



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
May 22, 2012 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

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**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Trustees Peg Orcheron, Chair, Bev Horsman, Vice-Chair, Catherine Alpha, Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr

**Regrets:** Trustee McEvoy

**Administration:**

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Deborah Courville, Associate Superintendent, 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 Orcheron recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

Chair Orcheron welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an explanation that the Board was wearing hats in order to support Vice-Chair Horsman in her fight against cancer. Chair Orcheron also explained that the public portion of the Board meeting would now be audio recorded.

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING**

**A1. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved and seconded:

That the May 22, 2012 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

**A7. Trustees' Report**

- a) Trustee Horsman
- b) Trustee Nohr
- c) Trustee McNally
- d) Trustee Loring-Kuhanga

**E. Reports from Trustee Representatives**

- a) Trustee McNally

**Motion Carried**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

- a) It was moved and seconded:

That the April 16, 2012 Regular Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**A3. Business arising from the Minutes**

None.

**A4. Student Achievement**

Associate Superintendent Duncan introduced Judith Reid, Principal, SJ Willis Education Centre. Principal Reid presented three students from SJ Willis and explained the uniqueness of the different program offerings at her facility. Each student spoke briefly about attending SJ Willis and the individual programs they chose and why it has worked for them.

**A5. District Presentations**

Chair Orcherton recognized SJ Willis Education Centre for its contribution to the 2011 United Way Campaign and earning the Gold Plaque Award for its donations. Chair Orcherton presented Principal Judith Reid with a commemorative certificate on behalf of the Board of Education.

**A6. Community Presentations (5 minutes per presentation)**

- a) Monty Bryant, Board member for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, thanked the Board for allowing Big Brothers, Big Sisters to place a trailer on the rear parking lot for collection of donations. Mr. Bryant gave a brief history of his relationship with the Greater Victoria School District and then introduced Rhonda Brown, Executive Director, Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Ms. Brown also thanked the Board for the trailer storage and gave a brief overview of the mentoring program and the partnership between the District and Big Brothers, Big Sisters.
- b) Dermod Travis, Executive Director, IntegrityBC, spoke to the Board regarding the recent defeat of a motion to allow a public question period during the Regular portion of a Board meeting. Mr. Travis encouraged the Board to add public input to the agenda for Regular Board meetings.

**A7. Trustees' Reports**

Trustee Horsman thanked Mr. Travis for attending and speaking at the meeting and clarified that the public is encouraged to attend standing committee meetings to provide input and feedback with no time limit imposed. Trustee Horsman reported that she is the new alternate for the Aboriginal Nations Education Council and that she attended the 100 anniversary celebration at McKenzie Elementary School and was impressed by the work that went into it.

Trustee Nohr thanked Mr. Travis for attending the meeting and for his comments and spoke of her disappointment that the motion was defeated. Trustee Nohr reported that she attended the 100 anniversary celebration at McKenzie Elementary and visited Campus View Elementary. Trustee Nohr will be attending the Mount Douglas graduation ceremony and visiting Craigflower Elementary.

Trustee McNally reported that she visited Rockheights, Craigflower, Shoreline and Reynolds, and that she attended the McKenzie School 100 anniversary celebration and the art gala at James Bay. Trustee McNally congratulated Trustee McEvoy on his recent re-election as the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) President at the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga also thanked Mr. Travis for attending the meeting. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga reported that she attended the BCSTA AGM in Vancouver and was honored to be a part of the team that put together the agenda over the past year. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga also attended the 100 anniversary celebration at McKenzie School and the James Bay Community School art show.

## B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton thanked Mr. Travis for attending the meeting and speaking to the Board and reiterated the opportunity for input at the standing committee meetings. Chair Orcherton highlighted the meetings and events that she attended this month including a meeting in Vancouver with Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond's Special Needs Committee, Reynolds Grad Transition Portfolio student presentations, Oak Bay High School design project meeting, the Centennial Celebration at McKenzie Elementary, the Colquitz Middle School Parent Ambassador of the Year award evening and a lunch meeting with Roy Takumi, House of Representatives, Hawaii/Minister of Education.

Chair Orcherton announced that Secretary-Treasurer, George Ambeault, has decided to leave his position with the District, however, he will be available on an advisory capacity until the end of June. Superintendent Gaipman has assumed the dual role of Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer for an interim period of time and Sherri Bell has assumed the role of Deputy Superintendent.

## C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### C1. Education Policy Development Committee meeting

- a) The May 7, 2012 meeting minutes were presented for information.
- b) Trustee Alpha referred to the minutes from the meeting and presented the following motion.

- i) 

<p>That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) deletes Policy and Regulation 2120.022, Regulation 2121.019, Policy 2123.010, Regulation 2123.020, Policy and Regulation 2201 and Policy and Regulation 2221.1</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Carried Unanimously</b></p>
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### C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting

- a) The May 14, 2012 meeting minutes were presented for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes from the meeting and presented the following motion.

Trustee Nohr referred to the costing of budget submissions and provided additional information. Trustees ensued in conversation with Trustee Nohr requesting that the motion be tabled to the June Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting for further discussion.

- i) 

<p>That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approves the submission of the Needs Budget letter and costing to the Minister of Education with the addition of Note 3: "The budget costing reflects the input received from the consultative process with our educational partner groups, school planning councils and the public".</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Tabled</b></p>
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Trustee Leonard presented the following motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

- ii) 

<p>That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9221, Board Administration Relationships at the meeting of May 22, 2012.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Carried Unanimously</b></p>
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That Bylaw 9221, Board Administration Relationships, as reviewed and amended be:

READ A FIRST TIME THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2012  
 READ A SECOND TIME THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2012  
 READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2012

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 2123.042, Supervisor of Accounting and 2123.043, Supervisor of Personnel/Payroll.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard presented and explained the following motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions answered by Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman and Director of Facilities Howley. It was requested that Mr. Howley provide a list of capital projects at the June Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings of Capital Bylaw No. 126412, being a bylaw for the maximum expenditure of \$2,840,628 for capital portion of the Annual Facility Grant allocation.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

That Capital Bylaw No. 126412, being a bylaw for the maximum expenditure of \$2,840,628 for the capital portion of the Annual Facility Grant allocation be:

READ A FIRST TIME THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012;  
 READ A SECOND TIME THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012, and  
 READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 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 advised that the following motion is being tabled indefinitely until further information is provided as requested at the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting on May 14, 2012.

- a) Tabled Motion:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that he restore special needs funding as per the BC Supreme Court ruling on Bills 27 and 28.

**Motion Tabled**

## D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

### D1. Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman presented the April 16, 2012 Poll Vote results and advised that the Third Reading of the 2012/2013 Annual Budget Bylaw passed.

## E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Trustee McNally reminded the public of the Ad Hoc Committees she is a member of, including; Saanich Healthy Advisory Committee, Negotiation Advisory Committee for the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association, Success by Six and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA). Trustee McNally gave a brief update on the Success by Six program.

Trustee Nohr requested an update on the Wi-Fi upgrades at the June Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

## F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### F1. Letter to Minister Abbott – Trustee Nohr

Trustee Nohr presented and explained her motion. Trustee Alpha removed herself from the discussion on this motion as she is in conflict. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

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 requesting the appointment of a new mediator in an effort to fairly negotiate an agreement with our teachers.

Trustee Loring-Kuhanga provided an amendment to the motion to which further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

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 requesting the appointment of a new mediator, jointly agreed upon by the British Columbia Public School Employees Association (BCPSEA) and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF), in an effort to fairly negotiate an agreement with our teachers.

**Motion Defeated**

Voting Record:

For: Trustees, Nohr, Loring-Kuhanga, McNally

Against: Trustees, Ferris, Leonard, Horsman, Orcherton

Absent: Trustee McEvoy

Chair Orcherton called for the vote on the main motion.

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 requesting the appointment of a new mediator in an effort to fairly negotiate an agreement with our teachers.

**Motion Defeated**

Voting Record:

For: Trustees Nohr, Loring-Kuhanga, McNally

Against: Trustees: Ferris, Leonard, Horsman, Orcherton

Absent: Trustee McEvoy

Trustee Alpha re-entered the discussion.

**F2. Letter to Partner Groups – Trustee Nohr**

Chair Orcherton advised the Trustees that letters for the Partner Groups had already been written and sent out.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to all our partner groups who participated in the budget input process thanking them for their time and effort in providing salient information for consideration.

**Motion Withdrawn**

**F3. Letter to Cowichan Board Education – Trustee Nohr**

Trustee Nohr presented and explained her motion. A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the Trustees which included questions of the Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer and points of clarification.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter of support to the Cowichan Board of Education for their efforts to engage with the Ministry of Education to restore lost funding to their students.

**Motion Defeated**

Voting Record:

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

Against: Trustees Ferris, Leonard, Horsman, Orcherton

Absent: Trustee McEvoy

**F4. District Website – Trustee McNally**

Trustee McNally presented and explained her motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee Horsman suggesting a friendly amendment of “*button on the*” at the beginning of the motion. Further discussion ensued with all Trustees being favorable to the motion.

It was moved and seconded:

That a **button on the** web page be set up on the School District 61 site for all public letters written by the Chair (the Board), in order to highlight and make publicly accessible Board actions and advocacy.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter to Chair Orcherton from George Abbott, Minister of Education, in response to her letter dated February 29, 2012 regarding school playgrounds was presented for information.

**H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman advised that a three year lease has been approved by the Board of Education for the Lampson School site property to the Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Chair