



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
January 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, Diane McNally, Vice-Chair, Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Deborah Nohr, Peg Orcherton, Rob Paynter, Jordan Watters, Ann Whiteaker

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Mark Walsh, Manager, Labour Relations, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Karen Walters-Edgar, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga 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

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the January 18, 2016 Agenda be approved with the following additions:

B1 Chair's Report a) Selection of Standing Committee Chairs

B2 Trustees' Reports c) Trustee Orcherton

Motion Carried

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved and seconded:

That the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement

a) Cindy Harte, Principal, Torquay Elementary School thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend and speak about Torquay Elementary and introduced Vice-Principal, Leann Trenchard and five Torquay students. Ms. Harte provided an overview of the various projects taking place at the school and stated that Torquay has two official goals this year: 1: to develop critical thinking, and 2: to increase student voice and ownership. Ms. Harte invited the first of five students who spoke in turn about what school life at Torquay meant and looked like to them.

Ms. Trenchard commented on how rewarding it was to see students enter Torquay in kindergarten and over time become competent and confident students ready to move on to middle school.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Principal Harte, Vice-Principal Trenchard and the Torquay students for attending and sharing their information with the Board.

A5. District Presentations - None

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Don Evans, Executive Director of Our Place Society, introduced himself and his colleague Mary-Anne Sorenson, Manager of Transitional Housing. Ms. Sorensen provided a handout which explained the details of a 4-month initiative to support 40 homeless people from the tent city to transition into more permanent housing. Mr. Evans stated that My Place is transitioning about 5-6 people a day from the tent city into more stable housing. The ultimate goal is to maintain permanent and secure housing for as many people as possible. Mr. Evans also explained that people are provided with daily opportunities to participate in programs and activities such as computer training, job readiness, cooking, budgeting, and arts and crafts. A skilled and experienced team of staff have been hired to carry out My Place operations. Mr. Evans said that this 4-month initiative ends in April and if it does continue, it will have to be housed in a different location.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Don Evans and Mary-Anne Sorenson for attending and presenting to the Board.

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

- B1.** Chair Loring-Kuhanga acknowledged and thanked Trustee Diane McNally for fulfilling the duties of Acting Chair while she was away in Tanzania. Chair Loring-Kuhanga also acknowledged the work of Debra Laser, Secretary-Treasurer and all of the support that she has provided to trustees over the years. Chair Loring-Kuhanga presented Ms. Laser with a bouquet of flowers and a card on behalf of the Board of Education and wished her all the best on her retirement.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga advised that each standing committee needs to elect a Chair. The members of the Operations, Policy and Planning Committee (OPPS) left the board room to elect a new Chair. Upon their return, the OPPS Committee announced that Elaine Leonard was elected to remain Chair. The Education Policy and Directions Committee members also left the board room to elect a new Chair. Upon their return, they announced that Deborah Nohr was elected to remain Chair of this committee.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga congratulated and welcomed Fred Schmidt as the new President of CUPE Local 382.

B2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee McNally provided an update on the Homeless Shelter issue and advised that she plans to attend the neighbourhood group meetings as they occur.
- b) Trustee Paynter presented the French Immersion Advisory Committee report.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the French Immersion Advisory Committee Report as presented by Trustee Paynter.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The January 4, 2016 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Nohr referred to the January 4, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61. (Greater Victoria) track and compile all additional costs and lost facility rental revenue associated with the Temporary Shelter on 1240 Yates Street with the intent to present these costs to the City of Victoria, BC Ministry of Education and BC Ministry of Housing.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Loring-Kuhanga, McNally, Paynter, Watters, Whiteaker, Orcherton, Leonard, Ferris

Against: Trustee Nohr

- c) Trustee Orcherton advised that she will be attending the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association AGM on January 29, 2016 as the Board's representative and asked trustees for their feedback on the Ordinary Resolutions that will be considered at the AGM. Trustees indicated their support for the resolutions.

C2. Operations, Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The January 11, 2016 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the January 11, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions:

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare a letter for the Board Chair to Mr. Rich Coleman, Minister responsible for Housing, with a copy to the Ministry of Education and the media explaining the District's surplus.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings to Bylaw 9130, *Standing Committees* at the meeting of January 18, 2016.

Motion Carried Unanimously

That Bylaw 9130, *Standing Committees* be:

Read a first time this 18th day of January, 2016;
 Read a second time this 18th day of January, 2016;
 Read a third time, passed and adopted this 18th day of January, 2016.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve granting a Statutory Right-of-Way to the Town of View Royal for the purpose of installing and maintaining a pedestrian public access path over a portion of land at Shoreline Middle School legally described as Lot 1, Section 2, Esquimalt District, Plan 11627, Except Part in Plan 41826, PID: 000-875-759.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of the Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw 16-01 at the January 18, 2016 Board meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw 16-01, being a bylaw to grant a Statutory Right-of-Way to the Town of View Royal on the property legally described as Lot 1, Section 2, Esquimalt District, Plan 11627, Except Part in Plan 41826, PID: 000-875-759 for the purpose of installing and maintaining a pedestrian public access path be:

Read a first time this 18th day of January, 2016;

Read a second time this 18th day of January, 2016;

Read a third time, passed and adopted this 18th day of January, 2016;

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:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to recommend appropriate new policy and or changes to current policy that incorporate the naming of physical assets that do not fall under the BC Policy.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to update the website for Ad Hoc Committees:

- 1) all Terms of Reference documents for all Ad Hoc Committees of the Board be posted on a new School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Board of Education Ad Hoc Committees of the Board page under the "Board" menu; and
- 2) that the Technology Committee Terms of Reference be moved from the "subcommittees" page placed on the Ad Hoc Committee page; and
- 3) that all Terms of Reference of Ad Hoc Committees with terms that have ended by Board motion be placed in an "Archived Terms of Reference" section on the Ad Hoc Committees page; and
- 4) that the Policy definition of the Policy subcommittee be placed on the present subcommittee page.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat referred Trustees to his written report and provided highlights of his school visits, events and meetings over the past month. He also noted the work being done in preparation for the Special Education Audit that is scheduled for the week of January 25 – 29, 2016.

Superintendent Langstraat presented a summary of the Parent Education Fund requests and asked Deputy Superintendent Green to provide comments. Deputy Superintendent Green explained that 17 school P.A.C.s requested funding and that she had contacted VCPAC President Audrey Smith and Trustee Ann Whiteaker to review the funding requests. It was decided that all 17 schools would be approved for their funding requests, to a maximum of \$250.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Secretary-Treasurer Laser advised that the 3rd Reading of Bylaw 9360.2, *Meetings of the Standing Committee* was conducted by a poll vote on December 15, 2015 and that the motion passed.
- b) Secretary-Treasurer Laser advised that the 3rd Reading of Bylaw 9130.2, *The Operations Policy and Planning Committee* was conducted by a poll vote on December 15, 2015 and that the motion passed.
- c) Secretary-Treasurer Laser explained that the Seismic Project Identification Report (SPIR) has been completed for the Cedar Hill Middle School Seismic Upgrade and that the Ministry of Education will reimburse SPIR costs upon the Board approving a capital project bylaw for the school project.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 114323, being a bylaw for the Cedar Hill Middle School Seismic Upgrade in the amount of \$35,507.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 114323, being a bylaw for the Cedar Hill Middle School Seismic Upgrade in the amount of \$35,507 be:

Read a first time the 18th day of January, 2016;
 Read a second time the 18th day of January, 2016, and
 Read a third time, passed and adopted the 18th day of January, 2016;

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

- d) Secretary-Treasurer Laser explained that the Seismic Project Identification Report (SPIR) has been completed for the Shoreline Middle School Seismic Upgrade and that the Ministry of Education will reimburse SPIR costs upon the Board approving a capital project bylaw for the school project.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 116653, being a bylaw for the Shoreline Middle School Seismic Upgrade in the amount of \$51,510.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 116653, being a bylaw for the Shoreline Middle School Seismic Upgrade in the amount of \$51,510 be:

Read a first time the 18th day of January, 2016;
Read a second time the 18th day of January, 2016, and
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 18th day of January, 2016;

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

- e) Secretary-Treasurer Laser explained that the Board of Education approved the 2015/2016 Five Year Capital Plan at the October 19, 2015 Board meeting and that it was submitted to the Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education has now advised that previously supported seismic upgrade projects that do not yet have Ministry funding approval need to remain on the District's plan to make sure that they are still represented as priorities. The five year capital plan has been revised to include the previously supported projects.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised 2015/2016 Five Year Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. QUESTION PERIOD – None

F. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

G. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- a) Trustee Watters advised that she will be bringing a Notice of Motion to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting with respect to drafting a response to the letter received from the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer