



**Combined Education Policy Development Committee
and
Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
March 3, 2014 – GVSD Board Office, Boardroom**

REGULAR MINUTES

Present:

Catherine Alpha, Chair, Education Policy Development Committee, Elaine Leonard, Chair, Operations, Policy and Planning Committee, Tom Ferris, Bev Horsman, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Michael McEvoy, (arrived 7:25 p.m.), Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr, Peg Orcheron

Administration:

Sherri Bell, Acting Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Munro, Director of Human Resource Services, Doreen Hegan, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved:

That the March 3, 2014 regular agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved:

That the February 3, 2014 Education Policy Development Committee Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

It was moved:

That the February 11, 2014 Operations, Policy and Planning Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

4. EDUCATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Trustee Alpha, Chair

A. Board Authority Authorized (BAA): History of Rock and Roll

Tammy Renyard, Vice Principal, Spectrum Community School and Chris Parker, Teacher, Spectrum Community School reviewed the components of a new BAA course: History of Rock and Roll. Trustees asked questions and provided comments.

It was moved:

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 Unanimously

5. OPERATIONS, POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Trustee Leonard, Chair 7:45 p.m.

A. PRESENTATIONS - None

B. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. Student Trustee

Acting Superintendent Bell informed the Committee that she has met with all secondary school Principals to review the selection process for a Student Trustee. She confirmed that each school will have its own selection process. Ms. Bell presented her plan to work directly with selected students in order to prepare them for the role and to inform them on topics such as governance, meeting structure, and policy and regulations. Ms. Bell advised that she would engage the students in designing the selection process. A Student Trustee/Representative could be in place by June 2014.

2. Sub-Committee on Public Engagement

Chair Leonard informed the Trustees that the format for approval of the remaining items in draft bylaw 9360.01 *Question Period During General Meetings of the Board of Education* will change to majority vote instead of consensus. At the May 2014 Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting, the draft Bylaw 9360 *General Meeting of the Board* and draft Bylaw 9360.1 *Question Period During General Meetings of the Board of Education* will be presented for final review. Chair Leonard led the discussion on items 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of draft bylaw 9360.01.

The following items were agreed upon by Trustees:

Item 2 - remove

Item 5 - change wording from “may” to “will”

Item 8 - no changes

Item 9 - keep only the sentence “All questions will be included in the board minutes unless ruled out of order.”

Item 10 - no changes

Item 11 - change wording from “additional” to “inordinate”

Item 12 - remove

C. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

1. WorkSafeBC

Kim Munro, Director of Human Resource Services, reviewed the staff changes that took place in the Human Resource Services department in 2013 stating that Michael Colussi, Manager, Occupational Health and Safety, and Amanda Stuyt, Senior Occupational Health and Safety Advisor, both left the department and were not replaced. Christine Merner joined the department in October 2013 as Occupational Health and Safety Advisor. In December 2013, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) was contracted to monitor all WorkSafeBC claims and WCAT appeals.

Kim Munro, Director of Human Resource Services reviewed the types of WorkSafeBC accident claims between 2009 and 2013 for all employee groups combined, and the accident types and number of claims for CUPE 947, CUPE 382 and the GVTA in 2013.

D. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

E. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Trustee McNally - Student Action Plan

Trustee McNally requested that her motion be referred to the March 24, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

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.

2. Trustee Nohr - Class Size and Composition

Whereas the 2002 legislated changes to class size and composition were not made at the specific request of trustees that the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to the Premier and the Minister of Education requesting the following: withdrawal from the appeal, negotiating through the labour relations board a stay of implementation of the 2002 collective agreement provisions that would disrupt student learning in the current school year, provision for adequate funding to cover all costs relating to grievances and settlements arising from the judgment, provision for adequate funding to ensure that districts are able to return to compliance with the collective agreements that are now in effect and continue negotiations in good faith to achieve a new collective agreement prior to the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
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Chair Leonard ruled the motion out of order because two similar motions were debated at the February 11, 2014 Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and were defeated.

Trustee Nohr challenged the Chair's ruling.

Chair Leonard called for a vote on the ruling of the Chair.

For: Trustees Horsman, Orcherton, Ferris, Leonard, and McEvoy

Against: McNally, Nohr, Alpha and Loring-Kuhanga

3. Trustee McNally - Needs Budget

Trustee McNally requested that her motion be referred to the March 24, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

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.

4. Trustee Nohr - Department Expenses for 2013-2014

Trustee Nohr presented her motion and rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

Chair Leonard reminded Trustees that the 2014-2015 operating budget and the list of budget reduction options will be presented at the March 26, 2014 special board budget meeting.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request the Secretary-Treasurer to provide a line item summary of each department's 2013-2014 expenses with a focus on specific projects, initiatives and district activities and excluding staffing as well as basic operational costs to be presented at the March 24, 2014 Board meeting.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Nohr, Alpha, Loring-Kuhanga, and McNally

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

F. GENERAL ANNOUCEMENTS - None

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.