



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
December 18, 2017 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

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**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Trustees Tom Ferris, Vice-Chair, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, 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, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 18, 2017 Agenda be approved with the following addition:

- C2. Trustee Reports**  
b) Trustee McNally

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A2. Approval of the Minutes**

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the November 27, 2017 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

**A4. Student Achievement – None**

**A5. District Presentations - None**

**A6. Community Presentations**

- a) Jason Gammon, President of the GVTA, presented the Board with a mural commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation.

- b) Audrey Smith, President of the Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, attended the Board meeting to reiterate to Trustees the role of VCPAC within the District.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**C. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**C1. Chair's Report**

- a) Vice-Chair Ferris requested that the members from each standing committee exit the room to choose a chair. When the members returned it was announced that Trustee Nohr would be the Chair of the Education Policy and Directions Committee and Trustee Watters would be the Chair of the Operations Policy and Planning Committee.

**C2. Trustees' Reports**

- a) Trustee Watters provided a written report of her activities over the past month.
- b) Trustee McNally provided a written report of her activities over the past month.

**D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee**

- a) The December 4, 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 motion.

It was moved by Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve #2 and #3 of the recommended motions from the December 4, 2017 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Whiteaker referred to the meeting minutes from the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting and presented the following recommended motion.

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) directs the Superintendent to convene a working group, which includes, VCPAC, VPVPA, GVTA, CUPE, ASA, Aboriginal Nations Council and Student Representatives, to create administrative procedures that support the values and beliefs of the District with regard to dress, and to also review Recommendation #1 contained in the Guiding Principles memo of December 4th, 2017 regarding dress.

Trustee Watters indicated that the motion was out of order. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees and Vice-Chair Ferris ruled that the motion was appropriate.

Trustee Watters challenged the Chair's ruling.

It was moved by Trustees Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) challenge the Chair's ruling that the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) directs the Superintendent to convene a working group, which includes, VCPAC, VPVPA, GVTA, CUPE, ASA, Aboriginal Nations Council and Student Representatives, to create administrative procedures that support the values and beliefs of the District with regard to dress, and to also review Recommendation #1 contained in the Guiding Principles memo of December 4th, 2017 regarding dress*" is appropriate.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees Whiteaker, Watters and McNally

Against: Trustees Loring-Kuhanga, Orcherton, Leonard, Paynter, Nohr, Ferris

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the motion. Vice-Chair Ferris ruled the suggested amendment out of order as it was a substantial change.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Vice-Chair Ferris calling for the vote on the main motion.

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) directs the Superintendent to convene a working group, which includes, VCPAC, VPVPA, GVTA, CUPE, ASA, Aboriginal Nations Council and Student Representatives, to create administrative procedures that support the values and beliefs of the District with regard to dress, and to also review Recommendation #1 contained in the Guiding Principles memo of December 4th, 2017 regarding dress.

**Motion Defeated Unanimously**

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with the following motion being moved.

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to draft a dress code Policy and Regulation that complies with all legislation and bring it back to the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee and all stakeholders.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with an amendment being suggested.

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 Superintendent to draft a dress code Policy and Regulation that complies with all legislation and bring it back to the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee and all stakeholders*" be amended to strike the words "*that complies with all legislation.*"

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Orcherton, Leonard, Paynter, Nohr, Ferris, McNally, Watters and Whiteaker

Abstain: Trustee Loring-Kuhanga

Vice-Chair Ferris called for the vote on the main motion as amended.

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to draft a dress code Policy and Regulation and bring it back to the One Learning Community Ad Hoc Committee and all stakeholders.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Whiteaker and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub-committee to review and revise as necessary Policy and Regulation *1421 - Naming School Sites* and provide recommendations to the Education Policy and Directions Committee on potential changes and that the Board place a moratorium on the naming of schools until the review has occurred.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Whiteaker and seconded:

- iii) 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, under *District Presentations* on a Regular Board meeting agenda, recognizes individuals who make significant contributions to the District.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The December 11, 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 Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the December 11, 2017 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Watters and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) accept the revised Regulation 8230 *Trustee Remuneration and Expenses* for information.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Watters and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 5118.2 *Student Enrollment and Transfers* and accept Regulation 5118.2 *Student Enrollment and Transfers* for information.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Watters and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 6114 *Maintenance of Order* and accept Regulation 6114 *Maintenance of Order* for information.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Watters and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 3110 *Presentation of New Educational Programs* and accept Regulation 3110 *Presentation of New Educational Programs* for information.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Watters and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to ensure that, effective January 2018, all Ad Hoc Committees of the Board are listed on the District website along with the committee's Chair, the Chair's contact information, future meeting dates of Ad Hoc Committees open to the public, meeting reports and the Terms of Reference.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Watters and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) dissolve Policy 1325 Partnership and Attachment Ad Hoc Committee.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

### E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his monthly report and provided some brief highlights.

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) Superintendent Langstraat responded to Trustee questions regarding statistics for temporary teachers on call.

### 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**

- b) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh directed Trustees to the information contained within their agenda with regards to the annual water testing results for lead in drinking water within our District. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

**F. QUESTION PERIOD - None**

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

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

**H1. New Business**

- a) Trustee Whiteaker reminded Trustees that new motions for the February 16, 2018 BCSTA Provincial Council meeting must be submitted by January 12, 2018.

**H2. Notice of Motions - None**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer