



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
October 15, 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, Michael McEvoy, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr

Administration:

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Deborah Courville, Associate Superintendent, Debra Laser, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities Services, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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 October 15, 2012 Agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the September 17, 2012 Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

None.

A4. Student Achievement

Alana Charlton, Principal, Reynolds Secondary School, provided an overview of the 2012 Cops for Cancer fundraising campaign that raised a total of \$109,000. A video presentation was made which showcased the students and their spirit for such a worthwhile cause. Ms. Charlton introduced teacher, Dean Norris-Jones, who spoke from a personal perspective about his involvement in this campaign. Mr. Norris-Jones then introduced three students, all with their heads shaved, who each spoke passionately about their school spirit and sense of community.

Chair Orcherton thanked the Reynolds group for attending and sharing their experiences with the Board.

A5. Community Presentations

John Fawcett, District Principal, Student Support Services, spoke about last year's successful United Way campaign and increased District participation and then outlined the goals of the District for the 2012-2013 campaign and announced the District launch lunch scheduled for November 8, 2012.

District Principal Fawcett welcomed and introduced Linda Hughes, Chief Executive Officer, from the Greater Victoria United Way. Ms. Hughes spoke about the Greater Victoria United Way and the services it provides to many community agencies including our School District. Ms. Hughes thanked the Board for its continued support and extended her good luck for this year's campaign launch.

Trustee McEvoy thanked Ms. Hughes for attending the Board meeting and extended his appreciation for the services the Greater Victoria United Way provides to the community.

Chair Orcherton thanked Mr. Fawcett and Ms. Hughes for their presentations.

A6. Trustees' Reports

Trustee Nohr reported that she attended a Cops for Cancer rally at Mt. Douglas Secondary School and a presentation by Victoria Police Sergeant, Darren Laur, and his wife, Beth, on personal safety and cyber security.

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton reported that Human Resources Director, Kyle Cormier's farewell function was a success; Debra Laser has been appointed as Secretary-Treasurer of the School District; the District Wi-Fi Committee will be meeting on October 17, 2012; and that a new Committee, Community and Culture, will be formed which will include Board members, educational partners, and Senior Management.

Chair Orcherton stated that it is the role of the Board and Trustees to ensure that all information is accurate and that her report this evening is intended to clarify any misinformation and confusion that may be circulating in our school community.

Chair Orcherton provided clarification on how the Board conducts business with respect to Robert's Rules of Order, and District Bylaws and Regulations. She stated that Bylaw 9368.100.00 directs that the Board operates under Robert's Rules of Order, except where provisions of the bylaws of the Board or the School Act may conflict, in which case the latter shall prevail. Bylaw 9368.107.00 states that any Trustee may challenge the ruling of the Chair, which challenge shall be put to an immediate vote, without debate.

At the September 2012 Board meeting, a motion was passed to fully review how our Board interacts with the public with the intent to ensure that the Board is doing everything it can in this regard. Senior Management was given direction to conduct the research and to bring information to the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee in November 2012 for full discussion with Trustees and members of the public. The motion and direction are in keeping with Bylaw 9210 and pages 11 and 12 of the BCSTA Pocket Guide to Successful Board Governance.

Chair Orcherton stated that part of her role is to speak on and support the Board's majority positions, and that it is her intention to send out positive media releases, wherever appropriate and as often as possible to promote public education. To this end, a media release was sent out acknowledging the Learning Initiatives Team – teachers working with teachers to focus on greater student achievement.

Chair Orcherton acknowledged that no formal Board policy exists on video/audio recording of Board meetings; however, Trustee Nohr's husband requested and was given approval to video and audio

record the Board meetings. The District began audio recording Board meetings to ensure that there is an accurate record of what was said. Any Trustee accessing this information is reminded to keep Policy 8251 Trustees' Code of Ethics in mind.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Education Policy Development Committee

- a) The October 1, 2012 meeting minutes were presented for information.
- b) Trustee Alpha referred to the minutes from the Education Policy Development Committee meeting and presented the following three motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopts the revised Policy and Regulation 2212.2, District Principal Special Education Services.
Motion Carried

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

It was moved and seconded;

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopts the revised Policy and Regulation 2127.060, Psychologist.
Motion Carried

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

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) deletes Policy and Regulation 2127.061, Psychometrician, as the position no longer exists.
Motion Carried Unanimously

C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The October 9, 2012 meeting minutes were presented for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes from the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting and presented the following two motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) support Oak Bay High School and their application to the School Community Connections program for the Oak Bay High School Community Television Production Teaching Centre.
Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve for submission to the Ministry of Education the 2012/2013 Five Year Capital Plan that includes the three seismic upgrade projects, the mechanical/energy upgrade, the three buildings envelope projects, the two replacement schools and the two school addition projects identified.
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

None.

E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

None.

F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

G. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

H1. Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman reported out that a new Secretary-Treasurer, Debra Laser, has been hired by the District effective October 16, 2012.

H2. Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman reported out that a letter of support will be requested from the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association to accompany the application for the B.C. Human Rights; Special Program.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Secretary-Treasurer

Chair