Cariboo-Chilcotin School District

Public Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Date:	November 2, 2026
Trustees in Attendance:	Michael Franklin, Mary Forbes, Melissa Coates, Jenny Philbrick, Ella Brown, Michael Henshall, William Shepherd.
TEAMS:	
Regrets:	
Staff:	Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Secretary-Treasurer Taryn Aumond, Director of Finance Fawn Wiebe, Directors of Instruction, Grant Gustafson, Hattie Darney, Crystal-Dawn Langton, Director of Operations Marc Loewen, and Executive Assistant Jodi Symmes.

1. Opening By Secretary-Treasurer

Pursuant to section 67(1) of the School Act:

For the inaugural meeting of the Board of Education, the Secretary-Treasurer will preside over the meeting until all executive officer positions are elected, at which time the newly elected chair will assume the chair.

1.1 First Nations Traditional Welcome

WLFN Mr. William Lulua and District Vice-Principal Dancing Water Sandy opened the Inaugural Board Meeting with a traditional welcome and greeted the group with the Honour Song.

1.2 Call to Order 6:06pm

2. Trustees have been declared in the following zones through either acclamation or election.

1. Zone 1: Ella Brown
2. Zone 2: William Shephard (Acclaimed)
3. Zone 3: Michael Henshall
4. Zone 4: Melissa Coates
5. Zone 5: Mary Forbes
6. Zone 6: Michael Franklin (Acclaimed)
7. Zone 7: Jenny Philbrick (Acclaimed)

2.1 Trustee Oath of Office

Secretary-Treasurer Aumond read the Oath of Office for the trustees and gallery. Williams Lulua presented the trustees with medicine bags, that were made for the Trustee's by himself and Dancing Water and explained the significance of receiving a medicine bag. It comes with deep-rooted cultural and spiritual importance across various Indigenous traditions. Medicine bags are often seen as sacred objects that serve as a connection to the spiritual world, ancestors, and nature.

3. Election of Officers of the Board

The Secretary-Treasurer will conduct elections for the positions of Board Chair, and Vice-Chair:

MOTION *to appoint Director of Finance Fawn Wiebe, and Director of Instruction Hattie Darney as scrutineers.*

O2026.11.02-02	Moved: Trustee Coates
Carried	Seconded: Trustee Brown

1. **Board Chair**
   Mike Franklin was nominated - acclaimed
2. **Board Vice-Chair**
   Ella Brown - nominated
   Melissa Coates - nominated
   Jenny Philbrick - nominated

   By vote - Vice-Chair position - Trustee Melissa Coates.

The newly elected Chair assumes the chair.

THAT *the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) direct the Secretary-Treasurer to destroy all ballots used in the election of the Officers of the Board immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.*

O2026.11.02-03	Moved: Trustee Forbes
Carried	Seconded: Trustee Coates

4. Adjournment

THAT *the Inaugural meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 6:31 p.m.*

Taryn Aumond
Secretary-Treasurer

Michael Franklin
Chair