



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
October 21, 2013 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees Peg Orcherton, Chair, Bev Horsman, Vice-Chair, Catherine Alpha (7:45pm), Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr

Regrets: Trustee Michael McEvoy

Administration:

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Deborah Courville, Associate Superintendent, Kim Munro, Director, Human Resource Services, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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 October 21, 2013 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

A7. Trustees' Reports

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

F. New Business/Notice of Motions

- F1.** Trustee Remuneration – referred to November 18, 2013 Board meeting
- F2.** Municipal and Trustee Elections

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the September 16, 2013 Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga had questions of clarification for Secretary-Treasurer Laser regarding the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended June 30, 2013.

A4. Student Achievement

Associate Superintendent Deborah Courville welcomed students from Lansdowne Middle School and Oak Bay High School. The five students were among ninety four District students who recently attended the Truth and Reconciliation Day in Vancouver sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Lansdowne Middle School students Alana, Haley and Liam each spoke about their individual experiences while attending this event and how they have been sharing their experiences with fellow students.

Oak Bay High School students Iain and Kellie spoke about the powerful stories told by the residential school survivors and how they feel the stories will impact their lives. Both students thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend this event.

A5. District Presentations

Chair Orcherton introduced and congratulated Ms. Nella Nelson, Coordinator, Aboriginal Nations Education, who was the recent recipient of the 2013 Representative's Award of Excellence in Cultural Heritage. Chair Orcherton outlined the background of this prestigious award and the outstanding work Ms. Nelson provides to the District and Aboriginal Community. A video was played which featured Ms. Nelson and her work in the community with respect to Aboriginal culture and the teachings of First Nations people.

Ms. Nelson accepted a bouquet of flowers that was presented to her by Chair Orcherton on behalf of the Board and expressed what an honor it was to have received this award.

A6. Community Presentations - None.**A7. Trustees' Reports**

Trustee McNally reported that she attended a workshop put on by the South Island Gifted Children's Association and provided a description of the conference and guest speakers.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reported that she attended welcome back barbeques at Northridge Elementary and Spectrum Community Schools and also attended the conference put on by the South Island Gifted Children's Association.

Trustee Horsman reported that she attended a whole school head shave at Reynolds High School in support of Cops for Cancer.

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton reported that she attended radio interviews on September 16, 2013, a meeting in Vancouver on September 24, 2013 with respect to the new British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) bargaining structure and a Culture and Community Sub Committee meeting on September 26, 2013. On September 27 and 28, 2013 Chair Orcherton attended the Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association Conference and noted that the keynote speaker was, Minister of Education, Peter Fassbender.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Education Policy Development Committee

- a) The October 7, 2013 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.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Program of Choice Application: Coastal Kindergarten Program Proposal for a two year pilot located at James Bay Community School and South Park Family School beginning September, 2014.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to table the motion until further research can be conducted.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) table the motion to approve the Program of Choice Application: Coastal Kindergarten Program Proposal for a two year pilot located at James Bay Community School and South Park Family School beginning September, 2014, until further research can be conducted.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Nohr and Loring-Kuhanga

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

Abstain: Trustee McNally

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the motion "*The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Program of Choice Application: Coastal Kindergarten Program Proposal for a two year pilot located at James Bay Community School and South Park Family School beginning September, 2014*" be referred to the November 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees McNally and Orcherton

Trustee Alpha referred to the minutes from the Education Policy Development Committee meeting and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request the Superintendent of Schools to explore the idea of having a position of student trustee/representative on School District No. 61 Board of Education and Standing Committees and report back to the Education Policy Development Committee meeting in January 2014.

Motion Carried

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

C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The October 15, 2013 Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes were presented for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes from the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the new Policy, 4304, Bullying and Harassment.
Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the revised Policy 2120.015, Associate Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee McNally moving an amendment to the wording of Policy 2120.015.

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the revised Policy 2120.015, Associate Secretary-Treasurer by keeping "*District Strategic Plan and/or*" rather than striking it out.
Motion Defeated

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

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Chair Orcherton calling the vote on the main motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the revised Policy 2120.015, Associate Secretary-Treasurer.
Motion Carried

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

Trustee Leonard presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Gaipman.

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the revised Policy 2123.041, Manager of Purchasing Services.
Motion Carried

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

Trustee Leonard presented the following motion from the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the revised Policy 4220.3, Purchasing Services.

Trustee Alpha moved an amendment to the second line of the wording of Policy 4220.3. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the revised Policy 4220.3, Purchasing Services and amend the second line of the wording as follows:
“be responsible to, the Associate Secretary-Treasurer or Manager of Purchasing Services”.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the revised Policy 4220.3, Purchasing Services, as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Gaipman reported that the Tolmie Administration Building recently engaged in fundraising for breast cancer research through Dress for the Cause and proudly raised approximately \$2,700 through cupcake sales, basket draws and head shaves. Superintendent Gaipman thanked everyone for their participation.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Laser stated that the Ministry of Finance has requested all school districts to prepare a Cooperative Gains Savings Plan for the negotiated compensation increase for CUPE support staff and to submit this plan by October 15, 2013. Secretary-Laser advised the Board that the plan has been submitted. The current year cost of approximately \$660,000 will be funded on a one-time basis from the unrestricted operating surplus as at June 30, 2012. The ongoing cost of just over \$1.2 million will be added as a line item in the 2014-2015 operating budget. The budget deliberations to address the budget shortfall will occur in the spring of 2014. Trustees asked questions of clarification of Secretary-Treasurer Laser.

E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Trustee McNally reported that she attended a Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting and that there is an upcoming round table meeting which Trustee McNally encouraged Saanich residents to attend.

F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

F1. Trustee Remuneration – Trustee Ferris

Trustee Ferris requested that this item be referred to the November 18, 2013 Board meeting.

That the Trustee remuneration mechanism that was tabled in January 2012 be automatically re-established after the ratification of the CUPE contract takes place.

F2. Trustee Elections – Trustee Horsman

Trustee Horsman presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) confirms the necessity of aligning the Municipal and Trustee election terms.
Motion Carried Unanimously

G. COMMUNICATIONS

G1. Chair Orcherton advised that a letter was sent on October 9, 2013 to Minister of Education, Peter Fassbender requesting funding for CUPE Support Staff Collective Agreement increases.

H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer