



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
March 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

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

Regrets:

Trustee Peg Orcherton

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, David Loveridge, Director, Facilities Services, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer, Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 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.

Introductions made around the board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the March 12, 2018 Agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the February 26, 2018 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) Gillian Gaffney, PAC President at L'Ecole George Jay Elementary School, along members of the George Jay community, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the parent resource room inside the school. Ms. Gaffney is requesting that the parent room remain unchanged for the next school year.

B. CORRESPONDENCE**B1. Letter to Minister of Education re Employer Health Tax**

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

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

Chair Loring-Kuhanga expressed appreciation to those involved for helping organize and host the Spring VISTA conference at Esquimalt High School and wished everyone a happy spring break.

C2. Trustees' Reports

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

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

- a) The March 5, 2018 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Nohr referred to the Education Policy and Directions committee meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent of Schools to write a policy on inclusion and return a draft policy to the Education Policy and Directions Committee at a future meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Joint Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The March 5, 2018 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Watters referred to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes 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 #1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 from the March 5, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) endorse in principle the Bowker Creek Blueprint.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to bring back operationalized recommendations for K-5 lunch hour supervision after consultation with our stakeholders.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve granting a Statutory Right-of-Way to FortisBC Energy Inc. for the purpose of installing and maintaining a gas pipeline on the Oak Bay High School properties legally described as Lot 2, Section 28, Victoria Land District, Plan 2376 except part in Plan 8380, PID 006-524-265, and Lot 3, Section 28, Victoria Land District, Plan 2376 except part in Plan 8380, PID 006-524-273.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

Trustee Watters referred to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes and presented the following two recommended motions.

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 Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw No. 18-01 at the March 12, 2018 Board meeting.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw No. 18-01, being a bylaw to grant a Statutory Right-of-Way to FortisBC Energy Inc. on the properties legally described as Lot 2, Section 28, Victoria Land District, Plan 2376 except part in Plan 8380, PID: 006-524-265, and Lot 3, Section 28, Victoria Land District, Plan 2376 except part in Plan 8380, PID 006-524-273 for the purpose of installing and maintaining a gas pipeline, be:
- Read a first time the 12th day of March, 2018;
 Read a second time the 12th day of March, 2018;
 Read a third time, passed and adopted the 12th day of March, 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 and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct staff to work with the 2020 Canadian Francophone Games Organizing Committee to find suitable accommodations and event venue options that would help support the games.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

- vii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct staff to return with a detailed facilities use proposal including a financial analysis, including a cost recovery model, for Board review and approval prior to making a final commitment for the use of District facilities in support of the 2020 Canadian Francophone Games in Victoria.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his monthly report and further reported that he attended a town hall meeting at Esquimalt High School.

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) Superintendent Langstraat responded to Trustees questions regarding an update with respect to the foundation for learning meeting and upcoming town hall meetings.

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Secretary-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 provided Trustees with a 'draft' submission to the Ministry of Education appointed independent expert panel with respect to funding. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh and feedback and direction being provided. Secretary-Treasurer Walsh advised Trustees that the feedback will be incorporated into the 'draft' submission and this item will be brought to the April 16, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting for further discussion.
- c) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh provided Trustees with an update with respect to the temporary closure of the gymnasium at SJ Willis Education Centre. 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 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) direct the Policy Sub Committee to develop Policy in regard to animals kept as "classroom pets," and that the Committee take into account the BCSPCA'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.

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

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the motion "*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 BCSPCA'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*" be amended to strike the word "account" and replace it with "consideration" and to strike the words "*and the possibility that classroom pets are not desirable at all, in the development of the Policy.*"

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustee Paynter

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

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 consideration the BCSPCA's statements on animals in classrooms and that the Superintendent draft a Regulation to implement the Policy when finalized by the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Trustee Ferris presented his motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) support in principle working with the North American Indigenous Games to house participants in our schools and direct the Superintendent to work with the organizers on how students may be housed in our facilities on a cost recovery basis.

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

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) support in principle working with the North American Indigenous Games to house participants in our schools and direct the Superintendent to work with the organizers on how students may be housed in our facilities on a cost recovery basis*" be amended to add "2020" after the word "Games."

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) support in principle working with the North American Indigenous Games 2020 to house participants in our schools and direct the Superintendent to work with the organizers on how students may be housed in our facilities on a cost recovery basis.
Motion Carried Unanimously

H2. Notice of Motions - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer