



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
February 15, 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, Jordan Watters, Ann Whiteaker

Regrets:

Trustee Rob Paynter

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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.

Introductions were made around the Board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the February 15, 2016 Agenda be approved with the following additions:

B2. Trustees' Reports

- d) Trustee Watters
- e) Trustee Whiteaker
- f) Trustee Nohr

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) It was moved and seconded:

That the January 18, 2016 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement

- a) Ken Andrews, Principal, Monterey Middle School introduced Vice-Principal, Karen MacEwan and thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to attend and speak to them about student engagement at Monterey Middle School. Mr. Andrews and Ms. MacEwan each spoke about the many initiatives taking place at the school in order to get students and staff more engaged including increasing student's use of digital technology as well as digital citizenship and more outdoor nature based learning experiences.

Chair-Loring-Kuhanga thanked Principal Andrews and Vice-Principal MacEwan for attending and presenting to the Board.

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

- a) Howard McElderry, President of Bays United Football Club attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the use of artificial turf fields and more specifically the field slated to be installed at Oak Bay High School. Mr. McElderry spoke in support of an alternate infill option for the artificial turf field.

B. TRUSTEE REPORTS**B1. Chair's Report**

Chair Loring-Kuhanga welcomed Mark Walsh to the Board table as the new Secretary-Treasurer for the School District.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga acknowledged and thanked everyone involved in the creation of the new District Strategic Plan and stated she was looking forward to reviewing it this evening.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked the staff, students and parents of Central Middle School and District staff and Trustees for working with the City of Victoria and embracing the temporary homeless shelter across from the school.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reported that she and Superintendent Langstraat met with Chief Andy Thomas and staff of the Esquimalt Nation on February 10, 2016 to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reported that a Sub-Committee to review District policies has been created to address and revise some outdated policies. The Committee will be comprised of district staff and two Trustees.

B2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Orcherton submitted a Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee Report for information.
- b) Trustee Orcherton submitted a British Columbia Public School Employers Association AGM Report for information.

- c) Trustee McNally reported that she has been working with Associate Superintendent Deb Whitten and a student representative on the new Partnership Policy and attending meetings with regard to the temporary shelter on Yates Street. Trustee McNally further reported that she visited Gordon Head Middle School.
- d) Trustee Watters reported that she attended Monterey Middle School for the battle of the books event.
- e) Trustee Whiteaker reported that she attended the SD61 Sings event at Alix Goolden Hall along with Trustee Ferris.
- f) Trustee Nohr reported that she attended Monterey Middle School for the battle of the books event and visited Margaret Jenkins Elementary School. Trustee Nohr further reported that she will be attending Craigflower Elementary School for some classroom visits.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) Trustee Nohr presented the February 1, 2016 meeting minutes for information.

C2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) Trustee Leonard presented the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the minutes from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- i)

That the Board of Education of School District No 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 1240 Yates Street Temporary My Place Transitional Home Neighbourhood Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign on as a signatory, on behalf of the Board. Motion Carried Unanimously
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Trustee Leonard referred to the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustees agreeing by consensus to make some final changes to the Strategic Plan.

It was moved and seconded:

- ii)

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the Strategic Plan. Motion Carried

For: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Watters, McNally, Loring-Kuhanga, Nohr, Orcherton
Against: Trustee Leonard

Trustee Leonard referred to the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive an update on the Wellness and Attendance Support Program from Human Resource Services at the June 13, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

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

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive an update on the Wellness and Attendance Support Program from Human Resource Services at the June 13, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting*" be amended to include the word "a written" after the word "receive."
- Motion Carried**

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

Chair Loring-Kuhanga called for the vote on the main motion as amended.

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive a written update on the Wellness and Attendance Support Program from Human Resource Services at the June 13, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee .
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard referred to the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of the 2015/2016 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw at the meeting of February 15, 2016.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard referred to the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh and Associate Secretary-Treasurer Ball.

It was moved and seconded:

- That the School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/2016 in the amount of \$226,198,077 be:
- Read a first time the 15th day of February, 2016
Read a second time the 15th day of February, 2016
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 15th day of February, 2016
- And that the Chairperson and the Secretary Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and execute this Bylaw on behalf of the Board.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard referred to the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat and Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the posting of the following 2016/2017 school year calendar on the school district's website for a period of one month:
- 2016/2017 School Year Calendar***
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| School Opening | September 6, 2016 |
| First non-instructional day | September 19, 2016 |
| Thanksgiving | October 10, 2016 |
| Second non-instructional day
(Province wide) | October 21, 2016 |
| Remembrance Day | November 11, 2016 |
| Third non-instructional day | November 18, 2016 |
| Schools close for Winter vacation | December 16, 2016 |
| Schools re-open after Winter vacation | January 3, 2017 |
| Fourth non-instructional day | February 10, 2017 |
| Family Day | February 13, 2017 |
| Fifth non-instructional day | February 24, 2017 |
| Schools close for Spring vacation | March 10, 2017 |
| Schools re-open after Spring vacation | March 27, 2017 |
| Good Friday | April 14, 2017 |
| Easter Monday | April 17, 2017 |
| Sixth non-instructional day | May 19, 2017 |
| Victoria Day | May 22, 2017 |
| Administrative Day and School Closing | June 30, 2017 |
- *Seventh non-instructional day to be chosen by each school
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard referred to the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following motion for submission to the BCSTA AGM:
- That the BCSTA urge the BC Ministry of Education to provide additional targeted funding for First Nations children and youth in care.

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

It was moved and seconded:

- vi) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following motion for submission to the BCSTA AGM:*
- That the BCSTA urge the BC Ministry of Education to provide additional targeted funding for First Nations children and youth in*

care” be amended to include the words “by requesting additional funding from the Treasury Board” at the end of the last sentence.

Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Trustee Ferris

Chair Loring-Kuhanga called for the vote on the main motion as amended.

It was moved and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following motion for submission to the BCSTA AGM:

That the BCSTA urge the BC Ministry of Education to provide additional targeted funding for First Nations children and youth in care by requesting additional funding from the Treasury Board.

Motion Carried

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

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Langstraat provided Trustees with a written report and highlighted some of his meetings and school visits over the past month.

Superintendent Langstraat thanked everyone involved with the Special Education audit that took place in January and commended the exemplary work conducted in preparation for that audit.

Superintendent Langstraat advised Trustees that he along with Deputy Superintendent Shelley Green met with the Aboriginal Nations Education staff to begin discussions regarding success for aboriginal learners. Superintendent Langstraat stated that a report will be provided for the May 2, 2016 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

Superintendent Langstraat advised Trustees that the Senior Leadership Team has been discussing the Coastal Kindergarten pilot program and plans for a broader nature based education program in schools. Superintendent Langstraat has tasked Aaron Maxwell, Vice-Principal of Arbutus Middle School to prepare a study of promising practices within Greater Victoria and throughout the province. A report of Mr. Maxwell’s findings will be provided for the June 6, 2016 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

Lastly, in follow up to a request made by Trustees at the December 14, 2015 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Langstraat provided Trustees with three proposals from external parties who could assist with conducting an evaluation of his work. A discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat and Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent of Schools to bring forward a written plan with respect to item 5.3 of the Strategic Plan, *Develop a plan to assess the effectiveness of the Board and the Superintendent*, for the March 29, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried

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

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report - None

E. QUESTION PERIOD - None

F. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

G. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

G1. New Business - None

G2. Notice of Motions - None

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer