



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
March 27, 2013 Special Board Budget Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees Peg Orcheron (Chair), Bev Horsman (Vice-Chair), Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr

Regrets: Trustees Catherine Alpha, Michael McEvoy, Edith Loring-Kuhanga

Administration:

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Courville, Associate Superintendent, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chair Orcheron recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

1. WELCOME BY PEG ORCHERTON, CHAIR

The agenda was accepted as presented. Chair Orcheron stated that the purpose of the meeting was for Secretary-Treasurer Laser to provide the 2013/2014 Annual Budget and that if Trustees had any questions after the presentation they could direct them to Secretary-Treasurer Laser. Chair Orcheron reminded Trustees that further meetings were scheduled for the Board to received input from the public in April.

2. 2013/2014 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Secretary-Treasurer Laser reviewed the forecasted 2013/2014 enrolment and the steps taken in preparing the 2013/2014 annual budget. When the budgeted revenue is compared to the budgeted expenditures, there is an operating budget shortfall of \$8,283,517. However, since this shortfall had been predicted, steps were taken during the 2012/2013 school year to create a one-time carry forward funding amount to help offset this shortfall. Through a combination of additional grant funding and cost saving measures the 2012/2013 projected carry forward amount of \$8,300,000 will be applied against the 2013/2014 budget shortfall leaving a one-time surplus of \$16,483.

Trustees asked questions of clarification about such items as benefit premium costs, teachers' salaries, one time carry forward funding and the increase to per pupil funding.

Chair Orcheron and Trustees thanked Secretary-Treasurer Laser for her budget presentation and the hard work of her and her staff. The proposed 2013/2014 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 10, 2013 in the S.J. Willis Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to receive input about the proposed 2013/2014 budget. The Board will debate and vote on the budget on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in the Tolmie Board Room.

3. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer