



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

AGENDA

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

A1. Approval of the Agenda (p 01-03)

A2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) Approval of the March 27, 2014 Special Board Minutes (Revised) (p 04-10)
- b) Approval of the April 22, 2014 Regular Board Minutes (p 11-15)
- c) Approval of the April 23, 2014 Special Board Budget Minutes (p 16-19)

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

A4. Student Achievement

- a) Campus View Elementary - Earthfest - David Hovis and Campus View Students

A5. District Presentations

- a) Mohammed Abousaleh - Oak Bay High School, Shulich Leadership Scholarship
- b) Robert Lee - Oak Bay High School - National Champion, Michael Smith Science Challenge

A6. Community Presentations (5 minutes per presentation)

- a) Camille Victore and Janice Boothman - Student Accommodation

A7. Trustees' Reports

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

B1. BCSTA - Long Service Awards

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except for A4. Student Achievement.**

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**C1. Education Policy Development Committee**

- a) Minutes from the May 5, 2014 meeting – Information only (p 20-21)

C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

- a) Minutes from the May 12, 2014 meeting – Information only (p 22-26)

- b) Recommended Motions:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised Policy 5131.5, Smoking. (p 27-29)

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 1330.4, School Facilities - Use of Tobacco. (p 30-31)

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy and Regulation 4219.1, Retirement - All Board Employees. (p 32-34)

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) express in a public statement deep concern with the privacy and data control implications of MyEducationBC.

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Chair ask three members of the public to establish an ongoing mechanism for the re-imbursement of trustees for the duration of their term and that it be initiated in December for each new board.

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**D1. Superintendent's Report**

- a) Board of Education and Standing Committee Meeting Dates (p 35)

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2014/2015 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Ratification of Poll Vote - 3rd Reading of 2014-2015 Annual Budget Bylaw (p 36-37)

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E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

E1. Trustee Horsman - BCSTA Report

F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

F1. Trustee McNally - MyEducation BC

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) encourage the Ministry of Education to support openStudent and abandon their commitment to MyEducation BC / Aspen.

F2. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga - Youth Custody Centre

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request the Province to reverse its decision to close the Youth Custody Centre in View Royal and to keep it open for not only young male offenders but to open it up to include female offenders from the Vancouver Island Courts.

G. COMMUNICATIONS

H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
March 27, 2014 Special Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees Peg Orcherton, Chair, Bev Horsman, Vice-Chair, Catherine Alpha, Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Michael McEvoy (6:50 p.m.), Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr, Edith Loring-Kuhanga

Administration:

Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Dave Pitre, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, Nita McBurney, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Chair Orcherton thanked everyone for attending. She acknowledged that this has been a difficult process and that a decision would be made regarding Sundance this evening.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the March 27, 2014 Special Board Meeting agenda be approved with the following addition:

C. Proposed Sundance Elementary School Facility Closure – Notice of Motion

Motion Carried

Chair Orcherton stated there would be five minutes of time allotted to each speaker and that Mr. John Balogh, Sundance parent, would open and conclude the presentations prior to the Trustees making a decision on the relocation of the Sundance program.

B. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

John Balogh, Sundance parent, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all of their efforts, expressing that this is a manufactured crisis as the government refuses to fund public education while it continues to fund private education. He acknowledged that closing a school is the most fundamental thing that a Board has to face. He feels that Sundance provides a program that doesn't exist anywhere else.

Kira Antonik, Sundance parent, presented a short video about Sundance and its students. The video depicts Sundance students speaking about how much their small school means to them.

Pat Carrico, former Sundance parent and teacher at Victoria West, read a letter from her son, Nick Blasko, who credited Sundance for the success he has had in his adult life and his career. He felt that the school should be kept open at whatever cost, adding that he acquired the majority of his skills at this school – imagination, creativity, communication, acceptance and tolerance. He urged Trustees to find savings elsewhere and to allow Sundance to continue at its current location.

Ruth Nicholl, neighbour to Sundance School, read the District's mission statement, referencing the words "a responsive and safe environment" as they relate to Sundance. She stated that they have lived one-half block from Sundance for 27 years, that the children playing have been a deep part of their lives and that the school is unique. She asked the Board to find the savings elsewhere.

Angela Wignall, Sundance parent, stated that there are a number of children who do not fall into designations. She praised Sundance staff for their ability to supervise students. She added that the school supports complex needs; it has no bullying, supports expression and accepts difference. She believes that Sundance is an ideal school for her son.

Mary Rose, former Sundance parent, stated that Sundance does it differently due to the nature of the school and that it does not make sense to consider closing Sundance.

Benjamin Alto-Bond, Sundance graduate, stated that Sundance is a school that is incredibly accepting of everything. He was homeschooled prior to attending Sundance. He said that he learned so much from Sundance and that the school has had a lasting effect on him. He felt that it would be a mistake to close Sundance.

Marianne Alto-Bond, former Sundance parent, felt that one could not put forward a better example than her son, Benjamin, noting that there is an expectation of inclusion, tolerance and collaboration at Sundance. Everyone is welcoming. She stated that the students have a unique opportunity because of the teachers, the school and the school's multi-age groups. She added that the Board is facing an impossible choice that is not of their own making; however, the Board has the power to say no and to let the provincial government know that it is more about values, commitment and community than about numbers.

Maggie Bird, Sundance parent and special education teacher in the District, has a son in grade 4. She expressed that everyone at Sundance understands her son and knows how to help him. Her son has been provided with comfort, allowing him the confidence to make many friends. She questioned whether her son's needs would be met somewhere else.

Lucy, Grade 5 Sundance student, stated that Sundance is a great, bully-free school where all students are friends with each other; they all have lots of chances to be a leader because the school is small, and everyone feels comfortable. She is concerned that the students will all be split up if the school closes.

Jasper, Sundance student, is a Trans boy, who stated that he can be who he wants to be and that he does not have to care about being a boy or a girl or whether he plays with the girls or boys. He finished by stating that everyone gets along at Sundance.

John Balogh, Sundance parent, stated that he has talked as a facilitator but would now talk as a parent. He commented that generally society cherishes sameness and wants those with differences to hide them. He said that he never worried that his son would be bullied when his son came out as a Trans boy as this school offers a safe and caring environment. He asked the Board to please vote to keep Sundance alive.

Rachael Hainal, Sundance parent, has a son in Grade 4. She expressed that this school has not only shown her that it is an incredible place for learning but that the parent community has been very supportive of her in her fight with cancer. She feels that Sundance has completely changed her son in terms of him being able to read, write and wanting to attend school. She concluded by saying that this school needs to stay open.

Tahlia, Sundance student, expressed that Sundance was the 'bestest' place it could ever be and that the school leaders, staff and teachers are really nice. She hopes that the school will be kept open.

Simeon, Sundance student, said that he has been attending Sundance since Kindergarten and it is like a second home to him.

Ruth MacIntosh, Sundance parent, stated that her family chose Sundance when she was a single parent. Eighteen years and three more children later, they are still at Sundance. She said that transitions can be difficult especially for vulnerable students. She urged the Board to keep Sundance open.

Chris Meglic, Sundance parent, stated that being at Sundance has changed his child's perception of school such that she does not want to leave school when he goes to pick her up. He stated that a lot of children may not fit into the mainstream which is why schools of choice exist. He recognizes that enrolment is a concern and suggested that raising awareness could increase the enrolment by one or two more classes.

Nicole Baker, Sundance parent, said that her son is in grade 2 and is very bright. She stated that she was a 99% scoring student in a bigger school setting which she disliked. She noted that students love to go to Sundance which will inspire life-long learning. She added that she is a single parent, and like a lot of other Sundance parents, has built her life around this school. She finished by acknowledging that the Board has a tough decision to make.

Jordan, Sundance student, whose mother spoke on his behalf, stated that her children have experienced three school systems and that she was pleased to see the options available when the family moved to Victoria. They chose Sundance because their one child struggles with anxiety and they wanted a school where their child would feel secure, would not get lost and would not have to change schools again until middle school. She indicated that they are open to seeing Sundance turn into something larger. She believes in public education and acknowledged that Sundance is not the best school for everyone but it is for lots of students.

Sean Purtle, parent, with a son in Grade 2, acknowledged that none of the Trustees want to close the school but that they will make a decision for which they will be held accountable. He understands what Sundance costs and believes that other options should be explored to keep the school open.

Debra Swain, Sundance teacher, has been at Sundance for seven years and stated that Sundance is a unique place to teach where kindergarten to grade 5 students learn and play together comfortably. She hopes that the Board will reconsider closing Sundance.

Allison King, Grade 4/5 teacher at Sundance, said that she believes in small schools and that children learn best in small environments. She stated that she will be a good teacher no matter where she goes but that she is a better teacher at Sundance. At Sundance, she knows who she will be getting in her class next year. She asked the Board to try to make the right decision for everyone.

Kira Antonik, Sundance parent, stated that she was there to represent the voices of the 628 people who had signed the petition asking the Board to protect Sundance. People from all over the world have signed this petition as they believe in small schools.

Sam, Sundance student, whose mother spoke on his behalf, thanked the Board for considering their many voices. She acknowledged the difficult decision before the Board and encouraged the Board not to close the school but rather to look at other options.

Gary, Sundance grandparent, stated that his daughter chose to purchase a home close to Sundance School. He expressed that Sundance is unique and at the heart of the community and must be saved.

Rachel, Sundance parent, stated that her daughter began attending Sundance in Kindergarten. They have found Sundance to be an inclusive, accepting, safe and supportive environment.

Ryan, Sundance parent, stated that he feels very fortunate for his daughter to be able to attend Sundance. He added that Sundance should be studied as a model program for educating students in a community of families.

Joanne, out-of-school care leader at Sundance, stated that she has made some observations from working at Sundance. The school invites the child to grow in a caring environment. Sundance students demonstrate values, listening, caring and being empathetic. The students, parents and school really believe in those values and they make the world a better place. The children have high expectations of those caring for them and they advocate for themselves and demand respect and attention. Sundance sets students up to succeed.

Peter, Sundance parent, stated that given the discussion of the value received from Sundance serving its special population, the decision should be to keep Sundance open.

John Balogh, Sundance parent, thanked those who had stayed for the entire meeting. He acknowledged how hard this is, that people are passionate about their school, adding that all the people in attendance are willing to work with the Board to save Sundance. An option that appeals to the parents and students is the idea of turning Sundance into a Nature K to 5 school. He noted that the District is in a competitive educational environment and that there are opportunities for students to attend small, private schools. He asked the Board to work with them to try to save the school.

C. PROPOSED SUNDANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY CLOSURE - NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga presented her motion stating that the parents requested this motion in order to be clear that the Board is closing a school.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) close Sundance Elementary School as of July 1, 2014.

Trustee McNally stated that she wants the children and parents to know that this is about closing a school.

Trustee Alpha said that she will not vote to close a school. As a teacher, she has found that some students find larger schools overwhelming and as such there is a need to provide smaller learning environments.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga stated that she supports Sundance School. As a Trustee, she made a commitment to each student's success and to remember the most vulnerable students.

Trustee Ferris noted that the initial motion was for the Board to approve the relocation of Sundance. This was the motion that people had in mind and this is the motion he would prefer to support; however, if the parents want this, then he is prepared to support this motion. In the last 15 years, the District has demonstrated improvement and student needs continue to be met. Given the budget implications, it is very difficult to sustain small schools at the cost of the rest of the students in the district.

Trustee Nohr stated that she believes in neighbourhood schools and that she supports Sundance. She will be voting against the motion.

Trustee Leonard stated that she understands why this motion was put forward but from the Board's perspective, the original motion is preferred as it is possible to move a program. Schools within a school do work. The District does have a structural deficit. Given increasing cost pressures and declining enrolment, everything cannot be sustained.

Trustee Horsman stated that Sundance can rise again at a new location. The Board is committed to making this choice available.

Trustee McNally stated that the motion was brought forward to have a clear conversation about what will happen.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) close Sundance Elementary School as of July 1, 2014.

Motion Defeated Unanimously

D. PROPOSED SUNDANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY CLOSURE AND PROGRAM RELOCATION DEBATE

Trustee Ferris stated that he believes the Sundance program could be moved to another location very successfully.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the relocation of the Sundance Elementary School program to Lakehill Elementary School and closure of the current facility effective July 1, 2014.

Trustee McEvoy thanked everyone for their thoughtful interactions. He noted that the infrastructure was built to accommodate the baby boomers for an enrolment of 33,000 that is now approximately 18,000. People are now having much smaller families. As Trustees, they have to make responsible decisions and consider the impacts on all students. Trustee McEvoy stated that he is a huge supporter of choice and he believes that this is an opportunity to keep the Sundance program alive, which will be why he supports this motion.

Trustee Horsman stated that she will support this motion as she feels it is the best alternative and the Board now needs to put their energy into making Sundance work. Trustees have an obligation to submit a balanced budget.

Trustee McNally stated that she will not be supporting this motion because of what she has heard from the parents.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga stated that she will not be supporting the motion as she felt that the relocation discussion was actually about closing a school.

Trustee Alpha stated that she believes that Sundance is not a program but is a school of choice that needs to remain at Sundance, and so she will not be supporting this motion.

Chair Orcherton thanked everyone for their presentations and noted that it is very difficult to deal with the emotional aspects of this issue. She, however, has to think about all 18,590 students in this District.

Trustee Ferris thanked everyone in the community who came out to the meeting.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the relocation of the Sundance Elementary School program to Lakehill Elementary School and closure of the current facility effective July 1, 2014.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Ferris, Horsman, Leonard, McEvoy and Orcherton
Against: Trustees Loring-Kuhanga, McNally and Nohr
Abstained: Trustee Alpha

It was moved and seconded:

That the Sundance Elementary School Facility Closure Bylaw No. 14-01 be given all three readings at the Board meeting on March 27, 2014.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Ferris, Horsman, Leonard, McEvoy and Orcherton
Against: Trustees Alpha, Loring-Kuhanga, McNally and Nohr

Since the motion to give the bylaw all three readings at the March 27, 2014 meeting was not carried unanimously, it is considered defeated. Therefore, only two readings can occur on March 27, 2014.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Sundance Elementary School Facility Closure Bylaw No. 14-01, being a bylaw to close Sundance Elementary School, Facility No. 61008, located at 1625 Bank Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 4V5, effective July 1, 2014 be:

Read a first time this 27th day of March, 2014;
Read a second time this 27th day of March, 2014;

For: Trustees Ferris, Horsman, Leonard, McEvoy and Orcherton
Against: Trustees Alpha, Loring-Kuhanga, McNally and Nohr

Trustee Orcherton thanked everyone for attending this evening and for being respectful. She stated that the third reading of the bylaw would be conducted via a poll vote the following morning March 28, 2014. She added that if there is a way to address the issue of transportation, it would be considered. She said that the Board will work with each family as they go through the transition to ensure that the needs of the students have been met.

D. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary-Treasurer



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
April 22, 2014 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Administration:

Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Dave Pitre, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, Janine Roy, District Principal, Learning Initiatives, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Introductions were made around the Board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the April 22, 2014 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

A6. Community Presentations

a) Cindy Graf, Greater Victoria Teachers' Association

A7. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Horsman
- b) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga
- c) Trustee Nohr
- d) Trustee McNally

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the March 24, 2014 Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) It was moved and seconded:

That the March 26, 2014 Special Board Budget Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c)

That the March 27, 2014 Special Board Minutes be approved.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga requested that page 6 of the March 27, 2014 Special Board minutes be changed to reflect that she did not support the motion of the relocation of the Sundance program and closure of the facility as she felt that it was a school closure. Chair Orcherton advised that the notes taken by the recording secretary would be reviewed and, if this was said, the minutes would be amended and brought back to the May 20, 2014 Board meeting for approval.

d) It was moved and seconded:

That the April 2, 2014 Special Board Budget Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

e) It was moved and seconded:

That the April 9, 2014 Special Board Budget Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement

Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, introduced and welcomed Randi Falls, Principal of Victoria High School. Ms. Falls introduced Stew Wheeler, Career and Transition teacher along with several students and provided a brief overview of the career programs at Victoria High School and the participation of the students at the Skills Canada South Vancouver Island Regional Competition at Camosun College. Mr. Wheeler gave a brief description of a recent event held at Victoria High School called "Yes to It" which gave grade 8 students from Central Middle School the opportunity to attend and be introduced to the trades offered at Victoria High to assist them in their future course selections.

Students Eric, Kate, Solomon and Hanna introduced themselves and described which trade event they participated in at the Skills Canada competition and the projects that they were involved with.

Chair Orcherton thanked Principal Falls, Mr. Wheeler and the students for attending and presenting to the Board.

A5. District Presentations - None

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Petra Eggert, teacher and parent of two children in the District, attended the Board meeting to speak about professional development and student learning. Ms. Eggert expressed her support for the work of the learning mentors and the important role that they play in this District.
- b) Cindy Graf attended the Board meeting to speak on behalf of the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association regarding teacher professional development. Ms. Graf acknowledged the work of the Learning Initiatives team but emphasized the importance of teachers selecting their own professional development and the need to increase the joint professional development fund.

A7. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Horsman reported that she attended Rogers Elementary and sat in on Ms. Ross' grade 3-4 class for their project involving aboriginal cultural storytelling through stones.
- b) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reported that she attended Strawberry Vale Elementary for Seussical the Musical and McKenzie Elementary for the musical Aristocrats.
- c) Trustee Nohr reported that she attended the Vancouver Island High School Science Fair at the University of Victoria.
- d) Trustee McNally reported that she attended Craigflower Elementary to learn about a speech articulation program based on West Coast Aboriginal stories.

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton reported that Trustee Nohr has stepped down from her role on the Culture and Community Committee and that Trustee Ferris has been appointed to the Committee in her place.

On March 28, 2014 Chair Orcherton attended former Superintendent John Gaipman's retirement celebration along with family, friends and colleagues.

Chair Orcherton reported that she visited teachers and students at Lambrick Park Secondary and on April 12th participated in the opening ceremonies for Lakehill Little League.

Chair Orcherton reported that on April 17, 2014 the British Columbia Teachers' Federation issued 72 hours strike notice for Stage 1 job action and that she conducted an interview with Terry Moore from CFAX answering questions about the teacher job action.

Chair Orcherton reviewed matters pertaining to the functionality and integrity of the Board and made a public statement correcting misinformation related to processes as set out in Board bylaws, policies and regulations with respect to the Board's actions and decisions related to the Sundance program.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**C1. Education Policy Development Committee**

- a) The April 7, 2014 meeting minutes were presented for information.
- b) Trustee Alpha referred to the minutes from the Education Policy Development Committee meeting and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Rugby Academy at Esquimalt High School.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Ferris, McEvoy, Orcherton, Horsman, Alpha and Leonard
Against: Trustees McNally, Loring-Kuhanga and Nohr

C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The April 14, 2014 meeting minutes were presented for information.

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**D1. Superintendent's Report**

- a) Superintendent Bell provided an update with respect to the relocation of the Sundance Program. The first phase of the transition process is almost complete with most families having made their choice of a school for next year. Superintendent Bell advised the Board that the former Sundance students will be tracked by each school Principal for the first year to be sure that their transition is successful.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Secretary-Treasurer Laser reported out the April 1, 2014 poll vote results for the 3rd reading of the Sundance Elementary School Facility Closure Bylaw 14-01 stating that the motion passed.

E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES - None**F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS****F1. Trustee McNally - Motion to Rescind**

Chair Orcherton ruled Trustee McNally's motion out of order since action has already been taken to implement the motion.

That the Board rescind the motion carried at the Special Board Meeting of March 27: *"That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the relocation of the Sundance Elementary School program to Lakehill Elementary School and closure of the current facility effective July 1, 2014"*.

F2. Trustee McNally - Personnel

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided her rationale. A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Bell.

It was moved and seconded:

That all personnel accounted for (in addition to the proposed reduction in clerical support and reduction in Learning Mentor FTE) under "Learning Initiatives" be reassigned to appropriate positions in SD61, and the department "Learning Initiatives" be closed.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustee McNally

Against: Trustees Ferris, McEvoy, Loring-Kuhanga, Orcherton, Horsman, Alpha, Leonard and Nohr

F3. Trustee McNally - Wi-Fi Routers

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided her rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with clarification being provided by Chair Orcherton.

It was moved and seconded:

That SD61 halt implementation of wifi router installation and any related activity in schools immediately and for the 2014-15 school year, and apply the District's share of material, bandwidth and labour savings to the 2014-15 budget plan, savings to be itemized and provided in a detailed spreadsheet to the Board.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees McNally, Loring-Kuhanga and Nohr

Against: Trustees Ferris, McEvoy, Orcherton, Horsman, Alpha and Leonard

F4. Trustee McNally - Board Budget Meeting

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided her rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with clarification being provided by Secretary-Treasurer Laser.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delay the final vote on the School District No. 61 budget for 2014-2015 to the May 20, 2014 Board meeting, and in the interim convene the Budget Advisory Committee in the week of April 28th (adding more meetings as needed via the vote of any three Trustees) with expanded attendance to include all interested Trustees.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees McNally and Loring-Kuhanga

Against: Trustees Ferris, McEvoy, Orcherton, Horsman, Alpha, Nohr and Leonard

G. COMMUNICATIONS - None**H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None****I. ADJOURNMENT**

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
April 23, 2014 Special Board Budget Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Administration:

Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, Janine Roy, District Principal, Learning Initiatives, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

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

Chair Orcherton requested that Superintendent Bell and Secretary-Treasurer Laser review the budget options presented at the March 26, 2014 Special Board Budget meeting. Trustees had questions of clarification for both Superintendent Bell and Secretary-Treasurer Laser.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the April 23, 2014 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

C. 2014/2015 Annual Budget

- a) ii) Trustee McNally - Amendment to Motion
- a) iii) Trustee Nohr - New Motion

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ON THE 2014/2015 BUDGET - None

C. 2014/2015 ANNUAL BUDGET

a) 2014/2015 Annual Budget Debate

Secretary-Treasurer Laser explained that the motion to approve the carry forward funding needs to be considered prior to debating the budget options.

- i) It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves carrying forward the \$6,300,000 to the 2014-2015 school year to be applied against the deficit.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Ferris, McEvoy, Loring-Kuhanga, Orcherton, Horsman, Alpha, Leonard and Nohr
Abstain: Trustee McNally

The following motion was presented and Chair Orcherton requested speakers to this motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Laser.

ii) It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the list of proposed budget options for the 2014-2015 school year and approves carrying forward the \$53,501 to the 2015-2016 school year to be applied against the deficit.

Trustee Horsman moved an amendment to the main motion to use the \$53,501 to fund learning mentors at five CommunityLINK schools. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Laser.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves using the unallocated budget amount of \$53,501 to fund learning mentors at the following schools based on CommunityLINK data: Craigflower, George Jay, Victoria West, Tillicum, and Quadra.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees McNally, McEvoy, Nohr and Horsman

Against: Trustees Ferris, Loring-Kuhanga, Orcherton, Alpha and Leonard

Chair Orcherton referred Trustees back to the main motion. Trustee McNally moved an amendment to the main motion to allocate the \$53,501 to Craigflower Elementary School. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

That the \$53,501 be allocated to Craigflower School for additional reading recovery time and/or learning support time, to be decided by the school staff.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Horsman, McNally, Alpha, McEvoy, Loring-Kuhanga and Nohr

Against: Trustees Leonard, Orcherton and Ferris

Chair Orcherton referred Trustees back to the main motion as amended.

ii) It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the list of proposed budget options for the 2014-2015 school year and that the \$53,501 be allocated to Craigflower School for additional reading recovery time and/or learning support time, to be decided by the school staff."

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Bell.

Trustee Leonard moved an amendment to delete the words “reading recovery time and/or learning” from the amended main motion to provide flexibility to the school to decide how the money will be used. Discussion ensued amongst the trustees.

- ii) It was moved and seconded:

That the amended main motion “That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the list of proposed budget options for the 2014-2015 school year and that the \$53,501 be allocated to Craigflower School for additional reading recovery time and/or learning support time, to be decided by the school staff” be amended to read “That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the list of proposed budget options for the 2014-2015 school year and that the \$53,501 be allocated to Craigflower School for additional support time, to be decided by the school staff.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Orcherton called for the vote on the amended main motion.

- ii) It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the list of proposed budget options for the 2014-2015 school year and that the \$53,501 be allocated to Craigflower School for additional support time, to be decided by the school staff.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- iii) Trustee Nohr - BCSTA Fees

Trustee Nohr presented her motion and provided her rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) eliminate the yearly BCSTA fees and apply the additional funding to student support which will be determined by senior administration in conjunction with the GVTA.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Nohr and McNally

Against: Trustees Ferris, McEvoy, Loring-Kuhanga, Orcherton, Horsman, Alpha and Leonard

b) 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw

Secretary- Treasurer Laser referred to the 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw and explained that in accordance with the new Public Sector Accounting standards the budget bylaw now includes the Operating Fund, Special Purpose Funds and the Capital Fund. Secretary- Treasurer Laser reviewed each fund and explained that the board must unanimously agree to give the budget bylaw all three readings at one sitting.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings of the 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw at the meeting of April 23, 2014.
- Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Ferris, McNally, McEvoy, Orcherton, Horsman, Alpha and Leonard
Against: Trustees Loring-Kuhanga and Trustee Nohr

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$195,330,769 be:
- Read a first time the 23rd day of April, 2014;
Read a second time the 23rd day of April 2014;
- And that the Chairperson and the Secretary Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and execute this Bylaw on behalf of the Board.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

Chair Orcherton gave notice to Trustees under Bylaw 9011, that a Poll Vote will be sent via email on Thursday, April 24, 2014 for a 3rd reading of the 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw.

D. ADVOCACY/NEEDS LETTER TO THE MINISTER SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENT

Chair Orcherton provided Trustees with a 'draft' letter to be sent to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education which states the views of the Board with respect to the underfunding of public education. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with feedback being given Chair Orcherton.

It was moved and seconded:

- That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) send a letter to the Minister of Education, Peter Fassbender that will state the views of the Board with respect to the underfunding of public education.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

- That the meeting be adjourned.
- Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary-Treasurer



REGULAR MINUTES

Present: **TRUSTEES**
Tom Ferris - Chair
Bev Horsman
Edith Loring-Kuhanga
Michael McEvoy
Deborah Nohr
Peg Orcherton

Regrets: Catherine Alpha

ADMINISTRATION

Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools
Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent
Janine Roy, District Principal of Learning Initiatives
Kristine Marshall, Recording Secretary

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

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved

That the May 5, 2014 regular agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved

That the April 7, 2014 Education Policy Development Committee regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

- 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – none**
- 4. PUBLIC REQUEST TO THE COMMITTEE – none**
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE – none**
- 6. MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE - none**
- 7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - none**

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Project-Based Learning

Ms. Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Colin Roberts, Principal of Esquimalt High School, and Ms. Judy Harrison, Principal of Monterey Middle School provided presentations on Project-Based Learning.

Ms. Bell provided an overview of Project-Based Learning which outlined the essential elements of Project-Based Learning, from the importance of student voice and choice in project selection, the essential driving question which guides the project, the in-depth inquiry process, the importance of sharing the project with a public audience and the steps of revision and reflection. Mr. Roberts presented Esquimalt High School's teacher-led project, which used iPads as reflection tools to improve student writing skills. Ms. Harrison presented Monterey Middle School's Grade 6-7 intergenerational project involving students working with seniors on projects which impacted student learning in meaningful ways.

Trustees asked questions and thanked the presenters.

B. MyEducationBC Update

Associate Superintendent Pat Duncan presented an update on MyEducationBC. BCESIS, our current provincial student information system, is being replaced provincially with MyEducationBC, which is a more sophisticated and user friendly tool. MyEducationBC will be piloted at Mount Doug Secondary and the Link in the fall of 2014, and the pilot will be extended to the Mount Doug Family of Schools by January 2015. All district schools will be using MyEducationBC by January, 2016.

Trustees asked questions and made comments.

C. Learning Improvement Fund

Superintendent of Schools Sherri Bell presented an update on the Learning Improvement Fund.

Last year the Ministry contributed \$1.9 million to the Greater Victoria School District through LIF. For 2015, the Ministry will be contributing \$2.4 million through LIF. For 2015, the District has maintained the same funding structure while increasing the base amount for all tiers by \$5000, and the per pupil amount will remain the same.

Trustees asked questions and made comments.

D. Student Representative Update

Superintendent of Schools Sherri Bell presented an update on the Student Representative.

Ms. Bell met with the student representatives and explained what the Board of Education is responsible for, who the Trustees are, and discussed how the student representative could be selected. The students expressed their wish for all student representatives to have the opportunity to attend a meeting by rotating the responsibility on a monthly basis. Student representatives would receive a letter signed by the Board Chair and Superintendent to be used for scholarships and applications.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.



**Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
May 12, 2014 – GVSD Board Office, Boardroom**

REGULAR MINUTES

Present:

Elaine Leonard, Chair, Catherine Alpha, Tom Ferris, Bev Horsman, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr, Peg Orcherton

Absent:

Michael McEvoy

Administration:

Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, Kim Munro, Director of Human Resource Services, Ted Pennell, Director of Information Technology, Katie Dragert, Human Resources Advisor, Wellness and Attendance Support, Doreen Hegan, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved:

That the May 12, 2014 regular agenda be approved with an addition to #10 New Business/Notice of Motions by Trustee Ferris - Trustee Reimbursement.

Motion Carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved:

That the April 14, 2014 Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Camille Victoire and Janice Boothman - Wi-Fi

Camille and Janice, both parents of children attending Margaret Jenkins, expressed concern about the installation of Wi-Fi at elementary schools. They requested that the Board

designate one English/French elementary school as a low electromagnetic field (EMF) and suggested that Margaret Jenkins be designated as that school.

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees with Trustee Orcherton asking Superintendent Bell for clarification on the status of Wi-Fi installations in elementary schools. Superintendent Bell confirmed that all elementary schools, except Rogers Elementary School, are currently in the consultation process.

Barb Hardy, Principal of Margaret Jenkins Elementary School, informed Trustees that their school began the consultation process in February 2014 with a survey. Of the 182 families who responded to the survey, 147 families were in favour of Wi-Fi installation and 35 families were not. Staff members were also surveyed and 24 of the 25 staff members who responded were in favour of Wi-Fi installation. Margaret Jenkins currently has no routers installed, but will be proceeding to purchase the routers required to implement Wi-Fi in the school.

B. Peter Milne, Regulation, Accommodation and Accountability

Mr. Milne presented Trustees with a handout containing several questions he would like answered. Discussion ensued amongst Trustees and it was suggested that responses be made in writing and copied to all Trustees.

Superintendent Bell confirmed that the Board would get back to Mr. Milne with answers to his questions.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Sub-Committee on Public Engagement

Chair Leonard informed Trustees that page 13 showing the recommendations of the sub-committee with respect to the digital recording of meetings would be reviewed this evening, pages 14 and 15 would be reviewed at the June OPPs meeting, and the complete document would hopefully be reviewed at the September OPPs meeting.

The following items were agreed upon by Trustees:

- Board meetings will be digitally recorded by school district personnel.
- The digital recording will be posted on the district website as soon as possible after the board meeting.
- The digital recording will remain on the district website until the next Board meeting and will then be archived.
- The number of site visits will be tracked.
- Live streaming will be considered after the digital recording process is in place for a period of one year.

It was decided that further discussion was needed on the following recommendations:

- No other recordings will be permitted except media outlets.
- In order to support and encourage dialogue that occurs during Board Committee meetings, those meetings will not be recorded.

6. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

A. Policy and Regulation 5131.5 Smoking

Kim Munro, Director of Human Resource Services presented Policy and Regulation 5131.5 Smoking which now reflect the changes suggested by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised Policy 5131.5, Smoking.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Orcherton, Nohr, Alpha, Horsman, McNally, Ferris, Leonard
Against: Trustee Loring-Kuhanga

B. Delete Policy 1330.4 School Facilities - Use of Tobacco

Kim Munro, Director of Human Resource Services informed the committee that Policy 1330.4 School Facilities - Use of Tobacco should be deleted as it has been made obsolete by Policy 5131.5 Smoking.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 1330.4, School Facilities - Use of Tobacco.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Delete Policy and Regulation 4219.1 Retirement - All Board Employees

Kim Munro, Director of Human Resource Services informed the committee that Policy and Regulation 4219.1 Retirement - All Board Employees should be deleted as it is discriminatory according to the Human Rights Code.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy and Regulation 4219.1, Retirement - All Board Employees.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. PERSONNEL

A. Attendance Support

Kim Munro, Director of Human Resource Services introduced Katie Dragert, Human Resources Advisor, Wellness and Attendance Support.

Ms. Dragert provided information to Trustees about the three key aspects of her role: wellness, disability management, and attendance support. She detailed a number of initiatives that she is currently working on, including implementing a district-wide wellness program, and creating a collaborative, supportive framework that will help employees return to work and perform their roles to the best of their abilities. Trustees asked questions of clarification of Ms. Dragert and thanked her for her presentation.

8. FACILITIES PLANNING

A. Capital Projects Update

Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services presented an overview of several capital projects that are in progress within the School District. These projects include the seismic upgrade nearing completion at Quadra, as well as two newly approved seismic upgrades at Tillicum and George Jay. Mr. Howley explained that the Tillicum project will impact one wing of the school, while the George Jay project will be more intrusive and will require the school to relocate to the Richmond School location for the next school year. Mr. Howley added that George Jay also received carbon neutral capital program funding to have its boilers replaced during the seismic upgrade.

Mr. Howley presented an update on the progress at the new Oak Bay High School. He explained that the gymnasiums will be ready for occupation in September 2014 with the remainder of the school building completed by September 2015. A time lapse video of the construction of the new Oak Bay School can be located on the school's website.

9. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

A. Trustee Ferris - Trustee Reimbursement

Trustee Ferris presented his motion and rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Chair ask three members of the public to establish an ongoing mechanism for the reimbursement of Trustees for the duration of their term and that it be initiated in December for each new board member.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Orcherton, Horsman, Loring-Kuhanga, Ferris, Leonard

Against: Trustee Alpha

Abstained: Trustees Nohr and McNally

B. Trustee Nohr - Class Size and Composition

Trustee Nohr presented her motion and rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that senior administration provide a detailed summary of the 2013-2014 Class Size and Composition Report.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Nohr, Alpha, Loring-Kuhanga, and McNally

Against: Trustees Orcherton, Horsman, Ferris, and Leonard

C. Trustee McNally - Support openStudent

Trustee McNally presented her motion and rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

Associate Superintendent Duncan informed Trustees that the first phase of schools are being prepared for the conversion and will be ready to proceed once the Ministry of Education releases the MyEducationBC application. He also explained that the openStudent product was assessed, but did not meet the needs of our school district, and that continued work on the openStudent product has now ceased. Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) encourage the Ministry of Education to support openStudent and abandon their commitment to MyEducationBC / Aspen.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Nohr, Alpha, Loring-Kuhanga, and McNally
Against: Trustees Orcherton, Horsman, Ferris, and Leonard

D. Trustee McNally - MyEducationBC

Trustee McNally presented her motion and rationale.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) express in a public statement deep concern with the privacy breach and data control implications of MyEducationBC and withdraw from further integration with this data base.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee McNally revising her motion to delete the word "breach" and the words "and withdraw from further integration with this data base".

Chair Leonard called for a vote on the revised motion.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) express in a public statement deep concern with the privacy and data control implications of MyEducationBC.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Alpha, Horsman, Leonard, Loring-Kuhanga, McNally, Nohr, Orcherton
Abstained: Trustee Ferris

11. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

TO: Operations, Policy & Planning Committee

FROM: Kim Munro
Director, Human Resource Services

DATE: May 12, 2014

RE: **Policy and Regulation 5131.5 Smoking**

The updated Policy 5131.5 is being provided for your consideration.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised Policy 5131.5, Smoking.
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Regulation 5131.5 Smoking has been provided for information.



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POLICY 5131.5

SMOKING

The Board of Education recognizes the need to protect the health, safety and welfare of its students, employees and other users of its buildings and properties with respect to the use of tobacco and smokeless tobacco products, **including the smoking of electronic (e.cigarettes) cigarettes**. Smoking and other tobacco use is prohibited anywhere on school property at any time.

This is in accordance with tobacco legislation Bill 10, Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools), Amendment Act, 2007, Section 2.2.

Greater Victoria School District

Adopted: February 1982
Revised: June 1991
Revised: May 1995
Revised: February 1997
Revised: January 2008
Revised: May 2014

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To comply with the Capital Regional District's Clean-Air Bylaw 2217, and in accordance with tobacco legislation Bill 10, Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools), Amendment Act, 2007, Section 2.2 the Board directs that smoking and the use of other tobacco products is not permitted:

- i) inside School District buildings
- ii) on School District grounds
- iii) in Board owned or leased vehicles
- iv) in personal vehicles on school grounds

It is expected that all employees, students, parents and community users/renters of Board facilities will adhere to this Regulation at all times.

Ceremonial use performed in relation to a traditional aboriginal cultural activity, will be permitted.

The Board also believes the most effective way to assist its students and employees, is to address the health issues on smoking through information and educational programs.

Greater Victoria School District

Adopted: January 2008

Revised: May 2014

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HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

556 Boleskine Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 1E8
Phone: 250-475-4191 / Fax: 250-475-4113

TO: Operations, Policy & Planning Committee

FROM: Kim Munro
Director, Human Resource Services

DATE: May 12, 2014

RE: **Policy 1330.4 School Facilities - Use of Tobacco**

Policy 1330.4 School Facilities - Use of Tobacco should be deleted as it is covered in Policy 5131.5, Smoking.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 1330.4, School Facilities - Use of Tobacco.
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POLICY 1330.4

SCHOOL FACILITIES - USE OF TOBACCO

Use of tobacco on school property shall be discouraged.

Greater Victoria School District

Adopted: June 21, 1971

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TO: Operations, Policy & Planning Committee

FROM: Kim Munro
Director, Human Resource Services

DATE: May 12, 2014

RE: **Policy and Regulation 4219.1 Retirement - All Board Employees**

Policy and Regulation 4219.1 Retirement - All Board Employees should be deleted as they are no long required.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy and Regulation 4219.1, Retirement - All Board Employees.



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POLICY 4219.1

RETIREMENT - ALL BOARD EMPLOYEES

1. Every Board employee has the right to continue in the Board's employment beyond the age of 65, provided the employee's age does not impair the quality and quantity of service to the board.
2. In order to continue his/her employment beyond the age of 65, the employee shall make an application to the Board, annually, for an extension of not more than one year to the period of employment. The application for extension shall be accompanied by an evaluation concerning the employee's ability to carry out the duties at an acceptable level of efficiency and quality.

Greater Victoria School District

Adopted: July 19, 1971 (as 4249)

Revised: Renumbered and re-titled: April 13, 1981

Revised: Re-titled: April 25, 1988

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REGULATION 4219.1

RETIREMENT - ALL BOARD EMPLOYEES

The maximum retirement age for all Board employees shall be 65. Employees who so elect, may extend their employment to June 30th following their 65th birthday subject to the following:

1. The Board may consider the deferment of retirement of an employee for a period not exceeding one year and successive deferments, each one year, but not to extend beyond June 30th of the year in which the employee attains the age of 70 years.
2. Requests for deferment of retirement are to be made by the applicant in writing and submitted to the Board for approval no later than three months prior to the conclusion of each year of deferment.
3. The Board, when considering an employee's request for deferment of retirement, will give consideration to the following:
 - a) Current performance evaluations.
 - b) A review of the employee's absenteeism record.

Greater Victoria School District

Approved: April 25, 1988

Revised: June 1998

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

556 BOLESKINE ROAD, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8Z 1E8
Phone: (250) 475-4106 Fax: (250) 475-4112

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: May 20, 2014

RE: **2014/2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

Education Policy and Development	Operations, Policy and Planning Committee	Board of Education
Monday September 8, 2014, (combined with OPPS)	Monday September 8, 2014 (combined with Ed Policy)	Monday September 15, 2014
Monday October 6, 2014	Tuesday October 14, 2014	Monday October 20, 2014
Monday November 3, 2014 (combined with OPPS)	Monday November 3, 2014 (combined with Ed Policy)	Monday November 10, 2014
_____	_____	Monday December 1, 2014 (Inaugural Meeting)
Monday January 5, 2015	Monday January 12, 2015	Monday January 19, 2015
Monday February 2, 2015	Tuesday February 10, 2015	Monday February 16, 2015
Monday March 2, 2015 (combined with OPPS)	Monday March 2, 2015 (combined with Ed Policy)	Monday March 23, 2015
Tuesday April 7, 2015	Monday April 13, 2015	Monday April 20, 2015
Monday May 4, 2015	Monday May 11, 2015	Tuesday May 19, 2015
Monday June 1, 2015	Monday June 8, 2015	Monday June 15, 2015

Recommended Motions:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2014/2015 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates.



Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools



OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

556 BOLESKINE ROAD, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8Z 1E8
PHONE (250) 475-4108 FAX (250) 475-4110

TO: The Board of Education
FROM: Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer
DATE: May 20, 2014
RE: **THIRD READING OF 2014/2015 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW**

A poll vote for the third reading of the 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw was conducted as follows:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$ 195,330,769 be:

Read a third time, passed and adopted the 25th day of April 2014;

And that the Secretary-Treasurer be directed to place the 2014/2015 Annual Budget in the format prescribed by the Ministry of Education and to submit all forms as required.

The motion passed. Attached is a copy of the Annual Budget Bylaw for your information.

Voting Record:

For: Trustees Ferris, McEvoy, Loring-Kuhanga, Orcherton, Horsman, Alpha, Leonard

Against: Trustees McNally, Nohr

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debra Laser', written over a horizontal line.

Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer

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Attachment

ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61 (GREATER VICTORIA) (called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2014/2015 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2014/2015.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2014/2015 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$195,330,769 for the 2014/2015 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2014/2015.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2014;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2014;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 25th DAY OF APRIL, 2014;

(Corporate Seal)


Chairperson of the Board


Secretary Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true original of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Annual Budget Bylaw 2014/2015, adopted by the Board the 25th DAY OF APRIL, 2014.


Secretary Treasurer