



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
April 6, 2016 Round Table Public Budget Meeting - SJ Willis Auditorium, 923 Topaz Avenue**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Julie Lutner, Senior Manager, Budgets and Financial Analysis

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Chair Edith Loring-Kuhanga recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

1. WELCOME BY EDITH LORING-KUHANGA, CHAIR

Chair Loring-Kuhanga welcomed everyone in attendance. She indicated that a brief budget presentation would be made by Secretary-Treasurer Walsh followed by an informal budget discussion.

2. 2016/2017 BUDGET CONTEXT

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh provided an overview of the 2016/2017 Annual Budget Presentation that was presented to the Board on March 29, 2016. He explained that the budget presentation had since been updated to reflect the April 4, 2016 funding announcement from the Ministry of Education. Additional provincial government grants of \$1M were added to operating revenues resulting in a further reduction of the projected budget deficit.

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh explained that the projected budget deficit for 2016/2017 had declined from \$6.9M to \$5.9M. He recommended that the additional revenue expected in 2016/2017 be carried forward to address the anticipated 2017/2018 budget deficit.

3. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Trustees and community members discussed the proposed 2016/2017 Operating Budget and asked questions of clarification of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh. Additional topics of discussion included long term facilities use, class size and composition, special needs integration and adequate resourcing (including addressing waitlists for assessments), strategic plan, additional funding for vulnerable school populations, and the ongoing support of arts programs within the District.

4. CONCLUDING REMARKS BY EDITH LORING-KUHANGA, CHAIR

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked everyone for attending and for providing their valuable input into the 2016-2017 Budget process.

5. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer