



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
March 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

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**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, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 March 24, 2014 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

**A7. Trustees' Reports**

- a) Trustee McNally
- b) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga

**E. Reports from Trustee Representatives**

- E1.** Trustee Horsman
- E2.** Trustee McNally

**F. New Business/Notice of Motions**

- F3.** Trustee Orcherton - Bus Transportation for Sundance Relocation
- F4.** Trustee Leonard - BCSTA AGM Late Motion

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

- a) It was moved and seconded:

That the February 17, 2014 Regular Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None**

**A4. Student Achievement**

Rob House, Principal of Spectrum Community School introduced teacher, Nick Van Iersel, along with two of his students, Jenna and Sage, who attended the Board meeting to talk about a recent school project called "SpecNominations." Mr. Van Iersel started the project off by performing a Random Act of Kindness in the community by way of buying coffee and cookies for total strangers and then challenging Spectrum students to follow his lead. The challenge quickly caught on and students were performing their own RAoK in the community. Jenna and Sage spoke of their RAoK which was to purchase food and hand it out to homeless people in downtown Victoria. Both students spoke of how their RAoK made them feel as if they were giving back to the community and setting a positive example for other students in their school.

Chair Orcherton thanked Principal House, Mr. Van Iersel and students for attending and presenting to the Board.

**A5. District Presentations**

Trustee Ferris recognized Principal, Leslie Lee, from George Jay Elementary for her recent achievement in being one of 40 public school principals in Canada to receive a recognition award from The Learning Partnership, a charitable organization that encourages excellence in learning.

Ms. Lee thanked the Board for recognizing her achievement award and for the privilege of being the principal of George Jay Elementary.

Chair Orcherton congratulated Principal Lee on her award and achievement.

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

- a) Trustee McNally reported that she attended a musical event at Esquimalt High School and a PAC meeting and WITS program meeting at Macaulay Elementary School.
- b) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reported that she attended the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association conference in Courtenay.

**B. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Orcherton reported that she did a radio interview with Frank Stanford of CFX on February 27, 2014 and attended E'cole Margaret Jenkins for a musical presentation on March 6, 2014 to celebrate the life and times of Margaret Jenkins.

**C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS****C1. Joint Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee**

- a) The minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting were received 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:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: History of Rock and Roll.  
**Motion Carried**

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

**D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**

**D1. Superintendent’s Report**

- a) Superintendent Bell presented the 2014-2015 School Calendar for approval.

It was moved and seconded:

That the following dates for the 2014/2015 school year be approved:

<b><u>2014/2015 School Year Calendar*</u></b>	
School Opening	September 2, 2014
First non-instructional day	September 22, 2014
Thanksgiving	October 13, 2014
Second non-instructional day	October 24, 2014 (Province wide)
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2014
Third non-instructional day	November 21, 2014
Schools close for Winter vacation	December 19, 2014
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	January 5, 2015
Family Day	February 9, 2015
Fourth non-instructional day	February 20, 2015
Schools close for Spring vacation	March 6, 2015
Schools re-open after Spring vacation	March 23, 2015
Good Friday	April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	April 6, 2015
Victoria Day	May 18, 2015
Fifth non-instructional day	May 19, 2015
Administrative Day and School Closing	June 26, 2015

\*Sixth non-instructional day to be chosen by each school  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**D2. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report**

- a) 2014/2015 Carbon Neutral Capital Program Capital Project Bylaw No. 126714

Secretary-Treasurer Laser presented the following two motions and provided a brief explanation.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Laser and the Director of Facilities Services, Seamus Howley.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 126714, being a bylaw for the Carbon Neutral Capital Program George Jay Elementary School Boiler Replacement and Energy Study Funding in the amount of \$310,093.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 126714, being a bylaw for the Carbon Neutral Capital Program George Jay Elementary School Boiler Replacement and Energy Study Funding in the amount of \$310,093 be:

READ A FIRST TIME THE 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014;  
 READ A SECOND TIME THE 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014, and  
 READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014  
 and that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Board Chair be authorized to execute and seal this bylaw on behalf of the Board.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b) 2014/2015 Annual Facilities Grant – Capital Bylaw No. 126775

Secretary-Treasurer Laser presented the following two motions and provided a brief explanation.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings of Capital Bylaw No. 126775, being a bylaw for the maximum expenditure of \$3,176,200 for the capital portion of the Annual Facilities Grant allocation.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

That Capital Bylaw No. 126775, being a bylaw for the maximum expenditure of \$3,176,200 for the capital portion of the Annual Facilities Grant allocation be:

READ A FIRST TIME THE 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014;  
 READ A SECOND TIME THE 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014, and  
 READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014  
 and that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Board Chair be authorized to execute and seal this bylaw on behalf of the Board.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

### E1. Trustee Horsman - BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Trustee Horsman provided the Board with an overview of the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Meeting in Vancouver and the motions that were discussed.

**E2. Trustee McNally - Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee**

Trustee McNally advised the Board that she will not be attending any future Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meetings as the topics have not been pertaining specifically to the school district. She will continue as a liaison and attend in the future if the subject matter relates to the District.

**F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS****F1. Trustee McNally – Student Action Plan**

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided her rationale.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) opt out of the BCSTA Stability for Students Action Plan and announce that decision publicly.  
**Motion Defeated**

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

**F2. Trustee McNally – Needs Budget**

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided her rationale.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit to the Province only a needs budget that includes remedies as needed to cancel the ongoing structural deficit in SD61, and costs for implementing the retroactively restored language in the BCTF Collective Agreement.  
**Motion Defeated**

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

**F3. Trustee Orcherton - Bus Transportation for Sundance Relocation**

Trustee Orcherton 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) approve providing bus transportation between Sundance Elementary and Lake Hill Elementary for a one year transition period. This service will be at a cost of \$44,000 for a minimum of 22 students.  
**Motion Defeated**

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

**F4. Trustee Leonard - BCSTA AGM Late Motion**

Trustee Leonard presented her motion and provided her rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Trustee Leonard.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit a late motion to the BCSTA AGM asking Boards to support the retention of cursive writing within the Provincial Government's review of the K-12 curriculum.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS - None**

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

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer