



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
June 25, 2018 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

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

Administration:

Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools, Shelley Green, Deputy Superintendent, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Director, Human Resource Services, Jeff Davies, Director, International Student Program, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer and Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 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 Ferris and seconded:

That the June 25, 2018 Agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the May 28, 2018 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement

a) Lindsay Johnson, District Pathways & Partnerships Coordinator, recognized students Ben, Brendan, Catherine and Raja-Lynn for their achievements in their respective trades apprenticeships and congratulated Tony for receiving a silver medal in car painting at the Skills Canada Competition. Lastly, Lindsay recognized Isaac for receiving a VICA Apprenticeship Scholarship Award.

A5. District Presentations

- a) Randi Falls, Principal at Oak Bay High School acknowledged Scott Alexander, a teacher in the District, for his achievement in receiving the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.
- b) Student Representative and Mt. Douglas student, Natasha Thompson, introduced Ambassador Nicholas Kuhanga, who recently received an honorary Doctorate in Education at the University of Victoria. Ambassador Kuhanga spoke briefly about the education system in Tanzania.

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Luke Mari, Director of Development at Purdey Group, attended the board meeting to discuss a potential development on Fifth Street in the Hillside/Quadra area.
- b) Wendy Welch, Director of the Vancouver Island School of Art, attended the board meeting to discuss the future of the art school and the current lease.
- c) Brenda Pohl attended the board meeting on behalf of the GVTA to speak to Trustees about Shoreline Community School.
- d) Caitlin Branch attended the board meeting on behalf of the GVTA to speak to Trustees about Shoreline Community School.
- e) Sean Birdsell, a parent with children attending school in our District, attended the meeting to speak to Trustees about district presentations and posting them to our district website.

B. CORRESPONDENCE - None**C. TRUSTEE REPORTS****C1. Chair's Report**

- a) Chair Loring-Kuhanga provided highlights of her activities and meetings over the past month including attending the Oak Bay High School graduation celebration.
- b) Chair Loring-Kuhanga acknowledged Trustees Ferris, Leonard, Orcherton, Nohr and Paynter on behalf of BCSTA with their Certificates of Recognition and pins.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Watters presented the Gender & Sexuality Alliance Committee Report.
- b) Trustee Ferris presented the French Advisory Committee Report.
- c) Trustee McNally provided a report of her monthly activities as well as for the committees she was assigned to over the past year.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The June 4, 2018 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Nohr referred to the Education Policy and Directions meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) endorse mental health literacy and mental wellness 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 Committee meeting.

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

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) endorse mental health literacy and mental wellness 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 Committee meeting*" be amended to include the words "*for the entire school community*" after the word "*wellness.*"

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 mental health literacy and mental wellness, for the entire school community, 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 Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The June 11, 2018 meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Trustee Watters referred to the Operations Policy and Planning meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve #3 and #4 of the recommended motions from the June 11, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

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:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to form a working group to draft the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning Bylaws in a manner that ensures that

the Foundation is at arms-length from the Board and return the draft to the October 9, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees McNally and Orcheron

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

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve in principle the new Policy 6163.7 *Classroom Pets* as amended and accept in principle the new Regulation 6163.7 *Classroom Pets* and send the draft policy and regulation to our stakeholders for comment to be returned to the October 9, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend Policy 6163.7 *Classroom Pets*.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) delete section 3.2.3 "**During any emergency, drill, evacuation or otherwise**" from new Policy 6163.7 *Classroom Pets*.

Motion Carried

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

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made amend the motion by sending the draft policy and regulation to stakeholders prior to approving it in principle.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

- ii) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve in principle the new Policy 6163.7 Classroom Pets as amended and accept in principle the new Regulation 6163.7 Classroom Pets and send the draft policy and regulation to our stakeholders for comment to be returned to the October 9, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting*" be amended to delete "*approve in principle*" and amend the date to "*December 10, 2018*".

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) send the new draft Policy 6163.7 *Classroom Pets* and draft Regulation 6163.7 *Classroom Pets* to our stakeholders for comment and to be returned to the December 10, 2018 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by and seconded:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to request access to \$500,000 of Ministry of Education Restricted Capital for the initial planning of the SJ Willis upgrade.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) review municipal committee assignments in light of the newly created municipal liaison roles, before the next Trustee assignments are made.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Langstraat presented his monthly report and responded to Trustee questions.

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 referred Trustees to the information contained in their agendas regarding the recommendations to upgrade Vic High. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Langstraat and Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to submit to the Ministry of Education, as the preferred option for Victoria High School Seismic Plus Enhancements (1000) Plus Neighbourhood Learning Center contingent upon receiving full funding from the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c) Superintendent Langstraat referred Trustees to the information contained in their packages and presented an annual summary with respect to departmental operational plans. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a suggestion being made that Trustees look at the plans more in-depth at the Board planning meeting in August.

