

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: March 10, 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. Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Contest
- b. Strategic Plan Update – Inclusive Education

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. February 17, 2026

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ROUTINE

No items for presentation

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

7. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND REPORTS

No items for presentation

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lead in Drinking Water Report

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 7, 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: ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
– REMEMBRANCE CONTEST

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3a

NARRATION:

Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, will introduce representatives from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 (Delta BC) who will present two Delta students with certificates and prizes for their involvement in the Legion's National Youth Remembrance Day contests.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 61 – Delta representatives will include:

- Sharon Davies - Legion's Past Ladies Auxiliary President
- Barbara Dyck – Youth Chair
- Jann Kwasnicki – Committee Member (and former Principal at Neilson Grove)

The contests include multiple levels of competitions. Students submit posters and/or literacy works which compete first at the Legion branch level, with winning entries moving forward to the Zone level, then the Provincial level. The students being recognized are:

- Kylie Madsen, Neilson Grove Elementary
- Matthew Friesen, Delta Secondary

Accompanying the students will be Neilson Grove Principal Mareva Hope and teachers from Delta Secondary – Colleen Blatz, Jess McMillan and Todd Allan.

TOPIC: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
– INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3b

NARRATION:

Patrick Klassen, Director of Learning Services, will provide the Board with an update on inclusive education initiatives in the district, including how they align with the District's Strategic Plan for 2025-2028.

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM NO: **4a**

NARRATION:

(attachment)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 17, 2026, be approved.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (DELTA)
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: February 17, 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
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
L. Tait, Director, Learning Services – Equity & Success
C. Tucker, Director of Communications

REGRETS: Trustees: N. Daula

N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services – Education Programs
K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Muego called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chair Muego opened the meeting by addressing the room in the wake of the tragic events that took place in Tumbler Ridge on February 10. He expressed the board's heartbreak at hearing the devastating news while gathered for a working session. He acknowledged that this is the second instance of extreme violence affecting British Columbians in under a year and noted that although this tragedy was not geographically close, it struck close to the work that many of those present in the board meeting have dedicated their lives and careers to. He expressed deep gratitude for the resilience and support shown by school and district staff in supporting students and one another, emphasizing the collective choice to lead with heart and uplift others. Chair Muego also quoted C.S. Lewis stating "Children are not a distraction from more important work, they are the most important work" – and affirmed that children provide hope. He concluded his address with the hope that the tools we provide to students to help them thrive in future, including the values of

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compassion, kindness and resilience, will reinforce the truth he already knows: that love and humanity always prevail over the damage and hurt of violence.

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:

- Terri Farnden, Principal, Sands & Delta Principals & Vice-Principals Association
- Alison Kerr, President, Delta Teachers' Association
- Kathy Macfarlene 1ST VP, Delta Teachers' Association
- Jessica Van Ryk, Executive Secretary, Delta Teachers' Association
- Natasha Dhaliwal, Social Justice Chair, Delta Teachers' Association
- Daun Frederickson, President, CUPE Local 1091
- Deb Kabesh, Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE Local 1091
- Hannah Johnson, ESW Unit Chair, CUPE Local 1091
- Jennifer Rak, DPAC Vice Chair

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S Trustees Windsor and Beard.

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

EDUCATION PARTNER BUDGET INPUT – 2026/2027

The following education partners provided input to the 2026/2027 budget:

- a. Kathy MacFarlane, DTA
- b. Daun Frederickson, CUPE Local 1091

Chairperson Muego thanked the speakers for their input.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos and Gooch

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 6, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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Trustee Kanakos reported the following:

- January 29: Attended the BCSEA AGM to discuss key topics, approved the 2026 budget, and elected trustees from the Northern Interior and Metro regions.
- January 31: Attended the South Delta Minor Hockey Associations fundraiser at Ladner Leisure center.
- February 7: Attended a fundraising game at Sungod arena in North Delta. The focus of NDMHA Fights Cancer 2026 is to raise awareness, education and funds to aid cancer research and patient care.
- February 7: Attended 8th Interfaith Annual dinner at the Baitur Rahman Mosque in Delta. The event was attended by over 150 individuals, the speakers were from 6 different denominations, and the theme was Love of God and Love of Neighbour.
- February 12: Attended the District Emergency Preparedness meeting and discussed the tragic shooting at Tumbler Ridge - remembering those who lost their lives and those heroic teachers, police officers, fire, ambulance services. who placed their lives on the line to protect students.

Trustee Windsor reported the following:

- January 14: Attended the ELL Consortium Meeting where the main topic of conversation was the change in use of funding for Settlement Worker services.
- January 14: Attended a DYAC Meeting hosted by Burnsvie where the topic of the meeting was AI, including its uses and challenges.
- January 15: Attended a virtual Metro Trustees meeting to discuss current issues facing Boards.
- January 16 and 22: Participated in reading days at Gray, Cougar Canyon and Heath Elementary Schools.
- February 10: Attended a JEAP workshop presented by Destine Lord, anti-racism and inclusion consultant.

Vice-Chairperson Dhillon reported the following:

- January 14: Participated in reading day at Gray Elementary.
- January 27: Attended Healthy Schools Committee, where there was discussion around training to provide better support for neurodiverse learners, a presentation from our Fraser Health practitioner, and an update from Kirsten Hermanson on the work being done around Feeding Futures.
- February 10: Joined other Trustees at SOGI training, led by Destine Lord.
- February 13: Visited Port Guichon and Neilson Grove Elementary Schools, and connected with the school principals on a one-on-one basis.

Trustee Gooch reported the following:

- January 27: Attended the Healthy Schools Committee meeting, to hear about some of the projects and ideas that are being considered, worked on, and upcoming within the district.
- February 10: Attended the SOGI/JEAP workshop presented by Destine Lord.

Chair Muego reported the following:

- January 15: Attended the BCSTA Board Chair Call, with general topics related to governance and other Board issues being discussed.
- January 22: Participated at the Cougar Canyon and Heath Reading Days.

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- January 28: Participated in Elementary Vice-principal interviews at the Board Office.
- February 2: Attended an evening workshop held at the Board Office led by Dr. Mette Boelle, with a focus on compassionate leadership.
- February 10: Attended the SOGI/JEAP workshop presented by Destine Lord.

APPROVAL OF 2025/2026 AMENDED BUDGET & RESERVES

Jonathan Duffin, Secretary Treasurer, presented to the Board the 2025/2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw amount. He reviewed some of the highlights of the budget and reviewed where the dollars were spent. The submission due date to the Ministry of Education and Child Care is February 27, 2026. The full amended budget will be made available on the district website.

M/S Trustees Kanakos and Windsor

THAT the Board of Education give approval for three readings at one meeting of the 2025/2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

THAT the 2025/2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$249,998,700 be given three readings and adopted.

CARRIED

M/S Trustee Beard and Vice-Chairperson Dhillon

THAT the 2025/2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$249,998,700 be given a FIRST reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Beard and Windsor

THAT the 2025/2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$249,998,700 be given a SECOND reading.

CARRIED

M/S Vice-Chairperson Dhillon and Trustee Gooch

THAT the 2025/2026 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$249,998,700 be given a THIRD reading and adopted.

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APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Joe Muego, Board Chairperson and Audit Committee Chair, presented a recommendation from the District's Audit Committee, to continue the engagement with the firm of BDO Canada, as District financial statement auditors for the second of three additional optional 1-year terms.

M/S Trustees Kanakos and Vice-Chairperson Dhillon

THAT the Delta Board of Education re-appoint BDO Canada as its auditor for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions relating to agenda items were presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Windsor and Kanakos

THAT the Delta Board of Education Regular Board meeting of February 17, 2025, be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Time 7:56 p.m.

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: INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

NARRATION:

No items for presentation

TOPIC: LEAD IN DRINKING WATER REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8a

NARRATION:

Peter Mcloughlin, Director of Facilities, will update Trustees on the annual Lead in Drinking Water reporting process and on the outcome of the report submitted to the Ministry on February 13, 2026.

School districts must test lead content in drinking water locations every three years with at least one-third of schools tested annually to ensure the water quality meets established guidelines under applicable provincial and federal legislation.

School districts must take reasonable steps necessary to resolve elevated lead levels that are outside established guidelines of 0.005mg/L on any drinking water quality test results.

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, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT
MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 10

NARRATION:

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

TOPIC: ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 11

NARRATION: