



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

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**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Trustees Diane McNally, Acting Chair, Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Deborah Nohr, Peg Orcherton, Rob Paynter, Jordan Watters, Ann Whiteaker

**Regrets:**

Trustee Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Chair

**Administration:**

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Ball, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Mark Walsh, Manager, Labour Relations, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Acting Chair McNally recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING**

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) appoint Katrina Ball as Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the duration of the December 14, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A1. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved and seconded:

That the December 14, 2015 Agenda be approved with the following additions/changes:

**B2. Trustees' Reports - Remove external committee reports e) g) h)**

**D1. Superintendent's Report**

b) 950 Kings Road - move to A8.

**E. Question Period - move to A7**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the November 16, 2015 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None****A4. Student Achievement**

- a) Acting Chair McNally introduced and welcomed Leslie Lee, Principal of George Jay Elementary School. Ms. Lee shared with Trustees that during her time as Principal of George Jay Elementary she has worked extremely hard to change the philosophy of the school and shift the many challenges that are faced by students and staff. Ms. Lee stated that “Demography is not Destiny” and that a culture that was once struggling is now transforming into a safer calm environment which in turn is improving achievement and reflecting a positive image in the community.

Principal Lee introduced grade five student Melissa and invited her to speak to Trustees about her experiences while at George Jay and most recently her introduction to the Chromebook.

Acting Chair McNally thanked Principal Lee and Melissa for attending and presenting to the Board.

**A5. District Presentations - None****A6. Community Presentations**

- a) Kelly Greenwell, Executive Director of the Quadra Village Advisory Committee attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the proposed disposition of 950 Kings Road to the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD). Mr. Greenwell expressed concerns on behalf of the community about the future of this property and formally requested that Trustees place a covenant on this property.
- b) Michael Wegner, Site Coordinator for Quadra Village Days attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the proposed disposition of 950 Kings Road to the CRHD. Mr. Wegner expressed his concerns that Quadra Village Days will be impacted without the use of this property.
- c) David Turner, Quadra Village, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the proposed disposition of 950 Kings Road to the CRHD. Mr. Turner requested that the property remain in the community control and suggested a covenant be placed on the property.

**A7. Question Period**

- a) Acting Chair McNally read the following question that was received at the meeting.

Does the phrase “transferred to community in perpetuity” as your board chair mentioned in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> news release concerning the Blanshard School building’s sale mean there is a legal agreement on the sale to the Capital Regional Hospital District to this effect?

Mark Walsh, Labour Relations Manager advised that a covenant has not been placed on the sale of this property. Given the fact that there is a long term lease in effect at this time this may cause issue with the leaseholders of the property and put the Board at legal risk by adding it.

- b) Acting Chair McNally read the following question that was received at the meeting.

What guarantees exist that children and youth in the neighbourhood will have access to the green space and gym facilities at the former Blanshard Elementary School?

It is the understanding of the Board of Education that access to the green space and gym facilities will be provided by the current leaseholders for the next five years. The public consultation process to be undertaken by the CRHD will ensure that the community will have time to convey their expectations for the future use of this property.

- c) Acting Chair McNally read the following question that was received at the meeting.

In the Community Plan in the early 90's the school district said they had no future plans for the school or the land other than it remain as a school and playing field. Our plan has not been updated since. This property and building purchase is against our neighbourhood plan. How did this happen?

The Board of Education faced the difficult decision to close schools due to declining student enrolment and a budget deficit. Blanshard Elementary School was closed in 2003.

As Question Period has an allotted time limit of fifteen minutes it was suggested to extend the Question Period to allow time to hear all questions that have been submitted.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) extend agenda item A7. Question Period, past the allotted time period of fifteen minutes, in order to hear all questions that have been submitted to the Acting Chair.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- d) Acting Chair McNally read the following question that was received at the meeting.

How will you ensure community space if you sell 950 Kings Road?

The Board of Education will continue to urge the CRHD to organize public consultation meetings to ensure that the public has an opportunity to see the future plans for the site and to voice their suggestions for community space.

- e) Acting Chair McNally read the following comment that was received at the meeting.

Please stop the sale and ask for community feedback first or ensure it's used as green space only.

- f) Acting Chair McNally read the following question that was received at the meeting.

The Living Edge provides a free dinner meal every Sunday, based from the gym and the kitchen at 950 Kings. How and where can this service to some of the most vulnerable members of our society continue without access to 950 Kings?

It is the understanding of the Board of Education that there will be five years to continue this service to the community which will allow time to find another location.

- g) Acting Chair McNally read the following question that was received at the meeting.

How will the residents be impacted by the use of 950 Kings as a base for construction?  
And how will the owner's ability to maintain their revenues with increased traffic and reduced access to the site of 950 Kings be mitigated?

It is the understanding of the Board of Education that during the consultation process the public will have the opportunity to voice their concerns to the CRHD about the project which could include the impact of construction on the neighbourhood.

- h) Acting Chair McNally read the following question that was received at the meeting.

How can "Love Where you Live" a litter reduction initiative to improve the experience and safety within our parks and public spaces develop without access to the space at 950 Kings as a community use space?

It is the understanding of the Board of Education that there will be five years to continue this community initiative which will allow time to find another location.

- i) Acting Chair McNally read the following question that was received at the meeting.

How can Quadra Village Day continue without the use of the grounds, parking, gym and interior spaces of 950 Kings?

It is the understanding of the Board of Education that there will be five years to continue this community event which will allow time to find another location.

Acting Chair McNally thanked everyone for their questions and for taking the time to attend the meeting.

#### **A8. Superintendent's Report – 950 Kings Road**

Superintendent Langstraat referred Trustees to the information contained in their package and provided a high level overview with respect to 950 Kings Road (former Blanshard Elementary School) and the proposed sale to the Capital Regional Hospital District. Trustees each expressed their thanks to the public for attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of the Quadra/Hillside community.

It was moved and seconded:

<p>That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request Ministerial approval for the disposition of the 950 Kings Road property.</p>
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**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **B. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **B1. Chair's Report**

Chair Loring-Kuhanga submitted a written report that was read by Acting Chair McNally.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked the speakers that attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the Quadra/Hillside community with regards to the disposition of 950 Kings Road.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga congratulated Mr. Mark Walsh on his appointment to be the new Secretary-Treasurer for the Greater Victoria School District when the current Secretary-Treasurer, Debra Laser, retires at the end of January 2016.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked all teachers, administrators and support staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and wished everyone happy holidays from Tanzania, East Africa.

## **B2. Trustees' Reports**

- a) Trustee Watters submitted an annual summary report as the representative for the Aboriginal Nations Education Council Committee for information.
- b) Trustee Orcherton submitted an annual summary report as the representative for The British Columbia Public School Employers' Association for information.
- c) Trustee Whiteaker submitted an annual summary report as the representative for the British Columbia School Trustees' Association for information.
- d) Trustee McNally submitted an annual summary report as one of the representatives for the Needs Budget Ad Hoc Committee for information.
- e) Trustee Orcherton submitted a monthly and annual summary report as the representative for the Saanich Healthy Advisory Committee for information.

It was moved and seconded:

That all outstanding Committee Reports be received in writing for the January 18, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- a) The December 7, 2015 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Acting Chair McNally referred to the December 7, 2015 minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to send out the proposed changes to Regulation 3545.2 highlighting the proposed new staffing ratios and the Code of Conduct #10 to all school principals and stakeholder groups, including our student representatives, requesting feedback on the changes. And further, that this feedback come back to an Education Policy Development Committee meeting in the spring for further consideration.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to send out the proposed changes to Regulation 3545.2 highlighting the proposed new staffing ratios and the Code of Conduct #10 to all school principals and stakeholder groups, including our student representatives, requesting feedback on the changes. And further, that this feedback come back to an Education Policy Development Committee meeting in the spring*"

*for further consideration*” be amended to delete the words “*in the spring*” and in their place add “*in March 2016*”.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees Nohr, Watters, Paynter

Against: Trustees Whiteaker, Orcherton, Leonard, McNally, Ferris

Acting Chair McNally called for the vote on the main motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to send out the proposed changes to Regulation 3545.2 highlighting the proposed new staffing ratios and the Code of Conduct #10 to all school principals and stakeholder groups, including our student representatives, requesting feedback on the changes. And further, that this feedback come back to an Education Policy Development Committee meeting in the spring for further consideration.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Acting Chair McNally referred to the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) *amend Bylaw 9360 General Meeting of the Board to add the sentence “Each year thereafter during the term of office, the election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Board representatives to various agencies where the Trustees have regular representation and the appointment of Trustees to internal and external committees shall take place at the June Board meeting” at the end of Article 2.*

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9360, *General Meeting of the Board* at the meeting of December 14, 2015.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

That Bylaw 9360, *General Meeting of the Board* be:

Read a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;

Read a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015:

Read a third time, passed and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Routine Capital Project Funding Agreement for Capital Project No.127017 to upgrade the student drop-off area at Cloverdale Elementary School (Facility No. 61019) and submit the executed agreement to the Ministry of Education.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 127017, being a bylaw for the 2015/2016 Routine Capital Project to upgrade the student drop-off area at Cloverdale Elementary School in the amount of \$105,000.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 127017, being a bylaw to provide funding for the 2015/2016 Routine Capital Project to upgrade the student drop-off area at Cloverdale Elementary School in the amount of \$105,000 be:

Read a first time the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;

Read a second time the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;

Read a third time the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;

And that the Secretary-Treasurer and Board Chair be authorized to execute and seal this bylaw on behalf of the Board.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Acting Chair McNally referred to the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9360.2, *Meetings of the Standing Committees* at the meeting of December 14, 2015.

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Watters, McNally, Nohr, Leonard, Orcherton  
Against: Trustee Paynter

It was moved and seconded:

That Bylaw 9360.2, *Meetings of the Standing Committees* be:

Read a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;

Read a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015:

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Watters, McNally, Nohr, Leonard, Orcherton  
Against: Trustee Paynter

Acting Chair McNally advised Trustees that the third reading of Bylaw 9360.2, *Meetings of the Standing Committees*, would be conducted via a poll vote the next day.

Trustee Paynter stated a point of order and challenged Acting Chair McNally's ruling to conduct a Poll Vote and stated that it did not meet the requirements as outlined in Bylaw 9011, *Poll Votes*.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) uphold the ruling of Acting Chair McNally to conduct a Poll Vote for the third and final reading of Bylaw 9360.2, *Meetings of the Standing Committees*.

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Watters, McNally, Nohr, Leonard, Orcherton  
Against: Trustee Paynter

Acting Chair McNally referred to the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9130.1, *The Education Policy and Directions Committee* at the meeting of December 14, 2015.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

That Bylaw 9130.1, *The Education Policy and Directions Committee* be:

Read a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;  
Read a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;  
Read a third time, passed and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard referred to the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- vii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9130.2, *The Operations Policy and Planning Committee* at the meeting of December 14, 2015.

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Watters, McNally, Nohr, Leonard, Orcherton  
Against: Trustee Paynter

It was moved and seconded:

That Bylaw 9130.2, *The Operations Policy and Planning Committee* be:

Read a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;  
Read a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015:

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Watters, McNally, Nohr, Leonard, Orcherton  
Against: Trustee Paynter



Acting Chair McNally advised Trustees that the third reading of Bylaw 9130.2, *The Operations Policy and Planning Committee*, would be conducted via a poll vote the next day.

Trustee Leonard referred to the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- viii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9130.3, *Policy Committee* at the meeting of December 14, 2015.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat and a suggestion being made to amend the name of the new Bylaw 9130.3, *Policy Committee* to Bylaw 9130.3, *Policy Sub-Committee*.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) name the new Bylaw 9130.3, *Policy Sub-Committee*.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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 9130.3, *Policy Sub-Committee* at the meeting of December 14, 2015.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

That Bylaw 9130.3, *Policy Sub-Committee* be:  
  
Read a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015;  
Read a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015:  
Read a third time, passed and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard referred to the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- ix) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) dissolve the Ad Hoc Board Standing Committee Review Committee.

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Watters, McNally, Nohr, Leonard, Orcherton  
Against: Trustee Paynter

Trustee Leonard referred to the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Superintendent Langstraat advising that he has appointed Mark Walsh to participate on behalf of the District and Trustee Whiteaker had already expressed her interest in participating on behalf of the Board.

It was moved and seconded:

- x) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) participate in the Township of Esquimalt's review of its official community plan.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard referred to the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- xi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the chair to write a letter to the Minister of Finance, copying the Minister of Education, requesting that the Minister of Finance heed the recommendations from the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and increase the funding to K-12 education in the 2016 Budget.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

##### **D1. Superintendent's Report**

- a) Superintendent Langstraat referred Trustees to his written report in their packages and provided highlights of his school visits, events and meetings over the past month.

Superintendent Langstraat recommended to Trustees that an annual evaluation be conducted on the work of the Superintendent of Schools and provided suggestions on what could be included in the evaluation. Superintendent Langstraat further suggested that the evaluation should be conducted by an external individual and provided some possibilities. Trustees engaged in a lengthy discussion with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat. Superintendent Langstraat concluded the discussion by advising that he would bring additional information to the January 18, 2016 Board of Education meeting along with a recommended motion.

##### **D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report - None**

#### **E. QUESTION PERIOD – Moved to agenda item A7.**

#### **F. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None**

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

##### **G1. New Business**

- a) **Trustee Nohr - Technology Stewardship Ad Hoc Committee**

Trustee Nohr presented her motion and provided a rationale. A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat and Trustee Nohr.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) contact all parents who submitted their names to attend and participate in the Technology Stewardship Ad Hoc Committee and inform the parents that they are welcome to attend beginning with the January, 2016 meeting.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees Nohr, Paynter, McNally

Against: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Watters, Leonard, Orcherton

Further discussion ensued amongst Trustees with direction being given to Superintendent Langstraat to request Principals to communicate to their parent community the committee meeting date and encourage them to attend as non-voting members.

**G2. Notice of Motions - None**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer