



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
November 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

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, Deputy Superintendent, Shelley Green, Associate Superintendent, Cam Pinkerton, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Seamus Howley, Director, Facilities Services, Mark Walsh, Manager, Labour Relations, Deb Whitten, District Principal, Student Services, Nita McBurney, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 November 17, 2014 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Red Cross

A7. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Horsman
- b) Trustee McNally

F. New Business/Notice of Motions

- F1. Trustee Nohr - Teacher Pay
- F2. Trustee Orcherton - Concussion Awareness Policy

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) It was moved and seconded:

That the October 20, 2014 Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement

Rockheights Middle School Principal Maryanne Trofimuk introduced two Grade 6 students, Bekah and Miranda. The students shared information about the opportunity that they had to participate in a "No Stone Left Alone" Remembrance Day ceremony with Retired Major General Cameron Ross. Seventy-five students and staff along with military personnel and a police constable participated in the ceremony which included the students placing poppies on the military headstones in the veteran's cemetery, taking time at each gravesite to reflect. The students stated that they were very proud for the soldiers who gave their lives for them.

Chair Orcherton thanked Ms. Trofimuk and the Rockheights Middle School students for attending the Board meeting and sharing their experience.

A5. District Presentations

Chair Orcherton presented Trustee Alpha with a gift in recognition of her time on the Board as a Trustee. Chair Orcherton expressed that Trustee Alpha brought a lot of passion to the Board, on behalf of students and that she will be missed. Superintendent Bell thanked Trustee Alpha for her years of service as a Trustee, adding that she has such passion, love for teaching and learning, a huge heart and she will be missed. Trustee Alpha thanked everyone for the past six years, stating that public education is profoundly important and that she feels that the Board has accomplished a lot.

Chair Orcherton presented Trustee McEvoy with a gift in recognition of his time on the Board as a Trustee. Chair Orcherton commended Trustee McEvoy for his leadership as a past Board Chair, as Trustee, as president of BCSTA and the Canadian School Board Association nationally, taking public education to every level. She noted his dedication to students and thanked him for a great job. Superintendent Bell thanked Trustee McEvoy as a colleague and trustee, and commended him on taking big issues and narrowing them down to the core of what is really important which is student learning, adding that he will be missed. Trustee McEvoy stated that so many great things have happened in this district. He expressed thanks to the clerical support at the Board Office and congratulated the winners of the trustee election.

Chair Orcherton presented Trustee Horsman with a gift in recognition of her time on the Board as a Trustee. Chair Orcherton stated that Trustee Horsman began as a trustee when her children were in school and that she has brought a wealth of experience and new ideas to the table while always advocating for students. Superintendent Bell noted that Trustee Horsman has been a trustee for 28 years. She added that Trustee Horsman has such pride in our District and what our students can accomplish and that she will be missed. Trustee Horsman thanked everyone at the Board Meeting and stated that it has been an honour and a privilege to serve the District.

A6. Community Presentations

Chair Orcherton invited Bruce Andrew and Mary Crocker from the Red Cross to celebrate the District and to present an award for their partnership as it relates to a bullying prevention program. Mr. Andrew explained that high school students are trained in bullying prevention and then in turn, provide training to middle school students, noting that peer-to-peer training is very effective. Mr. Andrew acknowledged Marnice Jones, Healthy Schools Co-ordinator, who is now trained and certified to conduct the Red Cross Beyond the Hurt Youth Facilitator Program, noting that she has been instrumental in working with teachers and counselors who work with students. He thanked the Board of Education for supporting the partnership.

Chair Orcherton called upon Marnice Jones to accept the certificate of appreciation presented by Mary Crocker from the Red Cross. Chair Orcherton thanked the Red Cross for initiating the program in the District.

A7. Trustees' Reports

Trustee Horsman reported that she attended Reynolds Secondary School for their Remembrance Day Assembly, stating that it was a wonderful and moving experience of social responsibility and citizenship.

Trustee Ferris acknowledged Trustee Alpha's role as Chair of the Education Policy Development Committee, Trustee McEvoy for his leadership as a school trustee, and Trustee Horsman for her ability to add the historical perspective to the discussion.

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton distributed the "Principles" section from the draft British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Co-Governance Relationship Memorandum of Understanding and requested feedback from Trustees. Chair Orcherton will report the feedback to the BCSTA President and Directors.

Chair Orcherton provided an update on the first consultation meeting held at Victoria High School with respect to the alumni's vision of a Multi-Purpose Sports Facility that the Board approved in principle in 2012. Chair Orcherton advised that the public feedback at the meeting was very positive. The next public consultation meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2014.

Chair Orcherton reported that she attended several Remembrance Day ceremonies, commending our students for understanding what the day is about and for the respect that they convey.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Education Policy Development Committee

- a) The November 3, 2014 meeting minutes were received for information.

C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The November 10, 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 recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- i)

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to the revised Bylaw 9360 General Meeting of the Board at the November 17, 2014 Board of Education Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

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| That the revised Bylaw 9360 <i>General Meeting of the Board</i> be:

Read a first time the 17th day of November 2014;
Read a second time the 17th day of November 2014;
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 17th day of November 2014 and that the revised Bylaw 9360 be enacted effective January 2015.
Motion Carried Unanimously |
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It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9360.01 *Question Period During General Meetings of the Board of Education* at the November 17, 2014 Board of Education meeting.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

That Bylaw 9360.01 *Question Period During General Meetings of the Board of Education* be:

Read a first time the 17th day of November 2014;
 Read a second time the 17th day of November 2014;
 Read a third time, passed and adopted the 17th day of November 2014 and that Bylaw 9360.01 be enacted effective January 2015.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the digital recording of board meetings effective January 2015 using the following criteria:

- Board meetings will be digitally recorded by school district personnel.
- The digital recording will be posted on the district website as soon as possible after the board meeting.
- The digital recording will remain on the district website until the next Board meeting and will then be archived.
- The number of site visits will be tracked.
- Live streaming will be considered after the digital recording process is in place for a period of one year.
- In order to support and encourage dialogue that occurs during Board Committee meetings, those meetings will not be recorded.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The above motion will be reviewed in one year's time.

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bell reported that the final September 30, 2014 school age enrolment is up over projection by 28 students and is up 29 students as compared to last year. After years of declining enrolment, this has been the first increase in enrolment.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Laser advised that in 2005, the Board of Education passed a motion for the Secretary-Treasurer to automatically review, every three years, the remuneration for Trustees and compare the amount to the average total remuneration paid to Trustees in the five British Columbia schools districts closest in student population to the Greater Victoria School District. The current trustee remuneration has been in place since 2009. Based on the average of the five comparable school districts, the recommendation is to increase the Trustee remuneration from \$17,424 to \$20,486 effective December 8, 2014. The stipends for the Chair and Vice-Chair will remain unchanged at \$3,000 and \$1,500 per annum respectively.

A discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) turns down the stipend increase to \$20,486.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees McNally, Nohr, Alpha

Against: Trustees Orcherton, Horsman, Leonard, Loring-Kuhanga, Ferris, McEvoy

The Board of Education will follow the recommendation of the Secretary-Treasurer.

E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

E1. Trustee Horsman - BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting Motions

Trustee Horsman advised that the summary of the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting motions was included in the board agenda package for information.

F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

F1. Trustee Nohr – Teacher Pay

Trustee Nohr provided a Notice of Motion for the January 12, 2015 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer provide three possible funding proposals for the teachers' \$400,000 salary/benefits to pay for the eighth day of work in September upon teachers' return to the classroom after the strike settlement.

F2. Trustee Orcherton – Policy on Concussion Awareness

Trustee Orcherton provided a Notice of Motion for the January 5, 2015 Education Policy Development Committee:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) develop a policy on concussion awareness and care protocols as per policy 9210, Development of Policy.

G. COMMUNICATIONS - None

H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary-Treasurer