



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
October 24, 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 Orcherter, 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, David Loveridge, Director, Facilities Services, Colin Roberts, District Principal, Human Resource Services, Katie Hamilton, Manager, Community Engagement and Communications and Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 October 24, 2016 Agenda be approved with the following additions/changes:

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Debra Swain, GVTA – Professional Development
- c) Jason Gammon, GVTA President – Professional Development

C2. Trustees' Reports

- c) Trustee Ferris

H. New Business/Notice of Motions

- H1. New Business
- e) Trustee Whiteaker – BCSTA Provincial Council

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) It was moved and seconded:

That the September 26, 2016 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) Regulation 4305 – *Gender Identity and Gender Expression*

Superintendent Langstraat advised Trustees that as per their request at the September 26,

2016 Board of Education meeting, Regulation 4305 – *Gender Identity and Gender Expression*, has been aligned to match the wording of the policy and has been posted to the District website.

A4. Student Achievement

- a) Tammy Renyard, Principal, Esquimalt High School thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend and speak about goals and future plans for Esquimalt High School students. Ms. Renyard provided an overview of the various professional development opportunities being offered at Esquimalt High School and how these align with the District Strategic Plan.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Ms. Renyard for attending and presenting to the Board.

A5. District Presentations

- a) Judi Stevenson, District Archivist, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees and present them with a binder containing information pertaining to men and women who attended District schools and lost their lives in World War II.

Superintendent Langstraat welcomed Student Representative, Eilidh Morrison, from Reynolds Secondary School.

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Debra Swain, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA to speak about teachers' Professional Development.
- b) Ilda Turcotte attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA to speak about teachers' Professional Development.
- c) Jason Gammon, President of the GVTA, attended the Board meeting to speak about teachers' Professional Development.

B. CORRESPONDENCE – None

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C1. Chair's Report

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reminded Trustees that if they need to leave the meeting while it is still in session to advise the Chair so that it can be recorded.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reported that she attended the VISTA fall conference, hosted by Sooke School District, with Superintendent Langstraat and Trustee McNally and provided a brief overview of the conference.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Watters reported that the Aboriginal Nations Education Committee Report has been released and stated that 2017 will be known as the year of reconciliation.
- b) Trustee McNally reported that she attended the VISTA Fall Conference and a meeting for My Place transitional shelter.

- c) Trustee Ferris reported that he attended a professional development session at George Jay Elementary School on October 21st regarding transitional services for immigrants and refugees.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The October 3, 2016 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Nohr referred to the October 3, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the October 3, 2016 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting except for item D1. b) iii) which will be discussed separately.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request the Deputy Superintendent to bring forward to the March 6th, 2017 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting, an interim report to the Board of Education on the District's food awareness initiative.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Fast Track Update report.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustee Nohr referred to the October 3, 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) give direction to the Superintendent of Schools to develop a policy and regulation based on the Board's values, as expressed in the Strategic Plan, and as also included in the Ministerial Order 27/06/07 on Codes of Conduct.

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) give direction to the*

Superintendent of Schools to develop a policy and regulation based on the Board's values, as expressed in the Strategic Plan, and as also included in the Ministerial Order 27/06/07 on Codes of Conduct" be amended to include the words "on Codes of Conduct" after the word "regulation."

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Whiteaker, Ferris, Watters, McNally, Loring-Kuhanga, Nohr, Leonard and Orcheron
Abstain: Trustee Paynter

Trustee Paynter moved an amendment to strike the words "*based on the Board's values, as expressed in the Strategic Plan, and as also.*" The motion did not get seconded.

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) give direction to the Superintendent of Schools to develop a policy and regulation on Codes of Conduct based on the Board's values, as expressed in the Strategic Plan, and as also included in the Ministerial Order 27/06/07 on Codes of Conduct.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

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

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the October 11, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting except for item D2. b) v) which will be discussed separately.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Public Engagement Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 3313.1- *Sale of Merchandise or Services - Vending Machines in Secondary Schools.*

Motion Carried Unanimously

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 3327 - *Grants (Fees for Service)*.
Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) create Policy 2101 - *Deputy Superintendent*.
Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustee Leonard referred to the October 11, 2016 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) amend Bylaw 9130 - *Standing Committees* to remove the words "with voting rights" from Items #4 and Item #5.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees and an amendment was moved.

It was moved and seconded:

- v) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Bylaw 9130 - Standing Committees to remove the words "with voting rights" from Items #4 and Item #5*" be amended to strike "the words *"with voting rights from"* from the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously

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

It was moved and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Bylaw 9130 - *Standing Committees* to remove Items #4 and Item #5.
Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Loring-Kuhanga moved the following motions.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to the revised Bylaw 9130, *Standing Committees* at the meeting of October 24, 2016
Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That revised Bylaw 9130, *Standing Committees* be:
Read a first time the 24th day of October 2016;
Read a second time the 24th day of October 2016;
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 24th day of October 2016.
Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

It was moved and seconded:

- a)

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the Superintendent's report of October 24, 2016 as presented.
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Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- a)

That the motion " <i>That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) adopt the Superintendent's report of October 24, 2016 as presented</i> " be amended to replace the word " <i>adopt</i> " to " <i>receive</i> ."
Motion Carried

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

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

It was moved and seconded:

- a)

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent's report of October 24, 2016 as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Equity Committee - Terms of Reference

Superintendent Langstraat presented the Terms of Reference for the Equity Ad Hoc Committee. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat.

It was moved and seconded:

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| That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Equity Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference. |
| Motion Carried Unanimously |

- c) Student Registration and Transfer Committee – Terms of Reference

Superintendent Langstraat Presented the Terms of Reference for the Student Registration and Transfer Committee

It was moved and seconded:

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| That the Board of Education of School (Greater Victoria) approve the Student Registration and Transfer Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference. |
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Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat. A recommendation was made to match the wording of the Terms of Reference to all other Ad Hoc Committees terms of reference.

It was moved and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School (Greater Victoria) approve the Student Registration and Transfer Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference*" be amended to include the words "*as revised.*"

Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Trustee Whiteaker

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 (Greater Victoria) approve the Student Registration and Transfer Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference as revised.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his report for the past month. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved and seconded:

- a) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Secretary-Treasurer's report of October 24, 2016 as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Capital Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD61-01 Capital Plan 2015/16

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh provided background information and clarification with respect to Capital Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD61-01.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Capital Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD61-01 Capital Plan 2015/16 at the meeting of October 24, 2016.

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

It was moved and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Capital Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD61-01 Capital Plan 2015/16 at the meeting of October 24, 2016*" be amended to include "*pertaining to Reynolds Secondary School and Victoria West Elementary*" after "*2015/16.*"

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) agrees to give all three readings to Capital Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD61-01 Capital Plan 2015/16 pertaining to Reynolds Secondary School and Victoria West Elementary at the meeting of October 24, 2016.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That Capital Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD61-01 Capital Plan 2015/16 be:

Read a first time this 24th day of October, 2016;

Read a second time this 24th day of October, 2016;

Read a third time, passed and adopted this 24th day of October, 2016.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c) McKenzie Road/Highway Interchange Update

Secretary- Treasurer Walsh provided Trustees with an update as it relates to the McKenzie Road/Highway Interchange project. Discussion ensued amongst Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh and the Director of Facilities Services, David Loveridge.

d) Lansdowne Middle School – Statutory Right-of-Way

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh referred Trustees to the information contained in their agendas with respect to the Corporation of the District of Saanich requesting a Statutory Right-of-Way on land at Lansdowne Middle School. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve granting a Statutory Right-of-Way to the Corporation of the District of Saanich for the purpose of installing and maintaining a concrete sidewalk and asphalt pedestrian bike lane on the property that straddles Lansdowne Middle School and the Corporation of the District of Saanich legally described as Lot A, Plan VIP6679, Section 27, Victoria Land District, PID: 005-852-862.

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 16-04 at the October 24, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw 16-04, being a bylaw to grant a Statutory Right-of-Way to the Corporation of the District of Saanich on the property legally described as Lot A, Plan VIP6679, Section 27, Victoria Land District: PID: 005-852-862, for the purpose of installing and maintaining a concrete sidewalk and asphalt pedestrian bike lane.

