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The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
December 9, 2013 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:
John Gaiptman, Superintendent of Schools/Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell. Deputy Superintendent, Deborah Courville, Associate Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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.

It was noted that Superintendent Gaiptman was appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer earlier in the evening at the In-Camera Board of Education meeting.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the December 9, 2013 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

A6. Trustees' Reports
  a) Trustee McNally
  b) Trustee Nohr
  c) Trustee Horsman

F. New Business/Notice of Motions
  F2. Trustee McNally – Ipad Safety
  F3. Trustee McNally – Structure of Public Budget Meetings

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the November 18, 2013 Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4.   Trustee Elections

Chair Orcherton turned the meeting over to Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaiptman to conduct the annual elections:

a) Nominations for Chair

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaiptman called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Education for the term to November 30, 2014. Nominations were received for Trustees McNally, Loring-Kuhanga, Orcherton and Leonard. Trustees McNally and Leonard declined the nomination and Trustees Loring-Kuhanga and Orcherton accepted. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Orcherton was declared the Chair of the Board of Education.

b) Nominations for Vice-Chair

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaiptman called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for the term to November 30, 2014. Nominations were received for Trustees Ferris, McNally, Loring-Kuhanga and Horsman. Trustees Ferris and Loring-Kuhanga declined the nomination and Trustees McNally and Horsman accepted. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Horsman was declared the Vice-Chair of the Board of Education.

c) Election of British Columbia Public Service Employers' Association Representative

Chair Orcherton advised Trustees that the representative elected into this position would be in a new dual role that would include the new British Columbia School Trustees' Association bargaining structure and to keep that in mind when nominating trustees as the representative cannot be in a conflict of interest.

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaiptman called for nominations for the British Columbia Public Service Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative for the Board of Education for the term to November 30, 2014. Nominations were received for Trustees Ferris and McNally. Trustees Ferris and McNally accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Ferris was declared the BCPSEA Representative.

d) Election of British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Councillor

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaiptman called for nominations for the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Councillor for the term to November 30, 2014. Nominations were received for Trustees Horsman and McNally. Trustees Horsman and McNally accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Horsman was declared the BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

e) Election of Vancouver Island Labour Relations Association Representative

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaiptman called for nominations for the Vancouver Island Labour Relations Association (VILRA) Representative for the term to November 30, 2014. Nominations were received for Trustees McNally, Ferris and Nohr. Trustee Nohr declined the nomination and Trustees McNally and Ferris accepted. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Ferris was declared the VILRA Representative.

f) Appointment of the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Members/Election of Chair

Chair Orcherton recommended that the Committee members remain the same. The Operations, Policy and Planning Committee members adjourned and returned to announce that Trustee Leonard will be reappointed as Chair of the Committee for the term to November 30, 2014.

g) Appointment of the Education Policy Development Committee Members/Election of Chair

Chair Orcherton recommended that the Committee members remain the same. The Education Policy Development Committee members adjourned and returned to announce that Trustee Alpha will be reappointed as Chair of the Committee for the term to November 30, 2014.

h) Destruction of Ballots

It was moved and seconded:

> That the election ballots be destroyed.
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> **Motion Carried Unanimously**

A5.   Community Presentations – None

A6.   Trustees' Reports

Trustee McNally expressed her appreciation to the District for supporting the Roots of Empathy program and also reported that she attended a one day course on Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy.

Trustee Nohr reported that she attended an evening of music at Arbutus Middle School and encouraged Trustees to attend a Victoria Council for Canadians and Social Justice Conference at the University of Victoria on January 23, 2014.

Trustee Horsman reported that she attended a strings concert at Mt. Douglas Secondary and a Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils meeting at James Bay Community School.

B.   CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton reported that she had been away for a few weeks and while in Hawaii met with two state representatives and a Senator of Education regarding commonalities and issues in public school education. On December 5 to 7, 2013 Chair Orcherton attended the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Trustee Academy in Vancouver. On December 9, 2013 Chair Orcherton reported that she attended a radio interview at CBC regarding the disposal of 955 Hillside Avenue.

C.   BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1.   Joint Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

a) The December 2, 2013 meeting minutes were presented for information.

b) Trustee Alpha referred to the minutes from the joint Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and presented the following motion.

It was moved and seconded:

i)
> That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) put forth a media release about its graduation rates.
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> **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Deputy Superintendent Bell advised Trustees that a media release had been sent out on Thursday, December 5, 2013 based on direction received at the Joint Committee Meeting.

Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes from the joint Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and presented the following motion.

It was moved and seconded:

ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2014-2015 Budget Plan.

Motion Carried

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

c) Trustee Leonard referred to the December 2, 2013 joint Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes and the following referred motion.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga provided rationale for her motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

i) That the Board of Education SD61 Greater Victoria hold a series of question-focused budget meetings constituted as meetings of an Ad Hoc Committee (Bylaw 9140) at no cost to the board and to include members of the current (and future) Budget Committee, as well as any interested trustee to be among those "selected" by the Board, and any interested stakeholder to discuss questions raised about the budget and SD61 expenses. Findings and recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee to be presented to the Board at public meetings, beginning with further examination of the 8 items from the Secretary-Treasurer's memo of November 12th. The term of the Ad Committee to be open until two weeks before the final April Board budget debate and vote.

Motion Defeated

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

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. Superintendent's Report

Deputy Superintendent Bell provided Trustees with information regarding the Dogwood completion rates over the past six years. Deputy Superintendent Bell stated that the increased graduation rates for School District No. 61 is above the provincial average and believes this is a direct result of how engaged staff, students and parents are, along with the reconfiguration of the school district to better meet the individual needs of students.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report – None

E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES – None

F.   NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

F1.   A Rezoning Application for a License Retail Liquor Store in Hillside Mall was received from the City of Victoria for information. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with it being determined that the Board had no concerns.

F2.   **Trustee McNally –** Ipad Safety

F3.   **Trustee McNally –** Structure of Public Budget Meetings

G.   COMMUNICATIONS – None

H.   PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

The following item was reported out from the In-Camera portion of this evening's meeting:

i)   Superintendent/Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaiptman reported out that the Board of Education voted unanimously to ratify the CUPE Local 382 2012-2014 Collective Agreement.

I.   ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Chair   Secretary-Treasurer