

Updates from the Richmond Board of Education

Board decisions from September 2025 – January 2026

This update summarizes public board decisions made during September to November 2025. It is shared on behalf of the Richmond Board of Education to help keep the community informed about important decisions being made.

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January 21, 2026 Public Board Meeting

New City Centre elementary school catchment boundaries approved

The board approved the establishment of the new City Centre elementary school catchment boundaries, based on Adjusted Scenario Two, effective beginning in the 2026-27 school year. Staff were directed to proceed with implementation and communication.

K-7 blended learning program to be discontinued

The board approved the discontinuation of the K-7 blended learning program effective June 30, 2026, due to consistently low and declining enrolment. Staff were directed to engage with relevant partner groups and provide transition supports for students currently enrolled in the program.

2026-30 strategic plan approved

The board approved the Richmond School District strategic plan 2026-30.

BCSTA AGM motion on English language learning funding approved

The board approved submission of a motion to the 2026 BCSTA annual general meeting requesting that the Ministry of Education increase the maximum number of funding-eligible years for English language learning students.

BCSTA AGM motion on adequate education funding approved

The board approved submission of a motion to the 2026 BCSTA annual general meeting requesting adequate and flexible funding for school districts to address unfunded cost pressures.

Trustee expenses approved

The board approved trustee expenses for the three-month period ended Dec. 31, 2025, in the amount of \$5,057.08.

2026-27 facility rental rates approved

The board approved a five per cent increase to both non-commercial and commercial facility rental rates for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Policy 501.8-R/501.8-G approved

The board approved revisions to Policy 501.8-R/501.8-G: Student Admission, Registration, Placement and Transfer.

December 10, 2025 Public Board Meeting

No public motions resulting in governance decisions were passed at the December 10, 2025 meeting.

November 19, 2025 Public Board Meeting

Revision to city centre school catchment approval timeline

The board revised the date for approval of the new city centre school catchment boundaries from November 19, 2025 to January 21, 2026.

Approval of a new board-authorized course

The board approved the new board authority authorized course, *Digital Literacy for an AI-Enabled World*, for implementation in the 2026-27 school year.

Approval of the 2026 -27 annual budget process and timeline

The board approved the 2026-27 annual budget process and timeline.

Referral of student admission and transfer policy for partner review

The board referred revised Policy 501.8 and related guidelines on student admission, registration, placement, and transfer to the partner group review process from November 20, 2025 to January 9, 2026.

October 22, 2025 Public Board Meeting

Direction on substance use awareness and prevention

The board directed staff to identify opportunities to expand substance use awareness programs within the elementary and secondary physical and health education curriculum, review existing and potential community partnerships, and report back to the board by March 2026.

Approval of trustee expenses

The board approved trustee expenses incurred during the three-month period ending September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$1,683.60.

September 24, 2025 Public Board Meeting

Approval of the 2026-27 minor capital plan

The board approved the district's 2026-27 minor capital programs and authorized their submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Submission of the enhanced student learning report

The board approved the enhanced student learning report for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by the October 1, 2025 deadline.

Approval of the new city centre school naming process

The board approved the School Naming Committee's terms of reference, selection criteria, and the process for naming the new city centre school.

Direction on school traffic safety

The board directed that a request be sent to Richmond City Council for a city-wide review of school zones to identify potential traffic safety measures, and directed staff to investigate traffic safety enhancements on board-owned school properties and report back by February 2026.

Approval of audited financial statements

The board approved the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and authorized the board chair, superintendent, and secretary treasurer to sign and submit them to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Approval of trustee expenses

The board approved trustee expenses incurred during the three-month period ending June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$12,784.56.

Approval of revised freedom of information and privacy policy

The board approved revisions to Policy 311 and Regulation 311-R related to freedom of information and protection of privacy.