



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
November 28, 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, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, David Loveridge, Director, Facilities Services, Julie Lutner, Senior Manager, Budgets and Financial Analysis, and Tina Carleton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 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 by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the November 28, 2016 Agenda be approved with the following additions/changes:

C2. Trustee Reports

- b) Trustee McNally
- c) Trustee Nohr
- d) Trustee Paynter
- e) Trustee Whiteaker
- f) Trustee Ferris

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the October 24, 2016 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) Bylaw 9250.2 – *Notices of Motion*

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Bylaw 9250.2, *Notices of Motion*, to delete the words “and may vote” from Item #3.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9250.2, *Notices of Motion* at the meeting of November 28, 2016.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That Bylaw 9250.2, *Notices of Motion* be:

Read a first time this 28th day of November, 2016;
Read a second time this 28th day of November, 2016;
Read a third time, passed and adopted this 28th day of November, 2016.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A4. Trustee Elections

a) Election of Chair

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Education for the term to December 1, 2017. Nominations were received for Trustees Loring-Kuhanga and McNally. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga accepted the nomination and Trustee McNally declined. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga was declared Chair of the Board of Education by acclamation.

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh invited Chair Loring-Kuhanga to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

b) Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Loring-Kuhanga called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for the term to December 1, 2017. Nominations were received for Trustees McNally, Ferris, Paynter and Orcherton. Trustees McNally and Ferris accepted the nomination and Trustees Paynter and Orcherton declined. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Ferris was declared Vice-Chair of the Board of Education.

c) Election of British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Representative

Chair Loring-Kuhanga called for nominations for the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative for the Board of Education for the term to December 1, 2017. Nominations were received for Trustees McNally, Orcherton, Nohr and Paynter. Trustees McNally and Nohr declined the nomination and Trustees Orcherton and Paynter accepted. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Paynter was declared the BCPSEA Representative.

d) Election of British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Councillor

Chair Loring-Kuhanga called for nominations for the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Councillor for the term to December 1, 2017. Nominations were received for Trustees McNally and Whiteaker. Trustee McNally declined the nomination and Trustee Whiteaker accepted. Trustee Whiteaker was declared the BCSTA Representative by acclamation.

e) Destruction of the Ballots

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the election ballots be destroyed.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A5. Student Achievement - None

A6. District Presentations - None

A7. Community Presentations

- a) Stephanie Hardman, Active and Safe Routes to School Facilitator provided an overview of their program and expressed appreciation for the role of our schools and the District.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B1. B.C. Summer Games Society

A letter from the B.C. Games Society was provided for information.

B2. BCSTA

A letter from the BCSTA was provided for information.

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C1. Chair's Report

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reviewed her various activities over the past month including a meeting with the Chiefs of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations together with Superintendent Langstraat.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Orcherton provided an overview of BCPSEA's update regarding the impact of the recent Supreme Court of Canada case.
- b) Trustee McNally reviewed her various activities over the past month.
- c) Trustee Nohr reviewed her various activities over the past month.
- d) Trustee Paynter reviewed his various activities over the past month.
- e) Trustee Whiteaker reviewed her various activities over the past month.
- f) Trustee Ferris reviewed his various activities over the past month.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The November 7, 2016 meeting minutes were received for information.

- b) Trustee Nohr referred to the November 7, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved by Trustee Nohr and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the November 7, 2016 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to write a letter of support expressing our sincere condolences to the Abbotsford school community for the tragedy and loss of life of Abbotsford Senior Secondary School student Letisha Reimer.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The November 14, 2016 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Leonard referred to the November 14, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the November 14, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting except for item D2. b) iii and viii which will be discussed separately.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 2123.044 – *Supervisor of Data Processing*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustee Leonard referred to the November 14, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve naming the basketball court in the teaching gym at Oak Bay High School “The Don Horwood Court”.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 3526 – *Emergency Repairs to School Plant*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) retain Policy 3545.2 *Field Trips* and replace “*the Board of School Trustees*” with “*the Board of Education*” in the policy.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