Motion Carried Unanimously

F. QUESTION PERIOD - None**G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None****H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS****H1. New Business**

- a) Trustee Whiteaker – Write a Letter to the Minister of Education

Trustee Whiteaker presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write to the Minister of Education expressing their support of the democratic right of the public to an elected Board of Education. Therefore, the Board of Education call on the Minister of Education to amend the School Act to require the Lieutenant Governor in Council to order an election be held within one year in the event that an “official trustee” has been appointed to a District Board of Education.

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

It was moved and seconded:

That the motion “That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write to the Minister of Education expressing their support of the democratic right of the public to an elected Board of Education. Therefore, the Board of Education call on the Minister of Education to amend the School Act to require the Lieutenant Governor in Council to order an election be held within one year in the event that an “official trustee” has been appointed to a District Board of Education” be amended to strike the words “one year” and replace them with “six months.”

Motion Carried

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

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) write to the Minister of Education expressing their support of the democratic right of the public to an elected Board of Education. Therefore, the Board of Education call on the Minister of Education to amend the School Act to require the Lieutenant Governor in Council to order an election be held within six months in the event that an “official trustee” has been appointed to a District Board of Education.

Motion Carried

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

b) Trustee McNally – Write a letter to Vancouver School District

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to write a letter to the Vancouver School District No. 39 Trustees Mike Lombardi, Joy Alexander, Patti Bacchus, Allan Wong and Janet Fraser expressing unequivocal support for their decisions in defense of public education, particularly since June 30, 2016.

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

It was moved and seconded:

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to write a letter to the Vancouver School District No. 39 Trustees Mike Lombardi, Joy Alexander, Patti Bacchus, Allan Wong and Janet Fraser expressing unequivocal support for their decisions in defense of public education, particularly since June 30, 2016*” be amended by adding the word “*former*” before the word “*Vancouver.*”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees. An amendment was moved.

It was moved and seconded:

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to write a letter to the former Vancouver School District No. 39 Trustees Mike Lombardi, Joy Alexander, Patti Bacchus, Allan Wong and Janet Fraser expressing unequivocal support for their decisions in defense of public education, particularly since June 30, 2016*” be amended by striking the word “*decisions*” and replacing it with “*efforts.*”

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees Orcherton and Leonard

Abstain: Trustee Ferris

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) instruct the Chair to write a letter to the former Vancouver School District No. 39 Trustees Mike Lombardi, Joy Alexander, Patti Bacchus, Allan Wong and Janet Fraser expressing unequivocal support for their efforts in defense of public education, particularly since June 30, 2016.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Watters, McNally, Nohr and Paynter

Against: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Loring-Kuhanga, Leonard and Orcherton

c) Trustee McNally – Write a letter to the Minister of Education

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to Minister of Education Bernier expressing School District No. 61 Board's outrage at his dismissal of the elected Board of Education SD39, Vancouver School District.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees. An amendment was moved.

It was moved and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to Minister of Education Bernier expressing School District No. 61 Board's outrage at his dismissal of the elected Board of Education SD39, Vancouver School District*" be amended to strike the words "*outrage at*" and replace them with "*disagreement with.*"

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Nohr, Loring-Kuhanga, McNally Watters and Whiteaker

Against: Trustees Orchardton, Leonard and Ferris

Abstain: Trustee Paynter

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) direct the Chair to write a letter to Minister of Education Bernier expressing School District No. 61 Board's disagreement with his dismissal of the elected Board of Education SD39, Vancouver School District.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustee Watters, McNally, Loring-Kuhanga and Nohr

Against: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Paynter, Leonard and Orchardton

d) Trustee Watters – Write a letter to the BCSTA President

Trustee Watters presented her motion and provided a rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to write a letter to the BCSTA President condemning the partisan letter issued to media after the dismissal of Vancouver School District's elected Board of Education.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Watters, McNally, Loring-Kuhanga, Nohr and Paynter

Against: Trustees Ferris, Whiteaker, Leonard and Orchardton

e) Trustee Whiteaker – BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Whiteaker presented her motion and provided a rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) bring forward a motion to the British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Council meeting calling on the Ministry of Education to extend the timeline for implementation of the revised high school curriculum.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H2. Notice of Motions - None

I. 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