

Finance and Legal Committee

Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 – 10:00 am
Via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson	A. Wong
Vice Chairperson	D. Sargent
Trustee Member	K. Hamaguchi
Secretary Treasurer	C. Wang
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	M. Fu
Executive Director, Human Resources	T. Major
1 st Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association	S. Wenglowksi
President, Canadian Union of Public Employees 716	S. Robinson
President, Richmond Association of School Administrators	N. Widdess
President, Richmond District Parents Association	C. Huang
Representative, Richmond Management and Professional Staff	R. Corbin
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	T. Lee

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əḿ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

1. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. Approve Minutes

The minutes of the public meeting held Wednesday, April 15, 2026, were approved as circulated.

3. Human Resources Update

The Executive Director, Human Resources (HR) spoke to her report as included in the agenda package.

In response to questions from the President, Richmond District Parents Association (RDPA), the Executive Director, HR noted that staffing adjustments related to declining enrolment are reflected in the budget recommendations. She also confirmed that school-based positions are filled, with minimal daily unfilled absences, and advised that specific staffing impacts will be confirmed in the fall once enrolment is finalized.

Following a question from a trustee, the Executive Director, HR clarified that teacher recruitment is underway for the 2026/27 school year, with interviews taking place in late May and June 2026.

4. Sustainability of Feeding Futures Funding and National Food Program Funding

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an update on school food program funding, noting that 2026/27 is the final year of federal funding under the National School Food Program, with no confirmed continuation. She also confirmed that Feeding Futures funding has been made ongoing by the Ministry and is now part of the base budget, with funding levels tied to student enrolment.

Trustees expressed support for the continuation of school food programs and emphasized the importance of stable, ongoing funding to ensure consistency for students, noting the need for continued advocacy.

Staff responded to questions from the President, RDPA regarding the scope of school food programs, and confirmed that provincial funding is ongoing.

In response to a question from the President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees 716, staff clarified that the National School Food Program is a three-year federal funding initiative currently in year two.

Staff further confirmed, in response to a question from the 1st Vice President of the Richmond Teachers' Association, the breakdown of federal and provincial school food program funding.

5. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 10:00 am

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Wong

Chairperson, Finance and Legal Committee