



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
January 29, 2018 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, Tom Ferris, Vice-Chair, Elaine Leonard, Diane McNally, Deborah Nohr, Peg Orcherter, 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 7:33 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 Watters and seconded:

That the January 29, 2018 Agenda be approved with the following additions:

C2. Trustee Reports
d) Trustee Watters

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the December 18, 2017 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement

- a) Gord Mitchell, Principal, Colquitz Middle School, along with Vice-Principal, Sarah Khosla, attended the Board meeting along with five students. The students shared their fundraising efforts with Trustees by making a presentation entitled "Colquitz Community Connections" and outlined the many ways they are giving back to the community.

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked the students for attending and presenting for the Board.

A5. District Presentations

- a) Trustee Orcheron honored retired District teacher and coach, Mr. Ed Ashmore by presenting him with a plaque and providing Trustees with some history of Mr. Ashmore's many years of coaching wrestlers in the District.

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Mr. Keith McCallion, Vic High Alumni Association, attended the Board meeting to provide an update to Trustees with respect to the fundraising efforts to date for the stadium replacement project.
- b) Mr. Darren Companion, GVTA First Vice-President, attended the Board meeting to speak to the Board about opening closed schools.
- c) Mr. Ryan Slogotski, a SD61 parent, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about catchment boundaries as it relates to school registration.

B. CORRESPONDENCE**B1. Letter from the District of Saanich**

A letter from the District of Saanich was received for information purposes. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a suggested recommended motion.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Superintendent to reach out to SD61 administration staff working in the municipality of Saanich to sit on the "Saanich Parks and Trails Committee" and the "Saanich Arts Culture and Heritage Committee" and to encourage SD61 student engagement in local municipal governance.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to postpone the motion to the February 26, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Superintendent to reach out to SD61 administration staff working in the municipality of Saanich to sit on the "Saanich Parks and Trails Committee" and the "Saanich Arts Culture and Heritage Committee" and to encourage SD61 student engagement in local municipal governance"* be postponed to the February 26, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Trustee Ferris for acting as Chair on her behalf while she was away and thanked the Board for re-electing her as Chair for this term.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Ferris provided a written report for the French Advisory Committee and verbal report of his activities over the past month.
- b) Trustee McNally provided a written report of her activities over the past month.
- c) Trustee McNally provided a written 'draft' minutes from the BCSTA Bylaw Review Committee.
- d) Trustee Watters reported her various activities over the past month.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The January 8, 2018 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Nohr referred to the minutes from the Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved by Trustee Nohr and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Board Authority Authorized course: *History Through Sport 12*. **Motion Carried**

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

Against: Trustee McNally and Leonard

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The January 15, 2018 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 motion.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve #1, #2, #3 and #6 of the recommended motions from the January 15, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to conduct an internal needs assessment of SD61 facilities accessibility infrastructure including ramps, lifts, automatic doors, elevators, wheelchair accessible

washrooms, etc. with the intent of developing an Accessibility Strategy for District facilities.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Public Engagement Ad Hoc Committee to review the partner group budget consultation process.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustee Watters referred to the meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write to the Minister of Education and copy BCSTA to request the funding formula review survey sent to Board Chairs be sent to all Trustees.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the motion.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

- iv) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write to the Minister of Education and copy BCSTA to request the funding formula review survey sent to Board Chairs be sent to all Trustees*" be amended to strike the words "*sent to Board Chairs be sent to all Trustees*" and add the words "*printable copy*" and "*in the future all surveys be sent to the entire Boards of Education.*"

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write to the Minister of Education and copy BCSTA to request a printable copy of the funding formula review survey and in the future all surveys be sent to the entire Boards of Education.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustee Watters referred to the meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy 1240 *School Volunteers* as reviewed without revisions and receive Regulation 1240 *Volunteers in the Schools* as revised.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy 2211 *Selection, Appointment, Assignment, Evaluation, Transfer and Duties of Principals* and Policy 2213 *Selection, Appointment, Assignment, Evaluation, Transfer and Duties of Vice-Principals* as reviewed without

revisions and receive Regulation 2211 *Selection, Transfer, Assignment, Evaluation and Professional Learning of Principals* and Regulation 2213 *Selection, Transfer, Assignment, Evaluation and Professional Learning of Vice-Principals* as revised.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat 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 Superintendent's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Trustee Questions - None

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

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

It was moved by Trustee McNally 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 in the agendas with respect to the proposal of adding two additional classrooms at Northridge Elementary School. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the expenditure of up to \$350,000, from local capital, on the construction of permanent classroom space at Northridge Elementary School.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh directed Trustees to the information contained in their agendas with respect to the revision to the Five-Year Capital Plan and the requirement to amend the bylaw. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris 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-CPSD61-02 Capital Plan 2017/18 at the meeting of January 29, 2018.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That Capital Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD61-02 Capital Plan 2017/18 be:

Read a first time the 29th day of January, 2018;
 Read a second time the 29th day of January, 2018;
 Read a third time, passed and adopted the 29th day of January, 2018;
 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

F. QUESTION PERIOD - None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H1. New Business

- a) Trustee Ferris presented his motion and provided a rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting a Classroom Enhancement Fund Capital application process for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that the BCSTA call on the Provincial Ministry of Education to develop standards for practice for education assistants in B.C., in consultation with the BCTF and CUPE B.C.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the motion.

It was moved by Trustee Orcheron and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that the BCSTA call on the Provincial Ministry of Education to develop standards for practice for education assistants in B.C., in consultation with the BCTF and CUPE B.C.*" be amended to strike the words "*the BCTF and.*"

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request that the BCSTA call on the Provincial Ministry of Education to develop standards for practice for education assistants in B.C., in consultation with CUPE B.C.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c) Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education urging development of a strategy for ending public funding of all private schools by September 2021.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to refer the motion to the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education urging development of a strategy for ending public funding of all private schools by September 2021*" be referred to the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Trustee Leonard

- d) Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit the extra-ordinary resolution "Removal of Honourary President" as presented, to the BCSTA AGM: That the BCSTA amend Bylaw 2 (a) as follows: Strike from 2. Officers (a) i "The Minister of Education who shall be the Honourary President of the Association", and the following reference to the Honourary President.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees Orcherton, Whiteaker and Ferris

- e) Trustee Watters presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair and Superintendent to develop an evaluation process to assess Board and Trustee performance with the objective of driving improvement, and that this evaluation take place as soon as possible.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the motion.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair and Superintendent to develop an evaluation process to assess Board and Trustee performance with the objective of driving improvement, and that this evaluation take place as soon as possible*" be amended to strike the words "*and Trustee.*"

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Orcherton and Leonard

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

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the motion.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair and Superintendent to develop an evaluation process to assess Board and Trustee performance with the objective of driving improvement, and that this evaluation take place as soon as possible*" be amended to strike the words "*and that this evaluation take place as soon as possible.*"

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees Paynter, Watters and McNally

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

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair and Superintendent to develop an evaluation process to assess Board and Trustee performance with the objective of driving improvement.

Motion Carried Unanimously

f) Trustee Whiteaker presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit the following motion to the BCSTA AGM "*be it resolved that the BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to work with the Ministry of Children and Families and individual Districts to expedite the process for access to capital dollars for childcare spaces for Districts who wish to house childcare programming or childcare providers on their lands.*"

Motion Carried Unanimously

H2. Notice of Motions - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer