



**Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
February 11, 2014 – GVSD Board Office, Boardroom**

REGULAR MINUTES

Present:

Elaine Leonard, Chair, Tom Ferris, Bev Horsman, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr, Peg Orcherton

Absent:

Catherine Alpha, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Michael McEvoy

Administration:

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Doreen Hegan, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 February 11, 2014 regular agenda be approved with the following changes: 1) add item 5.A. School Calendar, 2) add item 7. Public Disclosure of In-Camera Item, and 3) withdraw 8.C. Motion - Class Size and Composition Costing.

Motion Carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved:

That the January 13, 2014 Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Meeting regular minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

4. PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Orcherton acknowledged Superintendent Gaipman for his dedication and hard work over the past twelve years.

Superintendent Gaipman shared that he has had a wonderful experience and that he has great memories to take away from his time with the District.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 2014-2015 School Calendar

Superintendent Gaipman advised that he met with the partner groups to discuss the fixed days for the 2014/2015 school year. The recommended dates must be posted on the District website for 30 days for information and feedback. After the 30 days, the calendar will be presented at the March Board Meeting for approval and will be submitted to the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2014.

It was moved:

That the following dates for the 2014/2015 school year be approved and that the 2014/2015 school year calendar be posted on the School District's website:

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

B. Sub-Committee on Public Engagement

Chair Leonard referred to draft Bylaw 9360.01: Question Period during General Meetings of the Board of Education and stated that framework items 1, 4, 6 and 8 were agreed upon by consensus during the December 2, 2013 Operations Policy and Planning Committee (OPPs) meeting. Chair Leonard led the discussion on items 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

The following items were agreed upon by Trustees:

- Item 2 - no changes
- Item 3 - wording changed to: "During Board meetings all questions must be submitted in written form and signed by the person posing the question, who must be in attendance".
- Item 5 - combined with item 7; wording changed to: "Questions [may] be submitted into a box on the District Leadership Team table, prior to the District Presentation portion of the agenda. Questions will be asked in order of submission. Priority will be given to those who have not presented during the Community Presentation portion of the agenda. If time permits, questions may be submitted in writing from the floor".

Framework items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be reviewed at the March OPPs meeting.

6. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

A. 2014-2015 Public Budget Meetings

Secretary-Treasurer Laser reviewed the dates and formats of the public budget meetings scheduled to discuss the 2014-2015 operating budget.

7. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

A. B.C. Supreme Court Ruling

Chair Leonard advised that the Board has received a preliminary estimated cost in excess of \$8.3 million representing the cost of applying the 2002 Collective Agreement class size and composition language.

8. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTION

A. Trustee Orcherton - Class Size and Composition

Trustee Orcherton presented her motion and rationale.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees. Trustee McNally proposed an amendment. Chair Leonard ruled the amendment out of order and called for a vote on the main motion.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to Premier Clark strongly urging the Provincial Government to return to the bargaining table, in good faith, to negotiate class size and composition language and to fully fund the agreed to language.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Orcherton, Horsman, Ferris, and Leonard

Against: Trustees Nohr and McNally

B. Trustee Nohr - Class Size and Composition

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

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) send a letter to Premier Clark and Minister Fassbender requesting that they do not proceed with the appeal of Justice Susan Griffin's decision, instead, re-instate all funding and class size/composition language to the 2002 levels.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Nohr and McNally

Against: Trustees Orcherton, Horsman, Ferris and Leonard

C. Trustee Nohr - Class Size and Composition Costing

Chair Leonard informed the Committee that this motion was withdrawn.

In order to be fully informed about the potential costs to the district, the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that the Secretary-Treasurer bring forward the costs for the district to re-instate the necessary funding to align ourselves with the 2002 funding formulas and the class size/composition language.

Motion Withdrawn

D. Trustee Nohr - WorkSafeBC

Trustee Nohr presented her motion and rationale.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request senior administration to provide a review of WorkSafeBC surcharges for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 for the February 2014 Board meeting.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees. Trustee Nohr clarified that she is looking for the nature of the claims that impact WorkSafeBC surcharges and suggested an amendment to her motion.

It was moved:

To amend the main motion to add the words "with a focus on the nature of the claims" after the word surcharges, remove "and 2013-2014", and replace February 2014 Board meeting with "March 2014 Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting".

Motion Defeated

For: Orcherton, Nohr, and McNally
Against: Horsman, Ferris, Leonard

Chair Leonard called for a vote on the main motion.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request senior administration to provide a review of WorkSafeBC surcharges for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 for the February 2014 Board meeting.

Motion Carried

For: Orcherton, Nohr, McNally and Horsman
Against: Leonard and Ferris

E. Trustee Nohr - Department Expenses

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

It was moved:

In order to have a complete understanding of the options for cost savings in this deficit budget year and due to the proposal to close a school, Sundance, the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request senior administration to provide a detailed review of the department expenses for the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Associate Superintendents, Information Technology, Learning Initiatives and Healthy Schools.

Motion Withdrawn

F. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga - Budget Meetings

Chair Leonard stated that the budget meeting format was presented by Secretary-Treasurer Laser earlier this evening.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees and it was decided to vote on the motion.

It was moved:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) structure the public input budget meetings on February 19, April 2, April 9 and the March 26 budget presentation as question-focused round table meetings which would provide for greater discussion and dialogue by the stakeholders and general public.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Nohr and McNally

Against: Trustees Orcherton, Horsman, Ferris and Leonard

G. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga - Cyber-Bullying

Chair Leonard suggested that this motion be referred to the District Leadership Team to allow time to review all relevant policies and regulations before developing new policies and regulations.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved:

That the motion "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) develop policies and regulations regarding cyber-bullying that are current with the proposed federal legislation Bill C-13 by directing the District Leadership Team to review all SD61 relevant policies and regulations and make recommendations to the Board of Education on any additions, changes and/or revisions that align with the Ministry of Education's Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools" be tabled.

Motion Tabled

For: Orcherton, Horsman, Ferris, and Leonard

Against: Nohr and McNally

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.