- vii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) retain Policy 3545.25 *Overnight Accommodation* in the policy and replace “*the Board of School Trustees*” with “*the Board of Education*” in the policy.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Leonard referred to the November 14, 2016 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved and seconded:

- viii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request senior staff to establish a link on the District website to provide the public with information pertaining to the Superintendent’s and trustees’ annual expenses; this information would be updated at the end of each fiscal year and include the first two years of the current term of the Board of Education.
- Motion Carried**

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

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent’s Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his report for the past month.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

- That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent’s report of November 28, 2016 as presented.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b) Financial Pressures

Superintendent Langstraat presented various outstanding cost pressures. Superintendent Langstraat also provided further information on the potential implications of the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

- c) Regulation 5141 – Concussion Awareness

Superintendent Langstraat presented Regulation 5141 *Concussion Awareness* for information. Trustees asked questions of clarification of Superintendent Langstraat and Associate Superintendent Whitten.

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) 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 by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Secretary-Treasurer's report of November 28, 2016 as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Cloverdale Elementary Update

Secretary Treasurer Walsh updated the Board with the status of the Cloverdale Elementary seismic capital project.

F. QUESTION PERIOD - None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H1. New Business

- a) Trustee Nohr – Report on Trauma Support

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

It was moved by Trustee Nohr and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that the Superintendent provide a report on the trauma support and safety procedures currently implemented in our schools.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Trustee McNally – 2017 Needs Budget

Trustee McNally withdrew her motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct senior administration to prepare a budget for the January 2017 iteration of the Needs Budget Committee that includes restored language previously stripped from the GVTA Collective Agreement, to be submitted along with the projected budget for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion Withdrawn

c) Trustee McNally – Write a letter to the BCTF

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to send a letter of congratulations to the BCTF congratulating the Federation on its November 10, 2016 victory at the Supreme Court of Canada.

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

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to send a letter of congratulations to the BCTF congratulating the Federation on its November 10, 2016 victory at the Supreme Court of Canada”* be amended to include, in brackets, the words *“copied to the Provincial Government”* after the word *“victory”* and to replace the words *“at the Supreme Court of Canada”* with *“and urging both the BCTF and the Provincial Government to work closely together to achieve the goals of the ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada”*.

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

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to send a letter of congratulations to the BCTF congratulating the Federation on its November 10, 2016 victory at the Supreme Court of Canada”* be amended to include, in brackets, the words *“copied to the Provincial Government”* after the word *“victory”* and to replace the words *“at the Supreme Court of Canada”* with *“and urging both the BCTF and the Provincial Government to work closely together to achieve the goals of the ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada”* be further amended to add the words *“as soon as possible”* after the word *“Canada”*.

Motion Carried

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

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

That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to send a letter of congratulations to the BCTF congratulating the Federation on its November 10, 2016 victory at the Supreme Court of Canada”* be amended to include, in brackets, the words *“copied to the Provincial Government”* after the word *“victory”* and to replace the words *“at the Supreme Court of Canada”* with *“and urging both the BCTF and the Provincial Government to work closely together to achieve the goals of the ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada as soon as possible”*.

Motion Carried

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

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

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to send a letter of congratulations to the BCTF congratulating the Federation on its November 10, 2016 victory (copied to the Provincial Government) and urging both the BCTF and the Provincial Government to work closely together to achieve the goals of the ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada as soon as possible.

Motion Carried Unanimously

d) Trustee McNally– Withdrawal from the BCSTA

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to prepare the necessary documents to effect withdrawal of this Board from the BCSTA as soon as possible.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to postpone the motion until after the Board has met with the BCSTA.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to prepare the necessary documents to effect withdrawal of this Board from the BCSTA as soon as possible”* be postponed until after the Board has met with the BCSTA.

Motion Carried

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

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) set up a meeting with the BCSTA.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees McNally and Nohr
Abstained: Trustee Leonard

H2. Notice of Motions - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer