



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
May 20, 2014 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees Peg Orcheron, 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, Katrina Ball, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, David Pitre, Associate Superintendent, Ted Pennell, Director, Information Technology, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 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.

Introductions were made around the Board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

It was moved and seconded:

That Katrina Ball be appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the duration of the May 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the May 20, 2014 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

A7. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Horsman
- b) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga
- c) Trustee McNally
- d) Trustee Nohr
- e) Trustee Ferris
- f) Trustee Alpha

E. Reports from Trustee Representatives

E2. Trustee McEvoy

F. New Business/Notice of Motions

F3. Trustee Alpha - WiFi

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) It was moved and seconded:

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) It was moved and seconded:

That the April 22, 2014 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c) It was moved and seconded:

That the April 23, 2014 Special Board Budget Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes – None**A4. Student Achievement**

Associate Superintendent, Dave Pitre, introduced and welcomed David Hovis, Principal of Campus View Elementary School. Mr. Hovis introduced the Campus View Green Team, an environmental club, which is made up of grades 4 and 5 students. The students and parent volunteers, Narda and Anita, were there to share with the Board their experience with Earthfest.

Students Lucy, Danielle, Xochitl, Calder, Muhammed, Ella, Mira, Annali, Reina, Saffron and Liv each spoke about Earthfest and what it meant to them being a part of the Campus View Green Team. On April 28, 2014 the team was invited to the Legislature by MLA Dr. Andrew Weaver to celebrate Earth Day. The team concluded their presentation by singing 'Earth Rock's' for the Board.

Chair Orcherton thanked Mr. Hovis, students and parents for their presentation.

A5. District Presentations

- a) Trustee McEvoy introduced grade twelve student, Mohammed Abousaleh, from Oak Bay High School. Mohammed is the recipient of the Shulich Leadership Scholarship valued at \$80,000 and one of the most prestigious scholarships awarded in Canada by Canadian Universities. Mohammed has been chosen valedictorian of his graduating class and will attend the University of Victoria this fall. Trustee McEvoy conveyed the Board's congratulations to Mohammed and wished him luck in all of his future endeavors.
- b) Trustee McEvoy introduced grade ten student, Robert Lee, from Oak Bay High School. Robert is the 2014 National Champion of the Michael Smith Science Challenge in which there were 2400 selected participants from across Canada. The contest is designed to challenge students' logical and creative thinking with a minimum amount of memorization. The Michael Smith Science Challenge is the only nationwide competition covering all science subjects taught in grade 10. Robert and his teacher, Stephanie Mann, were both honored and awarded prize money. Trustee McEvoy congratulated Robert on behalf of the Board.

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Camille Victore and Janice Boothman, parents of Margaret Jenkins Elementary School students, attended the Board meeting to speak about Wi-Fi installation in District elementary schools. Ms. Victore and Ms. Boothman urged the Board to designate one English and French Immersion school a Wi-Fi free school.

A7. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Horsman reported that she attended a grad transition fair at Reynolds High School as well as the unveiling of the 2014 Cops for Cancer team in which Vice-Principal, Dean Norris-Jones, will be a guest rider. Trustee Horsman further reported that she attended a District Gay, Straight Alliance Advisory Committee meeting and the 100 year alumni celebration gala dinner for Victoria High School.
- b) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reported that she attended the British Columbia School Trustees' Association AGM in Vancouver and thanked Trustees for their support regarding her motion with respect to residential schools.
- c) Trustee McNally reported that she attended a volunteer tea and a meeting with respect to a speech articulation program at Craigflower Elementary, along with the opening of the new Craigflower Bridge.
- d) Trustee Nohr reported that she attended Willows Elementary School for a musical presentation of 101 Dalmatians and the 100 year alumni celebration gala dinner for Victoria High School.
- e) Trustee Ferris reported that he attended the 100 year alumni celebration gala dinner for Victoria High School.
- f) Trustee Alpha reported that she attended a dance performance, Tour through the Decades, at Oaklands Elementary School to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the school.

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton reported that she attended the interviews for the hiring of the new Associate Superintendent's on April 28, 2014, a play called "Sisters" at Lambrick Park Secondary on May 1, 2014, the Oaklands Elementary 100th year anniversary Musical "Past and Present" on May 8, 2014, the kickoff of the Cops for Cancer Campaign at Reynolds Secondary on May 9, 2014 and the Black and Gold Gala Dinner for the Victoria High School 100 year reunion celebration on May 15, 2014.

Chair Orcherton further reported that she attended a Culture and Community Sub-Committee meeting and conducted a radio interview with Terry Moore on CFAX on May 16, 2014 regarding teacher bargaining. On May 16th and 17th Chair Orcherton continued celebrating the Victoria High 100 year reunion with a wine and cheese evening and a tour through the school.

Chair Orcherton recognized and awarded the following Trustees with their British Columbia School Trustees' Association Long Service Award: Trustees Alpha and Loring-Kuhanga were recognized for 6 years of service, Trustee McEvoy was recognized for 12 years of service and Trustees Ferris and Leonard were recognized for 18 years of service. As well, Chair Orcherton was recognized for 12 years of service. Chair Orcherton mentioned that Trustee Horsman is a life time member of the BCSTA.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Education Policy Development Committee

- a) The May 5, 2014 meeting minutes were received for information.

C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The May 12, 2014 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes of the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and presented the following motions.

It was moved and seconded:

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

It was moved and seconded:

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

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) 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

It was moved and seconded:

- 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.
Motion Carried

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

Trustee Leonard presented the following motion from the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Chair Orcherton.

It was moved and seconded:

- 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 remuneration of trustees for the duration of their term and that it be initiated in December for each new board.
Motion Carried

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

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Bell presented the Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates for the 2014/2015 school year.

It was moved and seconded:

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

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee Horsman suggesting that the dates for November 2014 be amended to November 3, 2014 for the Education Policy Development Committee Meeting, November 10, 2014 for the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and November 17, 2014 for the Board of Education meeting. Trustee Horsman commented that a full Board meeting on the 17th of November would be appropriate given that the Trustee Elections are being held on November 15, 2014.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2014/2015 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates amending November's meeting dates to November 3, 2014 for the Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting, November 10, 2014 for the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and November 17, 2014 for the Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Orcherton called for the question on the main motion as amended.

It was moved and seconded:

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Superintendent Bell provided an overview of her meeting with the "Student Representatives". The students requested that they would attend Board and Committee meetings on a rotational monthly basis and share the responsibilities. A further meeting to discuss logistics will be scheduled for early June and Superintendent Bell will report back to the Board. Trustees asked questions of clarification for Superintendent Bell.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Acting Secretary-Treasurer Ball reported out the April 25, 2014 poll vote results for the 3rd reading of the 2014-2015 Annual Budget Bylaw stating that the motion had passed.

E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

E1. Trustee Horsman - BCSTA Report

Trustee Horsman updated Trustees with information from the British Columbia School Trustees' Association and a motion to increase BCSTA fees. Trustee Horsman voted against the fee increase on behalf of the Board, however, the motion carried. BCSTA has advised that with the increase they will be able to run two Trustee academy conferences next year.

E2. Trustee McEvoy – CSBA Conference

Trustee McEvoy reported that he attended a Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) conference and provided Trustees with information about a recent ruling with respect to the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act. Trustee McEvoy, in his capacity as President of CSBA, wrote a letter to Minister Valcourt indicating the deep concern the CSBA had with respect to the FNCFNEA. Trustee McEvoy advised that discussion has been suspended on this Act until further information can be gathered.

F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

F1. Trustee McNally - MyEducation BC

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided her rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Chair Orcherton providing clarification and reminding Trustees of the motion that passed earlier in the evening to send a letter to the Ministry of Education expressing the Board's concerns with the privacy and data control implications of MyEducationBC.

It was moved and seconded:

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

F2. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga - Youth Custody Centre

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga presented her motion and provided her rationale.

It was moved and seconded:

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.

A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee Loring-Kuhanga agreeing to change the wording of her motion.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request the Provincial Government (through Minister Stephanie Cadieux) to reverse its decision to close the Youth Custody Centre in View Royal and keep the facility open for young male offenders and return young female offenders from the Vancouver Island courts.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F3.** Trustee Alpha provided two Notices of Motion for the June 2, 2014 Education Policy Development Committee meeting regarding Wi-Fi.

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) Chair Orcherton reported out that Associate Superintendent Pat Duncan will now have the title of Deputy Superintendent Pat Duncan.

I. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer