



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
February 26, 2018 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

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

Regrets:

Trustee Diane McNally

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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.

Introductions were made around the board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the February 26, 2018 Agenda be approved with the following amendment:

H1. New Business

a) Trustee McNally – Policy for Animals in School - item moved to the March 12, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Trustee Nohr and seconded:

That the January 29, 2018 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

a) Chair Loring-Kuhanga referred Trustees to the information contained in the agendas and provided further information.

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 1250 *Trustee School, First Nation, Municipal Liaison*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A4. Student Achievement

- a) Rob Parker, Principal, and Aaron Maxwell, Vice-Principal, Arbutus Global Middle School attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about a student project at their school called "Diving into Inquiry."

Chair Loring-Kuhanga thanked Mr. Parker and Mr. Maxwell for attending and presenting to the Board.

A5. District Presentations - None

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Susan Abells and Franc D'Ambrosio from Anomura Housing Society attended the Board meeting to present options for affordable housing and collaborating with the school district on a pilot project.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B1. Letter to Minister of Education re Classroom Enhancement Fund

A letter to the Minister of Education was provided for information purposes.

B2. Letter to Ministry of Education re surveys

A letter to the Ministry of Education was provided for information purposes.

B3. Letter from Minister of Education re request for funding

A letter from the Minister of Education was provided for information purposes.

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C1. Chair's Report

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reported her activities over the past month and announced the hiring of Shelley Green as the new Superintendent effective August 1, 2018. Chair Loring-Kuhanga further reported that the District will be recruiting a new Director of Facilities and Associate Superintendent.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Watters provided a written report of her activities over the past month.
- b) Trustee Whiteaker provided a written report of the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting she attended as the Board representative.
- c) 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 February 5, 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 motions.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the February 5, 2018 Education Policy and Directions 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) call on the BCSTA to urge the Ministry of Education to embed consent as a key concept in the K-12 curriculum.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) call on the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Child and Family Development, the Ministry of Public Safety, and the Ministry of Mental Health, to work together to develop a Gender-based Violence Prevention Strategy for Youth.

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 Superintendent of Schools to review Regulation 1163 - *Consultation*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The February 13, 2018 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Watters referred to the Operations Policy and Planning 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 #1, #2, #3, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13 of the recommended motions from the February 13, 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) direct the Superintendent to work with the Policy Sub-Committee to develop a Policy and Regulation on Equity for the Board's consideration.

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 cost the provision of lunch-hour supervision as presented in the report of the Deputy Superintendent dated February 13, 2018 to be returned to the March 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

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 the posting of the following amended 2018/2019 school year calendar on the School District's website for a period of one month:

2018/2019 School Year Calendar*

School Opening 2018	September 4,
First non-instructional day 2018	September 17,
Thanksgiving	October 8, 2018
Second non-instructional day (Province-wide)	October 19, 2018
Remembrance Day 2018	November 12,
Third non-instructional day 2018	November 23,
Schools close for Winter vacation 2018	December 21,
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	January 7, 2019
Family Day	February 18, 2019
Fourth non-instructional day	February 22, 2019
Schools close for Spring vacation	March 15, 2019
Schools re-open after Spring vacation	April 1, 2019
Fifth non-instructional day	April 12, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Sixth non-instructional day	May 17, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Administrative Day and School Closing	June 28, 2019

*Seventh non-instructional day to be chosen by each school

Motion Carried Unanimously

Trustee Watters referred to the Operations Policy and Planning meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of the 2017/2018 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw at the meeting of February 26, 2018.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2017/2018 in the amount of \$240,201,341 be:

Read a first time the 26th day of February, 2018;
Read a second time the 26th day of February, 2018;
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 26th day of February, 2018;

And that the Chairperson and the Secretary Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and execute this Bylaw on behalf of the Board.

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 in principle the revised Policy 1421 - *Naming School Sites* and accept in principle the revised Regulation 1421 - *Naming School Sites* and send the draft policy and regulation to our stakeholders for comment to be returned to the May 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- vii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve in principle Policy 1422 - *Recognition of Significant Contributions to the District* and accept in principle Regulation 1422 - *Recognition of Significant Contributions to the District* and send the draft policy and regulation to our stakeholders for comment to be returned to the May 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- viii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) delete Policy 6112 - *School Day*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- ix) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 7110.1 - *Leasing of Closed Schools*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- x) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to bring potential sites associated with the Report of February 14, 2018 relating to Anomura Housing to the next appropriate Board meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a motion being moved and a rationale provided.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent of Schools to begin consultation with stakeholders and the public to determine possible use of school property for social housing and further, to place a moratorium on any housing initiatives until the completion of our Facilities and Catchment review.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Orcherton and Leonard

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

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a motion being moved and a rationale provided.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education to express concerns about the potential impact of the health payroll tax and to request that it be fully funded by the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- xi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) rescind the following motion, which was passed by the SD61 Board on May 23, 2017 but never acted upon: That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education, copying other Party leaders, requesting that the Ministry of Education fund CUPE Education Assistants to supervise SD61 K-5 students during student lunch times in classrooms that rely on students to do this supervision.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- xii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit the following motion at the BCSTA 2018 AGM:
- THAT the BCSTA investigate the provision of corporate sponsored opportunities for senior staff in B.C. and provide a report to the 2018-19 BCSTA AGM regarding the extent of offerings and develop a model policy for addressing the issue.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- xiii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write to the Premier and Minister of Education requesting that the BC Transit Act be amended to include the appointment of a trustee of one of the School Districts falling within the Capital Regional District as a member of the regional transit commission for the greater Victoria metropolitan area.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his monthly report and advised Trustees that he will be at Esquimalt High School on March 7, 2018 for a Town Hall meeting and invited Trustees to attend.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris 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) Deputy Superintendent Green referred Trustees to the letter contained in the agendas from the Municipality of Saanich and advised that she followed up on the matter with Saanich and at this time there is no action required.
- c) Trustee Questions - None

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

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

It was moved by Trustee Ferris 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 referred Trustees to the information contained in the agendas with regards to constructing learning studios at Oaklands Elementary School and Quadra Elementary School. 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) approve the expenditure of up to \$250,000 from local capital for the construction of a learning studio at Oaklands Elementary School.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the expenditure of up to \$250,000 from local capital for the construction of a learning studio at Quadra Elementary School.

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 McNally – Policy for Animal in Schools

This item has been moved to the March 12, 2018 Board of Education meeting agenda.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub Committee to develop Policy in regard to animals kept as “classroom pets,” and that the Committee take into account the BC SPCA’s statements on animals in classrooms and the possibility that classroom pets are not desirable at all, in the development of the Policy, and that the Superintendent draft a Regulation to implement the Policy when finalized by the Board.

H2. Notice of Motions - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer