



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
March 28, 2012 Special Board Budget Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees Peg Orcheron (Chair), Bev Horsman (Vice-Chair), Catherine Alpha, Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Michael McEvoy, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr.

Administration:

John Gauptman, Superintendent of Schools, George Ambeault, Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Associate Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Deb Courville, Associate Superintendent, Debra Laser, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, Dave Scott, Director of International and Continuing Studies, Sylvia Holinaty, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. WELCOME BY PEG ORCHERTON, CHAIR

The agenda was accepted as presented. Chair Orcheron stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to listen to Administration's 2012/2013 Annual Budget Presentation and that further meetings were scheduled for the Board to receive input from the public.

2. 2012/2013 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Secretary-Treasurer Ambeault opened the budget presentation by advising that recent events including the three-day teachers' strike, the announcements of the BC Education Plan grant, the supplement for vulnerable students and the Learning Improvement Fund will have no effect on the 2012-2013 operating budget.

Secretary-Treasurer Ambeault reviewed the forecasted 2012-2013 enrolment and the assumptions made in preparing the 2012-2013 annual budget. When the budgeted revenue is compared to the budgeted expenditures, there is an operating budget shortfall of \$8.3 million. However, as was presented to the Board in February 2012, this shortfall had been predicted and steps were taken during the 2011-2012 school year to create savings which could be used to offset the anticipated shortfall. Through a combination of additional grant funding and cost savings, the one-time 2011-2012 projected carry-forward amount of \$8.6 million will be applied against the 2012-2013 budget shortfall of \$8.3 million leaving a one-time surplus of \$349,541. Secretary-Treasurer Ambeault advised that there is a motion on the table which holds the \$349,541 to provide support for issues relating to class size and composition.

Trustees asked questions of clarification about the tuition fee revenues and facility rental rates. As a result of the discussion, Chair Orcheron recommended that an annual review of the rental rates be conducted in preparation for future budget deliberations and staff will review later this year the break even rates charged to day cares etc.

In conclusion, Chair Orcheron thanked Secretary-Treasurer Ambeault for his presentation and stated that the proposed 2012-2013 Operating Budget will be posted on the District's website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/budget.aspx>. The next public budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in the SJ Willis Auditorium to receive input about the proposed 2012-2013 budget. The

Board will debate and vote on the budget on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tolmie Board Room.

3. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Secretary-Treasurer

Chair