



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
March 26, 2012 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, Diane McNally, Michael McEvoy, Deborah Nohr

Administration:

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools, George Ambeault, Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Associate Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Deborah Courville, Associate Superintendent, Debra Laser, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Kyle Cormier, Director of Human Resource Services, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 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 March 26, 2012 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

C. Board Committee Reports

C1. b) ii) Recommended Motions – Amendment – Trustee Horsman

D. District Leadership Team Reports

D1. Superintendent's Report - add

F. New Business/Notice of Motions

F1. Write a letter to the Minister of Education – Trustee Nohr

Motion Carried

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the February 20, 2012 Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

None.

A4. Student Achievement

a) Tessa Charlesworth – Esquimalt High School

Colin Roberts, Principal, Esquimalt High School introduced student, Tessa Charlesworth and provided a brief overview of her many talents, achievements and awards. Tessa has a GPA of 5.0 and holds a 98% average, is the recipient of the \$75,000 Loran Awards Scholarship, is an accomplished ballerina for the Royal Academy of Dance, is the President of the Esquimalt Students Caring about Peach and the Environment, a peer tutor and has made a humanitarian aid trip to Zambia.

Tessa spoke about her four years at Esquimalt High School and her wish to inspire students to be involved in local and global opportunities.

Chair Orcherton and Trustee McNally thanked Tessa for attending the Board meeting and wished her luck on her future endeavors.

A5. District Presentations

None.

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Sheila Webster, parent with a special needs child in the District, expressed her concerns and frustration over the changes to classroom sizes and composition. Mrs. Webster urged the Board to reconsider their support of Bill 22.
- b) Joann Strasbourg, parent, shared her 'good news' story with respect to her special needs child in the District. Ms. Strasbourg urged the Board to reconsider their position to support Bill 22.

A7. Trustees' Reports

Trustee Nohr expressed her appreciation to the parents who spoke at the meeting. Trustee Nohr reported that she did not have the opportunity to visit any schools this month, however, did stand alongside teachers at the recent three day strike and also met with the Superintendent to discuss the 2012/2013 budget.

Trustee Horsman reported that she attended Reynolds, Quadra, Braefoot and Lakehill Schools and provided an overview of the visits.

Trustee McNally reported that she visited Craigflower School and provided an overview of the visit.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga thanked the parents who attended the meeting. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reported that she attended the Tapestry and VISTA conferences, Saanich Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee meeting and the Reynolds flash mob at the Legislature on Pink Shirt Day.

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton highlighted the meetings and events she attended including Budget Day at the Legislature, a course on Board Governance, Effective Meetings and Robert's Rules of Order, and a meeting with the Mayors of Oak Bay and View Royal. Chair Orcherton reported that she will be attending a meeting at the beginning of April in Vancouver about Bill 22 and that she will be seeking clarity of the Bill and will report back to the Board.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Education Policy Development and Operations, Policy and Planning Committee combined meeting

Trustee Alpha advised that due to a quorum not being met the revisions to policies was moved to the next Education Policy Development meeting of April 2, 2012.

Trustee Leonard provided an overview of the Operations, Policy and Planning portion of the meeting and the motions that were carried forward to this meeting.

- a) The March 8, 2012 meeting minutes were presented for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard presented the following motion with a brief explanation.

It was moved and seconded:

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve in principle the refurbished multi-sport facility at Victoria High School. |
| Motion Carried Unanimously |

Trustee Leonard presented the following three motions in conjunction.

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) grant a right of way (ROW) to Saanich Municipality of 721 square meters from the parcel of land in which Craigflower Elementary sits. It is understood that the ROW is for the purpose of facilitating the construction of infrastructure improvements along Admirals Road and that in return for the ROW, Saanich Municipality commits to constructing the site and road works as per their letter dated January 25, 2012. |
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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) gives all three readings of the Disposal (right-of-way) of Real Property Bylaw 12-01, at the March 26, 2012 Board meeting. |
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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw 12-01, being a bylaw to grant a right-of-way (ROW) to Saanich Municipality of 721 square meters from the parcel of land in which Craigflower Elementary sits. It is understood that the ROW is for the purpose of facilitating the construction of infrastructure improvements along Admirals Road and that in return for the ROW, Saanich Municipality commits to constructing the site and road works as per their letter dated January 25, 2012. |
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Trustee Horsman moved the following three motions as an amendment to the original motions to include the legal description and clarification of the right-of-way. Secretary-Treasurer Ambeault provided clarification with respect to the right-of-way being a dedication of road right-of-way rather than a statutory right-of-way.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions being asked and answered by the Secretary-Treasurer.

ii) It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the proposal from the Corporation of the District of Saanich and grants a dedication of road right-of-way over Lot 1, Section 21 and 89, Plan 15963, Victoria District, PID 004-543-912 (Craigflower Elementary School), for the purpose of securing 721 square meters from the parcel of land in which Craigflower Elementary sits. It is understood that the dedication of road right-of-way is for the purpose of facilitating the construction of infrastructure improvements along Admirals Road and that in return for the dedication of road right-of-way Saanich Municipality commits to constructing the site and road works as per their letter dated January 25, 2012.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) gives all three readings of Real Property Bylaw 12-01, dedication of road right-of-way at the March 26, 2012 Board meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the Real Property Bylaw 12-01, being a bylaw to grant a dedication of road right-of-way over Lot 1, Section 21 and 89, Plan 15963, Victoria District, PID 004-543-912 (Craigflower Elementary School), for the purpose of securing 721 square meters from the parcel of land in which Craigflower Elementary sits. It is understood that the dedication of road right-of-way is for the purpose of facilitating the construction of infrastructure improvements along Admirals Road and that in return for the dedication of road right-of-way Saanich Municipality commits to constructing the site and road works as per their letter dated January 25, 2012.

Read a first time the 26th day of March, 2012;
Read a second time the 26th day of March, 2012; and
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 26th day of March, 2012 and that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Board Chair be authorized to execute and seal this bylaw on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustee Leonard presented the motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write to the Minister of Education asking that the government double the amount of money offered for the Learning Improvement Fund (in the first, second and third years).

Motion Carried

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

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gaipman provided clarification to the Trustees on the issuance of report cards within our District. A discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions being directed to the Superintendent for further clarification.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Ambeault presented the February 21, 2012 Poll Vote results with respect to the 3rd reading of the 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget and advised that the required documentation was forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

None.

F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

F1. Letter to the Minister of Education – Trustee Nohr

Trustee Nohr moved the following motion with respect to Bill 22 and provided her rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees and it was decided to defer the decision until more information about Bill 22 was received.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to the Minister of Education calling on the Government to repeal Bill 22 and instead, have an independent mediator appointed through the Labour Relations Board.

Motion Tabled

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

G. COMMUNICATIONS

G1. Chair Orcherton referred to a letter that was received from the Board Chair of School District No. 63 (Saanich) and requested that Trustees refer to this self-explanatory letter regarding Trustee protocol.

H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

H1. Secretary-Treasurer Ambeault reported out that the Board approved Capital Project Bylaw No. 105242 (Oak Bay High School) at the In-Camera portion of the Board meeting.

H2. Secretary-Treasurer Ambeault reported out that CUPE Local 382 and 947 Memorandum of Agreements were ratified at the In-Camera portion of the Board meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned 9:18 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer

Chair