

RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

**School Board Office 3143 Jacklin Road
February 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Christine Lervold, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Russ Chipps, Trustee (Committee Member) (online via MS Teams)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Acting Committee Member) (online via MS Teams)
Amanda Dowhy, Trustee
Paul Block, Superintendent (online via MS Teams)
Brian Jonker, Secretary-Treasurer
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
D'Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent
Lisa Leclerc, Associate Superintendent
Mhairi Bennett, Director, Facilities
Ceilidh Diechmann, SPVPA
Ed Berlando, STA
Tom Davis, SPEAC
Trudy Court, CUPE
Nicole Gestwa, Network Analyst, Digital Solutions

Regrets: Ebony Logins, Committee Member

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Committee Chair. The Chair acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

The Chair 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 January 13, 2026, at its Public Board Meeting dated January 27, 2026.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 2025/26 - Amended Budget – David Lee-Bonar

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer outlined the process and reasons for the amended annual budget.

The Committee recommended the following motion go forward to the Board:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District #62 (Sooke) give first, second, and third readings to the 2025/26 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a total budget of \$247,882,254.

4.2 2025/26 - Q2 Forecast David Lee-Bonar

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer explained the forecast for the second quarter.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Quarter 2 Financial Forecast Report as presented at the Resources Committee meeting of February 10, 2026.

4.3 2026/27 Academy Fees – Mike Huck

The District Principal of Pathways and Choice provided rationale for the proposed Academy fee increases.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 2026/27 Academy Fees as presented at the Resources Committee Meeting of February 10, 2026

4.4 School Fees – D’Arcy Deacon

- 2026/27 - Middle School Fees
- 2026/27 - Secondary School Fees
- 2026/27 - SD62 ADULT Learning Fee Schedule

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the District School Fee Schedules for Middle, Secondary and Adult programs for the 2026/2027 school year as presented at the Resources Committee meeting of February 10, 2026.

4.5 International Student Program Fees – Paul Block

The Superintendent explained the proposed increases to the international student fees.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of SD62 (Sooke) approve the International Student Program fee increases for the 2027/28 school year as presented to the Resources Committee of February 10, 2026.

4.6 Transportation Fees and Fee Waivers – Mhairi Bennett

The Director of Facilities contrasted the revenues against expenses for student transportation. An analysis of the fee waiver process was presented.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve an increase to transportation ridership fees from \$325 to \$355 per rider - inclusive of the \$25 safety fee for the 2026-27 school year to help address inflationary pressures.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to explore a low barrier means assessment for families requesting fee waivers.

4.7 Board Operated Childcare 2026-27 – Frances Krusekopf

The District Principal of Early Learning and Child Care detailed funding provided by the Ministry of Education and Child Care and revenue from fees charged. The current fee structure is unsustainable, and the committee supported the following motions for consideration by the Board:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve submitting a request to the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative program to implement the maximum allowable fees for board operated childcare for the 2026/27 school year of \$204 for kindergarten and \$399 for grade 1-3 participants.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) request staff review participation in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative program for 2027/28 and bring back options to the board for consideration in September 2026.

4.8 Resources Committee Annual Work Plan – Christine Lervold

The Committee Chair reviewed the Resources Committee Annual Work Plan.

A moment of silence was observed for the staff, students, emergency responders and community of Tumbler Ridge given the ongoing response to the incident.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44p.m. The next meeting is March 10, 2026.