- d) The specialty academy fees for 2018-2019 were presented for consideration with questions of clarification being asked of Associate Superintendent Greg Kitchen.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) makes available to the public via the District website, the schedules of fees that have been approved by the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposes to offer specialty academy.

Motion Carried Unanimously

e) 2018/2019 Board of Education and Standing Committee Meeting Dates

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2018/2019 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates.

Motion Carried Unanimously

f) Superintendent Langstraat referred Trustees to the information contained in their agendas with respect to revised Board Authority Authorized Courses. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Associate Superintendent Greg Kitchen.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised Board/Authority Authorized courses: Athletic Leadership 10, Community Leadership 10, Cross Training 10, Flexible Studies 10, Learning Strategies 10, Outdoor Education 10, Peer Tutoring 10, Principles of Sport 10, Strings Fretted Instruments – Ukulele 10, Symphony Orchestra 10, Teacher Assistance 10, ELL Learning Strategies 10 and Beginners ELL 10.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees McNally and Leonard

g) Trustee Questions

Superintendent Langstraat responded to a Trustee question regarding the playground at View Royal Elementary and to a question from a student representative regarding the sharing of information between districts and teachers.

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his monthly report and advised Trustees that a new Director of Facilities has been hired and will start on August 15, 2018.

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton 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) Appointment of Election Official

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) appoint Joan Axford as Chief Election Officer to administer and conduct the school trustee election on October 20, 2018.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh advised that Bylaw 9005 *Trustee Elections and By-Elections* requires an amendment that would update the wording to include Trustee Electoral Area, as per a recent Ministerial Order.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agrees to give all three readings to Bylaw 9005, *Trustee Elections and By-Elections* at the meeting of June 25, 2018.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Orcherton and seconded:

That Bylaw 9005, *Trustee Elections and By-Elections* be:

Read a first time this 25th day of June, 2018;
 Read a second time this 25th day of June, 2018;
 Read a third time, passed and adopted this 25th day of June, 2018.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- d) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented the 2019/2020 five year Capital Plan and responded to Trustees questions.

It was moved by Trustee Watters and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve for submission to the Ministry of Education, the 2019/2020 Greater Victoria School District No. 61 Five Year Capital Plan.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- e) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh advised Trustees that effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, new accounting standards with respect to related party transactions are applicable and provided a full explanation. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

Superintendent Langstraat and Secretary-Treasurer Walsh provided answers to the following questions from the public:

1. Does the Uplands School site, currently housing the International Program, have unused space, and if so, has it be considered as a location for the Artemis Program?

No, the current International Student Program used the entire site 12 months a year.

2. Will you support VISA's request for a 2 year exemption?

The District's space needs have increased significantly due to increasing enrollment and the impact of the restored language of the collective agreement. The District is focused on ensuring the building can be used for District purposes.

3. Do you feel confident that you are making the right decision given the state of the building, the cost and timeline of renovation and its practical long term use for such a small user group as Artemis? Are you sure this is the best plan for their future?

The District is still in the planning stages of the upgrade of the facility so there is a possibility that it wouldn't be. It is clear that our space needs are immediate and Quadra Warehouse is part of the solution.

4. When will firm, reliable information as to the cost of upgrading the current VISA site to permit its intended use for Artemis be available, as well as the viability of having that work done by September 2019? And, is the decision of the Board to end the current tenancy with VISA open to reconsideration if that information indicates it is simply impossible, or does not make sense to try and have Artemis up and running at the site for September 2019?

This question was not answered at the meeting but administration responded to the questions later indicating that we expected information back by early August and then discussions would occur internally and that the information could be released to the public.

During the meeting it was confirmed that if work was not going to occur on the facility that VISA could be extended.

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:

Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to implement a protocol to ensure the District presentation slides and/or documents are posted at the same time as the meeting agendas for Standing Committee and Board meetings.

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

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the motion "*Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to implement a protocol to ensure the District presentation slides and/or documents are posted at the same time as the meeting agendas for Standing Committee and Board meetings*" be amended to strike the word "*ensure*" and replace it with "*endeavor*" and amend "*District presentation*" to "*District Leadership Team presentation*".

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to implement a protocol to endeavor that the District Leadership Team presentation slides and/or documents are posted at the same time as the meeting agendas for Standing Committee and Board meetings.

Motion Carried

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

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

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to report back with a plan for establishing a Board meeting (Board only not Standing Committees) Attendance Record.

Motion Carried

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

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

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the current record of motions carried include motions that were defeated (in italics for easy recognition).

Motion Defeated

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

H2. Notice of Motions - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer