

RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

December 9, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Christine Lervold, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Russ Chipps, Trustee (Committee Member) – online via MS Teams
Trudy Spiller, Trustee
Paul Block, Superintendent
Brian Jonker, Secretary Treasurer
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Ed Berlando, STA – online via MS Teams
Trudy Court, CUPE
Tom Davis, SPEAC
Ceilidh Deichmann, SPVPA
Mhairi Bennett, Director, Facilities
Randy Cobb, Manager, Transportation
Nicole Gestwa, Network Analyst, Information Technology

Regrets: Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Member)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by the Committee Chair. The Chair acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

The Chair welcomed meeting attendees and provided virtual participation instructions to Trustees and attendees joining online.

2. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated November 18, 2025, at its Public Board Meeting dated November 25, 2025.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Transportation Update – Randy Cobb

The Manager of Transportation presented the table provided in the meeting package and discussed statistics on bus registrations, waitlists, fees and waivers. Transportation funding shortfalls due to waived fees comes from other operating funds. Bus pass data allows the District to obtain non-rider data and follow-up with families to confirm if service is still required, potentially opening up a seat for students on the waitlist. Engagement with BC Transit is ongoing regarding improvements to public transit, particularly in areas affecting student commutes.

4.2 Capital Asset Management Strategy – Mhairi Bennett

The Director of Facilities provided an overview of Capital Asset Management and the District strategy, driven by data from the Ministry which shows deferred maintenance costs of \$40M increasing to \$150M over 5 years. The increasing shortfall is due to receiving only 20% of the annual end-of life system replacement costs from the Ministry. Staff are ground-truthing the data to develop a list of priorities. Progress was provided on telephone system replacement from landline to Voice over IP (VoIP). There are 9 elementary schools and 2 secondary schools still to be updated.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for January 13, 2026.