



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
November 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

---

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Trustees Tom Ferris, Acting Chair, Edith Loring-Kuhanga (via conference call), Elaine Leonard, Diane McNally, 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, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer, Katie Hamilton, Community Engagement, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Acting Chair Ferris recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

Introductions were made around the board table.

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING**

**A1. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the November 27, 2017 Agenda be approved with the following additions:

**C2. Trustee Reports**

b) Trustee Nohr

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga and seconded:

That the October 23, 2017 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

**A4. Trustee Elections**

Acting Chair Ferris turned the meeting over to Secretary-Treasurer Walsh to conduct the annual elections. Secretary-Treasurer Walsh explained to Trustees the format that would be followed for the elections and stated that Trustee Loring-Kuhanga would participate via text messaging through Superintendent Langstraat and that Superintendent Langstraat had signed a Statutory Declaration taking on this responsibility and then deleting the text messages.

**a) Election of Chair**

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Education for the term to December 2018. Nominations were received for Trustees Ferris, Loring-Kuhanga and Watters. Trustees Ferris and Watters declined the nomination. Trustee Loring-Kuhanga was declared Chair of the Board of Education by acclamation.

**b) Election of Vice-Chair**

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for the term to December 2018. Nominations were received for Trustees Ferris, Nohr and Watters. Trustee Nohr declined and Trustees Ferris and Watters accepted. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Ferris was declared the Vice-Chair of the Board of Education.

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

Acting Chair Ferris called for nominations for the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative for the term to December 2018. Nominations were received for Trustees Orcherton, Watters, McNally, and Paynter. Trustees Orcherton, Watters and McNally declined the nomination and Trustee Paynter accepted. Trustee Paynter was declared the BCPSEA Representative by acclamation.

**d) Election of British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Councilor**

Acting Chair Ferris called for nominations for the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Councilor for the term to December 2018. Nominations were received for Trustees Orcherton, Whiteaker, Nohr and Watters. Trustees Orcherton, Nohr and Watters declined and Trustee Whiteaker accepted. Trustee Whiteaker was declared the BCSTA Councilor by acclamation.

**e) Destruction of the Ballots**

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the election ballots be destroyed.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A5. Student Achievement – None**

**A6. District Presentations - None**

**A7. Community Presentations**

- a) Melinda Budgell and Matt Staples teachers and counselors in the District attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the base+ model for elementary school counselling.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

## C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

### C1. Chair's Report

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Vice-Chair Ferris for stepping in as Chair while she is away in Tanzania. Chair Loring-Kuhanga reported that she attended the following meetings and conferences in Vancouver over the past month: Ministry of Education partnership meeting, BCSTA Board Chair meeting, Harris and Company Law conference and a BCSTA Provincial Council meeting.

### C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee McNally provided a written report of her activities over the past month.
- b) Trustee Nohr reported on her various activities over the past month.

## D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The November 6, 2017 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Whiteaker referred to the minutes from the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following recommended motion:
  1. That the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten, work with elementary principals and their staff to identify schools interested in implementing a "Whole School Inclusive Service Delivery" model for the 2018-19 school year;
  2. That the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten, work with the Inclusive Learning Team and the Ministry of Education to provide profile funding to schools for students with an "H" Ministry designation;
  3. That the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent, Deb Whitten continue to meet the itinerant staff, school-based and elementary principals, to discuss other supports, including the Base+ model.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The November 14, 2017 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Watters referred to the minutes from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve recommended motions ii), iii), iv), vi), and vii) from the November 14, 2017 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Watters referred to the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) support in principle reinvigorating the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning and direct the Superintendent to bring back a revised constitution and bylaws as applicable for consideration.

**Motion Carried**

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

Against: Trustee McNally

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve naming the library at Tillicum Community School "The Lori Burley Learning Commons".

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy 3170 *Board Reserves* and accept Regulation 3170 *Board Reserves* for information.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Watters referred to the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings to Bylaw 9210, *The Development of Policy* at the meeting of November 27, 2017.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That Bylaw 9210, *The Development of Policy* be:

Read a first time this 27th day of November, 2017;  
Read a second time this 27th day of November, 2017;  
Read a third time, passed and adopted this 27th day of November, 2017.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) dissolve the Needs Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- vii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) establish an Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee to develop effective advocacy action plans in partnership with our stakeholders.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- c) Superintendent Langstraat introduced Ms. Katie Hamilton who presented an overview and update on the Ad Hoc Committee meetings that have occurred with respect to the Public Engagement Plan. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Ms. Hamilton.

## E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

### E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his monthly report and further reported that he attended a Ministry of Education meeting regarding universal early child care. The Ministry will be making an announcement regarding this topic in the coming months. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a request being made for more details to be provided at a future Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Orcheron 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) Superintendent Langstraat provided Trustees with some background and an overview with regards to a language programming and curriculum in the District. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat.

It was moved and seconded:

- That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to establish a process for reviewing the provision of language instruction in the Greater Victoria School District.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- c) Superintendent Langstraat responded to Trustee questions regarding other districts claiming sanctuary status for immigrating families registering their students, Ministry of Education funding for immigration families, school catchment and boundary changes, enrolment priorities and requirements, and registration review.

### E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his monthly report.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard 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**

**F. QUESTION PERIOD - None**

**G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS – None**

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

**H1. New Business - None**

**H2. Notice of Motions**

**a) Trustee Orcherton – Recognition for Contributions to the District**

Trustee Orcherton provided a notice of motion for the December 4, 2017 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent of Schools to create a policy on how the Board recognizes individuals who make significant contributions to the District.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary-Treasurer