



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
December 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

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**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Tom Ferris, Vice-Chair, Diane McNally, Peg Orcherton, Rob Paynter, Jordan Watters, Ann Whiteaker

**Regrets:**

Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, Elaine Leonard, Debra Nohr

**Administration:**

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Katie Hamilton, Manager, Community Engagement and Communications, and Tina Carleton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Vice-Chair Ferris 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 Orcherton and seconded:

That the December 12, 2016 Agenda be approved with the following additions/changes:

**B2. Snow Removal**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

a) It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the November 28, 2016 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None**

**A4. Student Achievement**

- a) Carter Giesbrecht, Principal and Petra Eggert, Vice-Principal, Cedar Hill Middle School reviewed the areas of priority for their school including developing a deeper understanding of the new curriculum, teaching the new curriculum and providing release time for teachers to work together all with a focus to make a difference for students. Principal Giesbrecht highlighted some of the fundraising and global initiatives undertaken by the teachers to create opportunities for students.

Vice-Chair Ferris thanked Mr. Giesbrecht and Ms. Eggert for their presentation.

**A5. District Presentations - None**

**A6. Community Presentations - None****B. CORRESPONDENCE****B1. Letter from Education Minister Mike Bernier**

The board received the letter from Education Minister Mike Bernier for information.

**B2. Snow Removal**

Secretary Treasurer Walsh provided an overview of the District's snow removal response during the weather events of December 2016 and responded to Trustee questions.

**C. TRUSTEE REPORTS****C1. Chair's Report**

No report was given as Chair Loring-Kuhanga was absent.

**C2. Trustees' Reports - None****D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS****D1. Joint Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committee**

a) The December 5, 2016 meeting minutes were received for information.

b) Trustee Whiteaker moved and it was seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the December 5, 2016 Combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting except for D1. b) iv) v) vi) and vii) which will be approved separately.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter supporting the Victoria Host Committee in their bid to host and organize the 2020 Francophone Games.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) retain Policy 3501 Annual Operating Budget and replace the words "*mission and goals statements as written in the Achievement Contract*" with "*Strategic Plan*" in the policy.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) retain Policy 3450.1 *School (Non-Public) Funds*.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9130.1, *The Education Policy and Directions Committee* at the meeting of December 12, 2016.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

That Bylaw 9130.1, *The Education Policy and Directions Committee* be:

Read a first time this 12th day of December, 2016;  
Read a second time this 12th day of December, 2016;  
Read a third time, passed and adopted this 12th day of December, 2016.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9130.2, *The Operations Policy and Planning Committee* at the meeting of December 12, 2016.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

That Bylaw 9130.2, *The Operations Policy and Planning Committee* be:

Read a first time this 12th day of December, 2016;  
Read a second time this 12th day of December, 2016;  
Read a third time, passed and adopted this 12th day of December, 2016.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9130.3, *Policy Sub-Committee* at the meeting of December 12, 2016.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

That Bylaw 9130.3, *Policy Sub-Committee* be:

Read a first time this 12th day of December, 2016;  
Read a second time this 12th day of December, 2016;  
Read a third time, passed and adopted this 12th day of December, 2016.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- vii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Chair to write to the Board Chairs of School Districts No. 62 (Sooke) and No. 63 (Saanich) outlining our desire to work with them to advocate for three separate enveloped funds to address the cost pressures of 1) curriculum implementation, 2) staffing costs, and 3) the implementation of the 2002 collective agreement language, with the goal that a joint letter to the Ministry of Education could be developed and sent to the Minister of Education (copying media and all local MLAs) outlining not only the cost pressures but also the ways in which these dedicated funds will improve learning conditions and outcomes for students.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustees asked questions of clarification.

**E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS****E1. Superintendent's Report**

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his report.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b) Correspondence Received

Superintendent Langstraat explained the proposed process to determine which correspondence items received will be included in the Board agenda. Trustees asked questions of Superintendent Langstraat.

- c) Trustee Questions

Superintendent Langstraat outlined his thoughts regarding how best to address Trustee questions during board meetings.

**E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

- a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his report.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh provided a memo regarding the BC Transit Fare Structure, specifically the removal of the Youth Pass. Discussion ensued and it was determined that a motion be put forward to address the memo.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that the Transit Commission reconsider reinstating the Youth Pass and work toward making it a reality.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**F. QUESTION PERIOD - None****G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS****G1. Burnside Education Centre**

The following motion was approved at the December 5, 2016 special in-camera board meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to make application to the Ministry of Education to access a further \$2.2 million in restricted capital for the purposes of completing the Burnside Education Centre.

**H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**H1. New Business**

- a) Election of Standing Committee Chairs

Trustees adjourned to discuss elections of standing committee chairs. It was decided that Trustee Whiteaker will chair the Education Policy and Directions Committee meetings and that Trustee Watters will chair the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meetings.

**H2. Notice of Motions - None**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer