



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
December 10, 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, Michael McEvoy, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr

**Administration:**

John Gaiptman, Superintendent of Schools, Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Deborah Courville, Associate Superintendent, Dave Brandon, Acting Director, Human Resource Services, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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.

Introductions were made around the Board table.

It was moved and seconded:

That John Gaiptman be appointed both Superintendent of Schools and Secretary-Treasurer for the duration of the December 10, 2012 Board meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING**

**A1. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved and seconded:

That the December 10, 2012 Agenda be approved with the following changes:

**A6. Trustee Reports**

- a) Trustee McNally
- b) Trustee Horsman
- c) Trustee Nohr

**Motion Carried**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the November 19, 2012 Regular Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**A3. Business arising from the Minutes**

Trustee Nohr advised the public that an advocacy letter is being sent to the Minister of Education requesting additional funding for students with learning challenges or with designations on the autism spectrum as per the motions that were passed at the November 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 Board of Education meeting.

#### **A4. Trustee Elections**

Chair Orcherton turned the meeting over to Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman to conduct the annual elections:

##### **a) Election of Chair**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Education for the term to November 30, 2013. Nominations were received for Trustees Horsman and Orcherton. Trustee Horsman declined the nomination and Trustee Orcherton was declared the Board of Education Chair by acclamation.

##### **b) Election of Vice-Chair**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for the term to November 30, 2013. Nominations were received for Trustees Horsman and Nohr. Trustees Horsman and Nohr accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Horsman was declared the Vice-Chair of the Board of Education.

##### **c) Election of British Columbia Public Schools Employers' Association Representative**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman called for nominations for the British Columbia Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA) representative for the term to November 30, 2013. Nominations were received for Trustees McNally and Ferris. Trustees McNally and Ferris accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Ferris was declared the BCPSEA representative.

##### **d) Election of British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Councilor**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman called for nominations for the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Councilor for the term to November 30, 2013. Nominations were received for Trustees Nohr and Horsman. Trustees Nohr and Horsman accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Horsman was declared the BCSTA Provincial Councilor.

##### **e) Election of Vancouver Island Labour Relations Association Representative**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman called for nominations for the Vancouver Island Labour Relations Association (VILRA) representative for the term to November 30, 2013. Nominations were received for Trustees Ferris, Nohr and McNally, Trustees Ferris and Nohr accepted and Trustee McNally declined. A ballot vote was taken and Trustees Ferris was declared the Vancouver Island Labour Relations Association VILRA representative.

##### **f) Appointment of the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee Members/Election of Chair**

Chair Orcherton recommended that the Committee members remain the same. The Operations, Policy and Planning Committee members adjourned and returned to announce that Trustee Leonard will be reappointed as the Chair of the Committee for the term to November 30, 2013.

##### **g) Appointment of the Education Policy Development Committee Members/Election of Chair**

Chair Orcherton recommended that the Committee members remain the same. The Education Policy Development Committee members adjourned and returned to announce that Trustee Alpha will be reappointed as Chair of the Committee for the term to November 30, 2013.

## h) Destruction of Ballots

It was moved and seconded:

That the ballots be destroyed.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## A5. Community Presentations

- a) Rachel Franklin, parent, stated that she wished to encourage the Board to add a question and answer period to Board meetings.

## A6. Trustees' Reports

Trustee Horsman reported that she attended the Oak Bay High School strings concert and that she would be attending the Rogers Elementary winter concert. Trustee Horsman acknowledged the recent passing of Brenda Simmonds, retired middle school principal.

Trustee McNally reported that she attended Lake Hill Elementary for a District sharing of the Stuart Shankers self-regulation initiative, Glanford Middle School for their winter concert, Central Middle School to tour the new seismically upgraded building and Rockheights Middle School for the Roots of Empathy program.

Trustee Nohr reported that she attended the Arbutus winter concert, PAC meetings at Margaret Jenkins Elementary and George Jay Elementary and visited the International School Campus where she received a tour.

## B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Orcherton thanked Trustees for her re-election as Board Chair and assured everyone that she is looking forward to continuing to fulfill her Chair responsibilities and to work for the good of school District students, parents and staff.

Chair Orcherton reported that she attended two meetings in November for the new Culture and Community Committee and that she looks forward to the good work that this committee will continue to do in the future.

Chair Orcherton updated the public with respect to a letter sent to the Minister of Education in November requesting a meeting to discuss funding issues and pressures. To date, a response has not been received and hence a letter has been sent to Premier Clark requesting a meeting with her.

Chair Orcherton advised that a letter dated December 3, 2012 was received from the Minister of Education which refers to the Cooperative Gains Mandate and the savings plan needed to support collective bargaining with the K-12 education sector's support staff. The Ministry is arranging for conference calls with Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers and once further information is received a strategy plan will be discussed to determine the next step.

## C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### C1. Joint Operations, Policy and Planning and Education Policy Development Committee

- a) The December 3, 2012 meeting minutes were presented for information.

- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes from the joint Operations, Policy and Planning and Education Policy Development Committee meeting and presented the following motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) form an Ad Hoc Committee to review Bylaw 9360 to make recommendations for enhancements for public engagement including a structure for a possible Question and Answer period. The Ad Hoc Committee will include one representative from ASA, CUPE 382, CUPE 947, Exempt, GVTA, VCPAC, VPVPA and the Superintendent of Schools. The committee will report to the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee and will be at no cost to the Board.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee McNally proposing an amendment to the original motion adding "*any interested Trustees and two members of the public.*"

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with several points of clarification being asked of Trustee Leonard as Chair of the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) form an Ad Hoc Committee to review Bylaw 9360 to make recommendations for enhancements for public engagement including a structure for a possible Question and Answer period. The Ad Hoc Committee will include one representative from ASA, CUPE 382, CUPE 947, Exempt, GVTA, VCPAC, VPVPA, the Superintendent of Schools, any interested Trustees and two members of the public. The committee will report to the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee and will be at no cost to the Board.

**Motion Defeated**

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

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee McEvoy proposing an amendment to the original motion by adding "*two members of the public as chosen by the Board Chair.*"

Further discussion ensued with points of clarification being asked of Trustee McEvoy on how he envisions this motion being carried out. Trustee McEvoy provided answers.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) form an Ad Hoc Committee to review Bylaw 9360 to make recommendations for enhancements for public engagement including a structure for a possible Question and Answer period. The Ad Hoc Committee will include one representative from ASA, CUPE 382, CUPE 947, Exempt, GVTA, VCPAC, VPVPA, two members of the public as chosen by the Board Chair and the Superintendent of Schools. The committee will report to the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee and will be at no cost to the Board.

**Motion Carried**

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

Chair Orcherton called the vote on the original motion as amended.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) form an Ad Hoc Committee to review Bylaw 9360 to make recommendations for enhancements for public engagement including a structure for a possible Question and Answer period. The Ad Hoc Committee will include one representative from ASA, CUPE 382, CUPE 947, Exempt, GVTA, VCPAC, VPVPA, two members of the public as chosen by the Board Chair and the Superintendent of Schools. The committee will report to the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee and will be at no cost to the Board.

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Ferris, McEvoy, Leonard, Horsman and Orcherton

Against: Trustees McNally, Loring-Kuhanga, Nohr and Alpha

Trustee Leonard stated that the following motion was voted on at the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting on December 3, 2012 but was defeated due to a lack of majority and is being brought forward for discussion this evening.

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Bylaw 9368 'Procedure', Article 107.00 to read: "Any Trustee may challenge the ruling of the Chair, according to Robert's Rules of Order. The Trustee making the challenge (with a seconder) will be asked by the Chair to state the challenge; debate will occur according to Robert's Rules of Order; a vote to sustain the Chair will follow debate.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee Leonard providing an amendment to the motion deleting "*debate will occur according to Robert's Rules of Order;*" and the last word "*debate*".

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Bylaw 9368 'Procedure', Article 107.00 to read: "Any Trustee may challenge the ruling of the Chair, according to Robert's Rules of Order. The Trustee making the challenge (with a seconder) will be asked by the Chair to state the challenge. A vote to sustain the Chair will follow.

**Motion Carried**

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

Against: Trustee McNally

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9368, Procedure 107.00 at the meeting of December 10, 2012.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

That Bylaw 9368, Procedure 107.00 be amended to read: Any Trustee may challenge the ruling of the Chair, according to Robert's Rules of Order. The Trustee making the challenge (with a seconder) will be asked by the Chair to state the challenge. A vote to sustain the Chair will follow.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012

READ A SECOND TIME THE 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 10<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2012.

**Motion Carried**

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

Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes from the joint Operations, Policy and Planning and Education Policy Development Committee meeting and presented the following motion.

Trustee Horsman provided clarification that the Regulation has been referred back to the District Leadership Team for further work and that Trustees would only be voting on the Policy this evening.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

- iii) It was moved and seconded:  
 That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the revised Policy 5140.1, Child Abuse.
- Motion Carried**

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

#### **D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**

- D1.** Superintendent/Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman stated that the annual review of Trustee remuneration is up for review and discussion.

Trustee Ferris recommended tabling the discussion of Trustee remuneration.

- It was moved and seconded:  
 That the discussion of Trustee remuneration be tabled.
- Motion Carried**

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

#### **E. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None.

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

None.

#### **G. COMMUNICATIONS**

- G1.** Chair Orcherton referred to a letter received on December 3, 2012 from the Minister of Education, Don McRae, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate. Chair Orcherton provided an overview of the letter and advised the Board of a conference call occurring on December 11, 2012 in which clarification will be sought by the Superintendent and he in turn will report back to the Board. A discussion ensued amongst the Trustees on how to address this issue. A letter will be sent to the Minister of Education after the conference call in response to the December 3, 2012 letter.

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

The following two items came out of the In-Camera portion of this evening's meeting:

- i) Superintendent/Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman reported out that a new Labour Relations Manager for Human Resource Services, Mr. Mark Walsh, has been hired and will be starting December 11, 2012.
- ii) Superintendent/Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaipman reported out that Cloverdale Traditional School has been upgraded from a medium risk to H1, High Risk, with respect to seismic upgrading and as such will be added to the 2012-2013 Capital Plan.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Chair