

**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
April 9, 2014 Special Board Budget Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

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**MINUTES**

**Present:**

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

**Regrets:** Trustees Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Michael McEvoy

**Administration:**

Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, Janine Roy, District Principal, Learning Initiatives, Sylvia Holinaty, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**1. WELCOME BY PEG ORCHERTON, CHAIR**

Chair Orcheron welcomed everyone and advised that the purpose of the round table meeting is to receive suggestions regarding the 2014/2015 budget. Chair Orcheron suggested that the public join a table where Trustees are sitting and move around to other tables as desired.

**2. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE 2014/2015 BUDGET**

The following issues and questions were discussed:

- Learning Mentors and the concern that they are being eliminated
- The impact of the school supplies reduction
- The impact of the operations and maintenance supplies reduction
- How was the list of budget reductions determined?
- How does student enrolment affect the district budget?
- Why was it suggested that Sundance students relocate to Lake Hill?
- School fund raising
- Increasing facility rental rates is a good idea
- Need to advocate for additional public education funding

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Orcheron thanked all participants for attending the round table budget meeting and stated that the next Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting is a special public budget meeting to be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office located at 556 Boleskine Road.

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer