



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
May 28, 2018 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

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

Regrets:

Trustees Elaine Leonard and Peg Orcherton

Administration:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 made around the board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the May 28, 2018 Agenda be approved with the following additions:

C2. Trustee Reports
c) Trustee McNally

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the April 23, 2018 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the April 25, 2018 Special Board Budget Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

Chair Loring-Kuhanga reminded Trustees that the following motion was brought back from the April 23, 2018 Board meeting as the documentation was missing. Trustee Watters provided an updated motion from the one that was presented at the April Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) endorse children in care as a priority area of focus for the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee and task that committee with developing an action plan to be brought back to a future Education Policy and Directions meeting.

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

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) endorse children in care as a priority area of focus for the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee and task that committee with developing an action plan to be brought back to a future Education Policy and Directions meeting*" be amended to include the words "*and youth in youth agreements*" after the words "*children in care.*"

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) endorse children in care and youth in youth agreements, as a priority area of focus for the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee and task that committee with developing an action plan to be brought back to a future Education Policy and Directions meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A4. Student Achievement - None

A5. District Presentations – None

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Angie Hentze from Strawberry Vale Preschool attended the Board meeting to speak about their license agreement.
- b) Kim Guiry from Strawberry Vale Preschool attended the Board meeting to speak about their license agreement.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B1. VISTA letter to the Minister of Education and responses

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

B2. Letter to the Minister of Education and response

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

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS**C1. Chair's Report - None****C2. Trustees' Reports**

- a) Trustee Watters provided a written report of her activities over the past month.
- b) Trustee Whiteaker provided a verbal report of her activities over the past month.
- 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 May 7, 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 motions.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the May 7, 2018 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) explore French Immersion opportunities at Craigflower Elementary and Shoreline Community Middle School.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) support the Inclusion for Learning Strategy.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) prepare and conduct an Exit Interview with our current retiring superintendent and further, that the Board, with the assistance of the Deputy Superintendent, develop a policy on Exit Interviews for senior administrative staff.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The May 14, 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 Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve recommended motions #1, 4, 5 and 6 from the May 14, 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) direct the Superintendent to provide a detailed report to the June Operations Policy and Planning Committee for two options on Victoria High School that preserve the current building. First, a seismic upgrade with internal improvements ("Seismic Plus"); and second, a seismic upgrade with internal improvements, additional capacity and a Neighborhood Learning Centre ("Seismic Plus with Capacity").

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 1421 *Naming School Sites* and accept revised Regulation 1421 *Naming School Sites* as reviewed.

Motion Carried

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

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

It was moved and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve new Policy 1422 *Recognition of Significant Contributions to the District* and accept new Regulation 1422 *Recognition of Significant Contributions to the District* as presented.

Motion Carried

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

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Policy 110 *Equity* and accept Regulation 110 *Equity* as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- v) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve spending \$875,700 of Local Capital to implement the Inclusion for Learning Strategy.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded:

- vi) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) send the *An Independent Audit of Executive Expenses at School District 61* report to the Audit Committee for further review.
- Motion Carried Unanimously**

D3. Audit Committee Report

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Audit Planning Report for 2017-2018 as presented by KPMG to the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the March 2018 Quarterly Financial Report as presented to the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) Superintendent Langstraat presented a plan to host an event in early fall to highlight the roles and responsibilities of a school trustee entitled "Do you want to be a School Trustee."
- c) Superintendent Langstraat responded to a Trustee question with regards to school travel restrictions.

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Secretary-Walsh 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 Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Francophone Games

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh referred Trustees to the information contained within their agendas and provided some further background information.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the cost recovery budget of \$200,000 for the 2020 Francophone Games, as follows:

1. Accommodation for approximately 1,200 athletes at 3 schools for 6 nights: \$123,529.64;
2. Facility usage for all events: \$33,335.00 (represents a 50% discount over regular rates);
3. District Operations and Staff support: \$43,135.36 (actual costs); and
4. That full payment for these services be provided to the School District no later than 31 May 2020.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare of a Joint-Use Agreement between the Greater Victoria School District #61 and the jeux francophonie canadienne, for the 2020 Francophone Games, for approval by the Chairperson of the Board and the Superintendent.

Motion Carried Unanimously

F. QUESTION PERIOD

A variety of questions were asked by the Strawberry Vale Preschool community and the answers were provided at the meeting and are posted on the District website.

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) eliminate specific municipal committee assignments and that Trustees inform the Board as to which committees related to municipal assignment that they will attend and report on., as of September 2018.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a suggestion being made to refer the motion to a future Board meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Loring-Kuhanga and seconded:

That the motion *"That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) eliminate specific municipal committee assignments and that Trustees inform the Board as to which committees related to municipal assignment that they will attend and report on., as of September 2018"* be referred to the December 2018 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Ferris, Nohr and Loring-Kuhanga

Against: Trustees McNally, Watters, Paynter and Whiteaker

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to refer the motion to a future Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the motion *"That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) eliminate specific municipal committee assignments and that Trustees inform the Board as to which committees related to municipal assignment that they will attend and report on., as of September 2018"* be referred to the June 11, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustee Nohr

- b) Trustee Watters presented her motion and provided a rationale. Questions of clarification were asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to appoint a Trustee to participate on the Esquimalt High School Community Track and Sport Field Upgrades Working Group and to provide regular updates to the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c) 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 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter in support of the Victoria Sexual Assault Centre - Project Respect: Preventing Dating Violence by SHIFTing Culture funding application to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- d) Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District 61 (Greater Victoria) recommend to the Ministry of Education and the BCSTA that the Ministry of Education and BCSTA, in alignment with the Co-governance Memorandum of Understanding, cooperatively develop a steering committee comprised of education partners including FNEESC, to design the consultation process referred to in Motion L46 (SD37 Delta) "Review of Funding Formula Document", process to include concerns expressed in BCSTA AGM motions

L45 (SD71 Comox Valley) and L46 (SD57 Prince George) , “Funding Formula and K-12 enrolment Audits” and “Education Funding Model”.

Motion Carried

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

H2. Notice of Motions - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer