



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
April 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, Tom Ferris, Vice-Chair, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr, Peg Orcherton, Rob Paynter, Ann Whiteaker, Jordan Watters, Elaine Leonard

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, David Loveridge, Director of Facilities Services and Tina Carleton, 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 by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the April 24, 2017 Agenda be approved with the addition of A5 e. Public Presentation Carolyn Howe, C2 b. Trustee McNally, C2 c. Trustee Nohr and C2 d. Trustee Paynter.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the March 13, 2017 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the April 5, 2017 Annual Budget Presentation Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes – None

A4. Student Achievement – None

A5. District Presentations

a) Lindsay Ross - BC Teacher-Librarians' Association's *Val Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award*

Chair Loring-Kuhanga recognized the work of Lindsay Ross. Ms. Ross expressed her appreciation for the recognition.

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Dave Emerson, CUPE Local 382 presented concerns about the custodial service changes being made in the Facilities Services Department.
- b) Gilles Larose, CUPE Local 382 presented concerns about the custodial service changes being made in the Facilities Services Department and the impact upon the morale of affected employees.
- c) Darren Reed, CUPE Local 382 presented concerns about the custodial service changes in the Facilities Department from a shop steward's perspective.
- d) Larry Layne attended the board meeting and presented ideas about installing solar panels on school roofs and also indicated support for community garden allotments at schools.
- e) Carolyn Howe, teacher attended the board meeting to express concerns about the changes to custodial services within schools.

B. CORRESPONDENCE**B1. Ministry of Education – “Your Kid’s Progress”**

A letter was received from the Ministry of Education for information.

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

Chair Loring-Kuhanga provided an overview of her activities over the last month including attending the BCSTA Annual General Meeting. She reported that Trustee Paynter was acclaimed as the Treasurer for the Vancouver Island School Trustees’ Association and that Trustee Watters was elected Education Officer. She also highlighted various school and public events that she attended over the last month.

C2. Trustees’ Reports

- a) Trustee Watters provided an overview of the work of the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee with respect to the Truth and Reconciliation Committee recommendations. She also reviewed her various activities over the last month.
- b) Trustee McNally provided an overview of her activities over the last month including her work with the Saanich Heritage and Culture Committee and the Aboriginal Nations Education Committee.
- c) Trustee Nohr provided an overview of her various activities over the last month.
- d) Trustee Paynter reviewed his various activities over the last month.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee**

- a) The April 3, 2017 meeting minutes were received for information.

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The April 10, 2017 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Recommended Motions:

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions with the exception of motions i, iii and iv from the April 10, 2017 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) authorize senior administration to engage with Anomura to develop a feasibility study of land use with respect to the proposal for temporary social housing.

A discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) authorize senior administration to engage with Anomura to develop a feasibility study of land use with respect to the proposal for temporary social housing*" be referred to a future Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting that addresses land matters.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Leonard, Orcheron and Ferris

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

The Chair called for the vote on the main motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) authorize senior administration to engage with Anomura to develop a feasibility study of land use with respect to the proposal for temporary social housing.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees Leonard and Orcheron

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised Bylaw 9360 *General Meeting of the Board* to reflect the opportunity for stakeholder partners to comment (but not vote) on agenda items at Board of Education meetings.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings to Bylaw 9360, *General Meeting of the Board* at the meeting of April 24, 2017.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- iv) That Bylaw 9360, *General Meeting of the Board* be:
- Read a first time the 24th day of April, 2017;
 Read a second time the 24th day of April, 2017;
 Read a third time, passed and adopted the 24th day of April, 2017.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to enhance the information available to the public and stakeholders about their role and voice at meetings, the ability to address the Board and participate at Standing Committees as well as update the agenda package and information at the meeting itself, and improve the District website.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to extend the timeline of the Public Engagement and Communications Committee to include the 2017-2018 school year.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- vii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 2123.040 *Manager Building Operations*.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- viii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 2123.045 *Supervisor of Maintenance*.
Motion Carried Unanimously
- ix) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 2123.046 *Supervisor of Construction*.
Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his monthly report and responded to Trustee questions.

It was moved by Trustee McNally 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) One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference

Superintendent Langstraat presented the updated Terms of Reference for the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee. Trustees asked questions of clarification and suggested changes. Superintendent Langstraat indicated that he would make the suggested changes.

c) Consultation on Rental Fees

Superintendent Langstraat provided an overview of the plan to meet with childcare providers and other facility renters about rental rates and responded to Trustee questions.

d) Trustee Questions

In response to a question David Loveridge, Director, Facilities Services provided an overview of the Facilities reorganization including consultation and the steps that have been taken in making the changes. He indicated that standardized processes would be put in place and that increased training would be available.

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his monthly report.

It was moved by Trustee Nohr 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) 2017-18 Capital Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD61-01 Capital Plan 2017/18

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh explained that the Board needs to adopt a single bylaw for the approved 2017-2018 Five-Year Capital Plan.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings to Capital Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD61-01 Capital Plan 2017/18 at the meeting of April 24, 2017.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That Capital Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD61-01 Capital Plan 2017/18 be:

Read a first time the 24th day of April, 2017;
Read a second time the 24th day of April, 2017;
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 24th day of April, 2017;
and that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Board Chair be authorized to execute and seal this bylaw on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c) Reynolds Secondary – Statutory Right of Way

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh stated that TELUS Communications has requested a statutory right-of-way at Reynolds Secondary School to install and maintain telecommunications infrastructure and that TELUS has agreed to pay all costs associated with the statutory right-of-way. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

It was moved by Trustee Nohr and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve granting a Statutory Right-of-Way to TELUS Communications Inc. for the purpose of installing and maintaining telecommunications infrastructure at Reynolds Secondary School on the property legally described as Lot 1, Section 32, Victoria District Plan 29255, Except Plan VIP88547, PID: 001-421-468.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Nohr and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings to the School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw No. 17-01 at the April 24, 2017 Board meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Nohr and seconded:

That the School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw No. 17-01, being a bylaw to grant a Statutory Right-of-Way to TELUS Communications Inc. on the property legally described as Lot 1, Section 32, Victoria District Plan 29255, Except Plan VIP88547, PID: 001-421-468, for the purpose of installing and maintaining telecommunications infrastructure at Reynolds Secondary School, be
Read a first time the 24th day of April, 2017;
Read a second time the 24th day of April, 2017;
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 24th day of April, 2017, and that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Board Chair be authorized to execute and seal this bylaw on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

d) Space Implications of Provincial Agreement

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh discussed the implications on space throughout the District resulting from the Supreme Court ruling to restore class size and composition language into the teachers' collective agreement. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

F. QUESTION PERIOD – None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H1. New Business

a) Trustee Watters - Food Related Policies and Regulations

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) refer all food and nutrition related policies and regulations, including Policy and Regulation 3313 *School Meal Program* and Policy and Regulation 6164.3 *Consumption of Nutritious Foods*, to the Policy Sub-Committee for update and consolidation.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Trustee Watters - School Garden Policy and Regulation

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to, in consultation with the Facilities Department, oversee the creation of a draft School Gardens and Landscaping Policy and Regulation that incorporates the existing *Facilities Department Guideline - Tree Planting, Landscaping, Equipment Placement* and ensures that school gardens and landscaping projects are consistently supported across the district, and that the draft policy and regulation be brought back to the Education Policy and Directions Standing Committee.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustee Leonard

c) Trustee Watters - Supporting Gifted Learners

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report to the Education Policy and Directions Standing Committee on current practices and future directions for supporting gifted learners in our district, and recommendations for updating Policy 6142.05 *Education of Students or Learners With Gifted Abilities* accordingly.

Motion Carried Unanimously

d) Trustee Whiteaker - Childcare Plan

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) re-affirm their endorsement of the \$10 a day Childcare Plan.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a suggested amendment.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) re-affirm their endorsement of the \$10 a day Childcare Plan*" be amended to add the words "*including the inclusion of early learning and childcare being brought under the Ministry of Education and that a letter be written to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development urging this change and the necessary capital investment to create childcare space on school district property with the announced \$7.5 billion Federal funding*".

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) re-affirm their endorsement of the \$10 a day Childcare Plan including the inclusion of early learning and childcare being brought under the Ministry of Education and that a letter be written to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development urging this change and the necessary capital investment to create childcare space on school district property with the announced \$7.5 billion Federal funding.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer