledged the leadership and support of Lisa Chapieski, calling her the ultimate cheerleader who keeps the kids on track.

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AUDIT PLAN APPROVAL

Chair Muego chaired the Audit Committee meeting with external auditors BDO on April 2 to review the audit planning report for the year ending June 30, 2026. He provided the board with a high-level report and the board considered the following recommendation:

M/S Trustees Gooch and Kanakos

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Audit Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

CARRIED

2026/2027 CAPITAL BYLAW

On March 31, 2026, the Ministry of Infrastructure responded to the Board's 2026/2027 Capital Plan submission made in September 2025. The board recommended a \$6.9 million fiscal investment in district facilities and infrastructure for school enhancements, carbon neutral capitals, food infrastructures, and the playground replacements program.

Out of these projects, five were supported by the Ministry and this represents a \$1.9 million investment by the Ministry of Infrastructure or 27% of the requested minor capital funding.

They are as follows:

1. \$900,000 for the roof renewal at Cliff Drive Elementary,
2. \$480,000 for gym rooftop unit replacements at Brooke Elementary and Gibson Elementary,
3. \$240,000 for the chiller replacement at Delta Secondary,
4. \$200,000 for playground replacement at Sunshine Hills Elementary, and
5. \$100,000 for food equipment and infrastructure improvements for Heath Elementary, Port Guichon Elementary, and Jarvis Elementary.

In accordance with the Ministry's Project Procurement Procedures and Guidelines, the five supported projects must be adopted through a Capital Bylaw before project funding is authorized and therefore the following recommendation was considered:

M/S Trustee Daula and Vice-Chair Dhillon

THAT approval be given for three readings at one meeting of the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD37-01.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Kanakos and Windsor

THAT the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD37-01 be given a First reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustee Gooch and Vice-Chair Dhillon

THAT the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD37-01 be given a Second reading.

CARRIED

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M/S Trustees Beard and Windsor

THAT the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD37-01 be given a Third reading and adopted.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions relating to agenda items were presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Kanakos and Windsor

THAT the Delta Board of Education Regular Board meeting of April 7, 2026, be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Time 8:03 pm

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

TOPIC: UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ROUTINE

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5

NARRATION:

No items for presentation

TOPIC: BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6

NARRATION:

At this point on the Agenda, the Trustees will report on recent significant activities.

TOPIC: 2026-27 ACCUMULATED OPERATING
SURPLUS PLAN

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7a

NARRATION:

Jonathan Duffin, Secretary Treasurer, will present Trustees with an accumulated operating surplus plan proposal for integration into the 2026-27 Budget as prescribed in the [Accounting Practices Order \(PDF, 153KB\)](#) and the [School Act \(PDF, 1.1MB\)](#).

TOPIC: NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8

NARRATION:

No items for presentation

TOPIC: QUESTION PERIOD

AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

NARRATION:

At this point the Chairperson will provide an opportunity for questions from the public concerning items on the agenda.

- 30-minute question period – open to the public and limited to 5 minutes per issue.

TOPIC: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 10

NARRATION:

Next scheduled meeting: April 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

TOPIC: ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 11

NARRATION: