



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
April 15, 2013 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:** Michael McEvoy

**Administration:**

John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Sherri Bell, Deputy Superintendent, Pat Duncan, Associate Superintendent, Deborah Courville, Associate Superintendent, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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.

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING**

**A1. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved and seconded:

That the April 15, 2013 Agenda be approved with the following changes/additions:

**A7. Trustees' Reports**

- a) Trustee Nohr
- b) Trustee Horsman

**Motion Carried**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the March 25, 2013 Regular Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried**

b) It was moved and seconded:

That the March 27, 2013 Special Board Budget Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**A3. Business arising from the Minutes**

None.

**A4. Student Achievement**

Judy Harrison, Principal of Monterey Middle School, attended the Board meeting along with three of her students, Hailey, Kiara and Olivia. Each student spoke about their involvement in raising money for the United Way. The students proudly displayed the 2012 Spirit Award they received from the United Way, in recognition of the money the school raised for the organization. The school was able to raise \$1000 in a week and a half via bake sales, candy sales and a student favorite, paying money to break the rules at school.

Chair Orcherton and Trustees thanked Principal Harrison and the students for attending the meeting and speaking to the Board.

**A5. District Presentations**

None.

**A6. Community Presentations**

None.

**A7. Trustees' Reports**

Trustee Nohr reported that she attended the Ministry of Education's International School Round Table Conference in Courtenay.

Trustee Horsman reported that she attended Ecole Quadra Elementary School for the signing of the seismic upgrade project agreement and that she enjoyed the choir performance.

**B. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Orcherton reported that she had been involved in several interviews regarding the District budget and seismic upgrades to our schools. On March 28, 2013 Chair Orcherton met with Frank Stanford of CFX Radio, on April 9, 2013, Stephen Andrews of CTV and on April 10, 2013, Kyle Slavin of the Newsgroup.

On April 12, 2013, Chair Orcherton attended Ecole Quadra Elementary for the official signing of the documents for the seismic upgrade and then went to CFX Radio with Nella Nelson, District Coordinator for Aboriginal Nations Education, and a grade nine Challenge student from Esquimalt High School, to discuss the importance of Aboriginal Nations Education.

Chair Orcherton reported that she attended the opening ceremonies of the Lakehill Little League on April 13, 2013.

**C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS****C1. Education Policy Development Committee meeting**

- a) The April 2, 2013 meeting minutes were presented for information. Trustee Alpha thanked Trustee Horsman for chairing the meeting on her behalf.

**C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee meeting**

- a) The April 8, 2013 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 three motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings of Capital Bylaw No. 126550, being a bylaw for the maximum expenditure of \$2,414,051 for the capital portion of the Annual Facility Grant allocation.
- Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That Capital Bylaw No. 126550, being a bylaw for the maximum expenditure of \$2,414,051 for the capital portion of the Annual Facility Grant allocation be:

READ A FIRST TIME THE 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013;  
READ A SECOND TIME THE 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, and  
READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013 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

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to the Premier and the Minister of Education expressing concern about the unanticipated increase in the number of downloaded costs and the resulting adverse impact for the district. Examples of these costs include the teachers' pension plan rate increase, MSP rate increase, Hydro rate increase, the transition back to GST/PST and general inflation.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to the Premier and the Minister of Education requesting that the government provide for the wage increase for any negotiated settlements with teachers, CUPE staff, Allied Specialists, principals/vice principals and exempt staff.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS**

- G1.** Chair Orcherton referred to a letter received on April 9, 2013 from the Minister of Education, Don McRae, announcing a \$584 million three year project for Seismic Mitigation to high risk schools in British Columbia which will include five schools in School District No. 61.

**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 7:52 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer