



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
April 19, 2017 Special Board Budget Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, David Loveridge, Director of Facilities Services, Julie Lutner, Senior Manager, Budgets and Financial Analysis, Katie Hamilton, Manager, Community Engagement and Communications

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the April 19, 2017 Agenda be approved as amended to add Speakers under B. Public Presentations, new Item C1 a i) Trustee Watters Motion - Out-of-School Care Rental Rates, new Item C1 a ii) Trustee Orcherton Motion - Strawberry Vale Preschool Society, new Item C2 B i) Trustee Leonard Motion - Budget Options, and a motion from Trustee Whiteaker under new Item F. New Business.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ON THE 2017/2018 BUDGET

Several public presentations were made expressing concerns about the proposed increases in out-of-school care and facility rental rates including the following:

Katy Rose, Strawberry Vale Preschool
Bev Horsman, Grandparent
Angie Hentze, Strawberry Vale Preschool
Cindy Fuailefan, Regional Out-of-School Care
Marjorie Ireton Roach, Strawberry Vale Preschool
Liam Vearer, Strawberry Vale Preschool
Madeline Dams, Strawberry Vale Preschool
John Hajecek, Strawberry Vale Preschool
Jason Butler, Strawberry Vale Preschool
Daniel Peters, Doncaster Elementary After School Care
Rhonda Sylven, Vancouver Island Preschool Association
Serena Samra, Strawberry Vale Preschool
Diane Brown, Strawberry Vale Preschool

C. 2017/2018 ANNUAL BUDGET**C1. 2017/2018 Annual Budget Debate**

- a) i) Trustee Watters - Out-of-School Care Rental Rates

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) postpone the proposed rental increases for all Out-of-School Care providers pursuant to consultation through an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- ii) Trustee Orcherton - Strawberry Vale Preschool Society

The Strawberry Vale Preschool Society motion became redundant since the motion under C1 a i) passed.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) postpone any decision regarding the Strawberry Vale Preschool Society until the Board has the opportunity to be fully informed about prior agreements and obligations by both parties.

- iii) Recommended Motion from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting on April 10, 2017:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the proposed District facilities rental rates effective July 1, 2017 to support reinvestment in facilities and childcare opportunities.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a proposed amendment.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the proposed District facilities rental rates effective July 1, 2017 to support reinvestment in facilities and childcare opportunities*" be amended to add the words "*apart from Out-of-School Care fees*" after the word "*rates*".

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Ferris called for the vote on the amended motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the proposed District facilities rental rates apart from Out-of-School fees effective July 1, 2017 to support reinvestment in facilities and childcare opportunities.

Motion Defeated Unanimously

Superintendent Langstraat stated that he will bring a proposed consultation process related to the rental rate increases to the April 24, 2017 Board of Education meeting

b) New Business

Superintendent Langstraat reviewed the budget options for consideration related to the one-time operating surplus of \$1.4 million including support for student technology, inclusive learner spaces, environmental upgrades, expansion of the technology for learning program, shop upgrades and application to the 2018/2019 operating budget deficit, and also addressed the question of spending funding on counselors at the elementary level. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

i) Trustee Leonard - Budget Options

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) postpone the decision of allocating the 2017/2018 one-time operating budget surplus of \$1.4 million until the June or September board meeting.

Motion Defeated Unanimously

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with respect to the proposed budget options related to the operating surplus of \$1.4 million.

ii) It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) allocate the 2017/2018 one-time operating budget surplus of \$1.4 million to the 2018/2019 operating budget deficit.

Motion Carried Unanimously

iii) It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to bring back the proposed budget options related to the one-time operating budget surplus of \$1.4 million to the June Board meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

iv) Trustee McNally's motion - Allocation of 2017/18 One-Time Operating Budget Surplus was not considered as a result of passing the motion under C1 b ii).

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve allocating the 2017/2018 one-time operating budget surplus of \$1.4 million as follows:

Support for Student Technology	\$400K
Inclusive Learner Spaces	\$400K
Environmental Upgrades	\$200K
Shop Upgrades	\$400K

C2. 2017/2018 Annual Budget Bylaw

- a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh referred to the 2017/2018 Annual Budget Bylaw and explained that the Board must unanimously agree to give the Budget Bylaw all three readings at one sitting.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of the 2017/2018 Annual Budget Bylaw at the meeting of April 19, 2017.
Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2017/2018 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$229,849,054 be:

READ A FIRST TIME THE 19th day of April, 2017;
READ A SECOND TIME THE 19th day of April, 2017;
READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED the 19th day of April, 2017;

And that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Board Chair be authorized to sign, seal and execute this bylaw on behalf of the Board.
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. NEEDS BUDGET UPDATE

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh updated the board about the Needs Budget process. He explained that the Needs Budget Committee determined that it will meet after the Classroom Enhancement Funding grant is finalized so that the district will be in a better position to determine its needs.

E. NOTICE OF MOTIONS - None**F. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Whitaker presented her motion and rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

- That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) propose to host the 2017/2018 Spring Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association meeting.
Motion Carried Unanimously

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer