



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
June 20, 2016 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

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, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Ball, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, David Loveridge, Director, Facilities Services, Karen Walters-Edgar, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded:

That the June 20, 2016 agenda be approved with the following amendment:

G1. New Business – Trustee Ferris – Annual Trustee Elections, be moved up to become **A3. b).**

Motion Carried

A2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved and seconded:

That the May 16, 2016 Regular Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) Trustee Watters asked the Superintendent about the two May 2016 Board Meeting motions with regard to the student/BC Transit fare increase.

The Superintendent stated that a group of District students plan to meet at the BC Transit offices tomorrow morning to talk about their concerns. Superintendent Langstraat stated that he is also planning to attend the BC Transit meeting in support of the students.

- b) Trustee Ferris provided a rationale for his motion and Trustees discussed the issue.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) rescind the motion from December 14, 2015 that moved the annual Trustee elections from the November board meeting to the June Board meeting.

Motion Carried

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

A4. Trustee Elections

It was unnecessary to hold trustee elections at this time as the motion in **A3. b)** was carried to move annual elections back to November.

A5. Student Achievement

- a) Lois Bender, Principal, Marigold Elementary School and staff made a PowerPoint presentation entitled *One with Nature - Integrating Numeracy and Learning Outdoors*.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Lois Bender and staff for their PowerPoint presentation.

A6. District Presentations

- a) Dave Thomson introduced teachers Brenda Watson and Trevor MacKenzie from Oak Bay High School. They in turn introduced student Molly Pearce who talked about and showed a video presentation on her First Nations Poetry.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked the Oak Bay staff and student for their video presentation.

A7. Community Presentations (5 minutes per presentation)

- a) Tasha Diamant made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding dress codes in public schools.
- b) Renay Maurice made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding school dress codes.
- c) David Futter, attended on behalf of the GVTA to make a verbal presentation regarding the Wellness and Attendance Support Program.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked all speakers for their Community presentations.

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

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reported that she had the opportunity to attend many events over the past month; such as the Craigflower Elementary School community breakfast, the Spectrum Community School totem pole unveiling, the 100 year anniversary celebration at Tillicum Elementary School, graduation ceremonies for Esquimalt High School and S.J. Willis, the District retirement tea, parent appreciation day at Victoria West Elementary School and the grade eight graduation at Shoreline Community School.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga acknowledged the recent passing of former Trustee Mabel Bennett, who passed away at the age of 107.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga updated the Board on the status of the motion passed by the Board with respect to Trustees submitting reports for the external committees they are assigned to.

Lastly, Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked her fellow Trustees, the District Leadership Team and District staff for their ongoing commitment to providing our students with a world class education and wished everyone a safe and restful summer break.

B2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Orcherton provided information with regard to the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee that she is a member of, as well as an update of her BCPSEA/BCSTA Conference Call of May 24, 2016.
- b) Trustee McNally provided a verbal update of her activities over the past month highlighting such events as attending the Lambrick Park Grad as well as attending year-end events at Rockheights and Craigflower Schools.
- c) Trustee Watters provided an update on her attendance at the Victoria Youth Justice and Family Court Committee meeting. She also highlighted attending the Spectrum and Aboriginal Grad ceremonies, as well as 2 elementary theater productions.
- d) Trustee Paynter provided handouts of the Victoria News article on the two Vic High students who were awarded bronze medals in the Skills Canada National Competition in car painting and auto collision, held in Moncton, New Brunswick, June 5 - 6. Trustee Paynter also provided an update on his activities over the past month.

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

C1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The June 6, 2016 meeting minutes were received for information only.
- b) Trustee Nohr referred to the June 6th 2016 Education Policy and Directions Committee 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) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: *Global and Intercultural Studies 12*.
Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: *Global and Intercultural Experience 12*.
Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy 100 - *Philosophy of Education*.
Motion Carried Unanimously

C2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The June 13, 2016 meeting minutes were received for information only.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the June 13th 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee 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) rescind the motion of May 16, 2016 directing staff to create an interim Capital

Plan, and further direct staff to prepare a new Capital Plan according to Ministry of Education instructions for submission in September.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve that:

- a) \$550,000 of the newly available funding for 2016-17, plus identified budget variances, be allocated to fund the purchase of mobile devices for teachers and that the previously approved annual expense budget of \$250,000 for the cost to lease mobile devices be released and applied against the structural deficit.
- b) \$200,000 of the newly available funding for 2016-17 be allocated to address water quality issues in schools, as well as school security and access issues.
- c) \$77,353 of the newly available funding for 2016-17 be allocated to fund the purchase and/or repair and maintenance of shop equipment following a review by Facilities Services and the administration responsible for Career Programming of the immediate and future needs of District shop facilities.

Trustees discussed the motion. Trustee McNally moved the following amendment.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) change the word "*available*" in a), b) and c) to "*returned*."

Motion Carried Unanimously

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Trustee McNally moving an amendment.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) change the words "*mobile devices*" in a), to "*laptops*" after the words *purchase of*."

Motion Carried

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

Abstained: Trustee Paynter

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

It was moved and seconded:

ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve that:

- a) \$550,000 of the newly returned funding for 2016-17, plus identified budget variances, be allocated to fund the purchase of laptops for teachers and that the previously approved annual expense budget of \$250,000 for the cost to lease laptops be released and applied against the structural deficit.
- b) \$200,000 of the newly returned funding for 2016-17 be allocated to address water quality issues in schools, as well as school security and

access issues.

- c) \$77,353 of the newly returned funding for 2016-17 be allocated to fund the purchase and/or repair and maintenance of shop equipment following a review by Facilities Services and the administration responsible for Career Programming of the immediate and future needs of District shop facilities.

Motion Carried

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

Abstained: Trustee Ferris

Associate Secretary-Treasurer Katrina Ball clarified for Trustees that it is appropriate to use Operational funds for Capital purchases.

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub-Committee to include appropriate legislative and/or policy references as appropriate when providing recommended updates to the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy 3323 - *Purchasing Services*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the recommendation of the Policy Sub-Committee that policies 1163 - *Consultation*, 1250 - *Trustee/School Liaison* and 1311.1 - *Polling at Schools* be considered reviewed with no changes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 1164 - *Decision-Making: Authority, Responsibility and Accountability*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- vii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 1220 - *Community Advisory Committees*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- viii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to review Policy 1240 - *School Volunteers* and its associated regulations and guidelines including consultation with our stakeholders to ensure that the District is encouraging volunteers in schools while continuing to respect our collective agreement obligations.

Trustees discussed the motion. Trustee McNally moved an amendment.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) replace the word “*encouraging*” with the word “*allowing*” after “*ensure that the District is...*”

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees McNally

Against: Trustees Leonard, Loring-Kuhanga, Nohr, Orcherton, Paynter, Watters, Whiteaker

Abstain: Trustee Ferris

Further discussion ensued and Trustee Whiteaker moved an amendment.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) add the following words: “*and administrators*” after the words “*guidelines including consultation with our stakeholders...*”

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Paynter, Leonard

Against: Trustees Loring-Kuhanga, Nohr, Orcherton, McNally, Watters

The Board Chair called for the vote on the main motion.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to review Policy 1240 - *School Volunteers* and its associated regulations and guidelines including consultation with our stakeholders to ensure that the District is encouraging volunteers in schools while continuing to respect our collective agreement obligations.

Motion Carried

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

Abstained: Trustee McNally

It was moved and seconded:

- ix) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 1260 - *Community Education*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- x) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend By-law 9360, *General Meeting of the Board*, Section 11 to include a section for correspondence.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- xi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) refer Policy 7110.1 to the Policy Sub-Committee or the Ad Hoc District Facilities Committee for review and update to include the District’s surplus facilities and leased properties in order to protect our assets on a long-term basis.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- xii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) task the Superintendent with developing regulations and/or administrative guidelines for the creation, review and enforcement of school dress codes in order to ensure that any dress codes in our district reflect the Board's commitment to gender equity in both intention and practice, and that they are in alignment with Policy 4303 Discrimination.

Trustees discussed the issue. Trustee Leonard moved an amendment.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) add the words "*and that the Superintendent bring his administrative guidelines back to the Board,*" after the words "*both intention and practice and that...*"
Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board Chair called for the vote on the main motion as amended.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) task the Superintendent with developing regulations and/or administrative guidelines for the creation, review and enforcement of school dress codes in order to ensure that any dress codes in our district reflect the Board's commitment to gender equity in both intention and practice, and that the Superintendent bring his administrative guidelines back to the Board and that they are in alignment with Policy 4303 Discrimination.
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

D1. Superintendent's Report

a) Monthly Report

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent's report as presented.

Trustee Orcherton moved an amendment to the motion.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) change the phrase "*receive the Superintendent's report*" to "*adopt the Superintendent's report*" as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board Chair called for the vote on the main motion as amended.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the Superintendent's report as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Specialty Academy Fees

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) make available to the public via the District website, the schedules of fees

that have been approved by the School Planning Councils for the District's Specialty Academy programs.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c) 2016/2017 Board of Education & Standing Committee Meeting Dates

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2016/17 Board of Education proposed dates and the Standing Committee meeting dates.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a motion being made to separate the joint September 2016 Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meetings.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the proposed 2016/17 Board of Education and the Standing Committee meeting dates, amending September's meeting dates to September 12, 2016 for the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting, September 19, 2016 for the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting and September 26th for the Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2016/17 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates as amended to include September 12, 2016 for the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting, September 19, 2016 for the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting and September 26th 2016 for the Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustees also agreed that Bylaw 9360, *General Meeting of the Board*, be amended to move the Board of Education meetings from the third Monday to the fourth Monday of every month.

Trustee Orcherton moved the following motions.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings to the revised Bylaw 9360 - *General Meeting of the Board* at the June 20th 2016 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That the revised Bylaw 9360 - *General Meeting of the Board* be:

Read a first time the 20th day of June 2016;

Read a second time the 20th day of June 2016;

Read a third time, passed and adopted the 20th day of June 2016 and that the revised Bylaw 9360 be enacted effective September 2016.

Motion Carried Unanimously

d) Board Planning

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the proposed Board planning dates for 2016-17.

Motion Carried Unanimously

e) Parent Education Fund

Trustees did not feel that they had sufficient information with regard to the 2015-2016 Parent Education Fund. It was agreed that this item would be discussed further at the September 19, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

D2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report**a) Monthly Report**

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) District Facilities Plan

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend the District Facilities Plan Committee Terms of Reference to include the membership of the Esquimalt and Songhees nations.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c) Water Safety Update

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh provided information with regard to water safety including the actions taken to date and the information provided to the public.

E. QUESTION PERIOD

GVTA President Jason Gammon and VCPAC President Audrey Smith submitted to the Board the following question:

"If the partners cannot participate in the discussion on the motions at the Board meetings, what is the point of sitting 'at the table' or attending meetings at all?"

Jason Gammon and Audrey Smith had left the meeting when this question was read and an answer will be provided to them at a later date.

F. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Trustees agreed to release the KPMG's Audit Planning Report presented at the In-Camera meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

G1. New Business

a) Trustee McNally - Choice Neighbourhood Agreement

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to sign the Choices Neighbourhood agreement as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

G2. Notice of Motions

- a) Trustee Whiteaker advised that she would be providing a Notice of Motion regarding the 2015-2016 Parent Education Fund for the September 19, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer