



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

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees, Jordan Watters, Chair, Diane McNally, Vice-Chair, Nicole Duncan, Tom Ferris, Angie Hentze, Elaine Leonard, Ryan Painter, Rob Paynter, and Ann Whiteaker,

Administration:

Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer and Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m.

Chair Watters 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 Painter and seconded:

That the November 26, 2018 Agenda be approved with the following additions:

C2. Trustee Reports

- a) Trustee Whiteaker
- b) Trustee McNally
- c) Trustee Painter

Motion Carried Unanimously

Introductions were made around the board table.

A2. Approval of the Minutes

- a) It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the October 22, 2018 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b) It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the November 5, 2018 Inaugural Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes

A Trustee had a question with regards to a motion that was carried at the October 22, 2018 Board of Education meeting and whether a future date should have been attached to a motion.

A4. Student Achievement

Marla Margetts, Principal of Victoria West Elementary School, along with Vice-Principal, Karian Brigidear, attended the Board meeting with six grade five leadership students. The students all took turns speaking to their theme "This is Vic West" and then played a short video presentation that they had prepared.

The students presented Superintendent Green with a gift of a school themed t-shirt.

Chair Watters thanked Ms. Margetts, Ms. Brigidear and the students for attending and presenting for the Board.

A5. District Presentations - None**A6. Community Presentations**

- a) Winona Waldron, Contract Chair for the GVTA, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about inclusive learning and the need for more government funding to support students with special needs.
- b) Shawna Wood, a primary teacher in the district, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA to speak to Trustees about inclusive learning and urging the Board to request more funding for supports and resources for students with special needs.
- c) Carolyn Howe, a special education teacher in the district, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA to speak to Trustees about inclusive learning and to urge Trustees to request more funding from the government to support students with special needs.
- d) Jackie Dogue, SD61 educational assistant, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the current inclusive education model in district schools. Ms. Dogue urged Trustees to request more funding from the government.
- e) Tracy Humphreys, founder of BCEd Access, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about data she has gathered with respect to students with special needs being excluded or sent home from school.

B. CORRESPONDENCE**B1. Letter from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Services**

A letter from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Services was received for information purposes.

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

- a) 2018-2019 Trustee Committee and Liaison Assignments

Chair Watters reported out a motion that was carried during the In-Camera Board of Education meeting with regards to amending the 2018-2019 Trustee Committee and Liaison assignments.

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the Chair's recommendations for 2018-2019 Trustee Committee and Liaison Assignments as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Whiteaker provided a written report of her activities and meetings over the past month.
- b) Trustee McNally provided a written report of her activities and meetings over the past month.
- c) Trustee Painter provided a verbal report on his activities since being inaugurated as a Trustee.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D1. Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting were received for information.
- b) Trustee Duncan referred to the combined Education Policy and Directions committee meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the November 13, 2018 combined 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) direct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education articulating our opposition to the current approach to the administration, release and use of the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), and advocating: 1) that the administration of the FSA be done to eliminate the unfair and damaging ranking of schools: 2) that the Ministry undertake an evaluation of the FSA in order to determine its utility within the context of the innovative new BC curriculum.

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 review codes of conduct with a view to tighten language and content and report back at a subsequent Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Combined Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) Minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting were received for information.

- b) Trustee Paynter referred to the combined Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Education Ad Hoc Committee as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the Terms of Reference.

It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve the amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Education Ad Hoc Committee, by adding the following under Membership: *“The Committee will be comprised of the following **voting** members.”* as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion as amended.

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Terms of Reference, as amended, for the Aboriginal Education Ad Hoc Committee as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) create a Student Education Fund from within the Superintendent’s budget to support student-led educational events in our district. Further, that an ad hoc committee be created to establish the process, criteria and distribution of the fund and report back to the Board for final approval.

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

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

- ii) That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) create a Student Education Fund from within the Superintendent’s budget to support student-led educational events in our district. Further, that an ad hoc committee be created to establish the process, criteria and distribution of the fund and report back to the Board for final approval”* be amended to add *“of \$2,000”* after the words *“Student Education Fund.”*

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

- ii) That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) create a Student Education Fund from within the Superintendent’s budget to support student-led educational events in our district. Further, that an ad hoc committee be created to establish the process, criteria and distribution of the fund and report back to the Board for*

final approval” be amended to replace the words “an *ad hoc committee*” with “the student leadership committee” and delete the words “be created to.”

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Hentze, Whiteaker, Duncan, McNally, Watters, Paynter and Painter
Against: Trustees Leonard and Ferris

Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion as amended.

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) create a Student Education Fund of \$2,000 from within the Superintendent’s budget to support student-led educational events in our district. Further, that the student leadership committee establish the process, criteria and distribution of the fund and report back to the Board for final approval.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Hentze, Whiteaker, Duncan, McNally, Watters, Paynter and Painter
Against: Trustee Leonard and Ferris

D3. Audit Committee Report

Trustee Paynter provided background information with respect to the committee and report and Secretary-Treasurer Walsh answered questions of clarification.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting further information regarding the financial impact of the implementation of the Employer Health Tax on the District.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent’s Report

- a) Superintendent Green presented her 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) Trustee Questions – None

E2. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

- a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his monthly report and answered questions from Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Painter 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

F. QUESTION PERIOD - None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) report out at the November 26, 2018 public meeting, under C1. Chair's Report, that the 2018-2019 Trustee Committee and Liaison assignments were amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H1. New Business

- a) 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) direct the Chair to write a letter to Victoria and Esquimalt city councils and Police Services of BC outlining the value police liaison officers play in our school communities and express our disappointment and concern in the loss of these officers and services in our Victoria and Esquimalt schools as of September 2018.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Whiteaker, Duncan, Hentze, Watters, McNally, Painter, and Paynter
Against: Trustees Ferris and Leonard

- 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) submit the extra-ordinary resolution "Removal of Honourary President" as presented, to the BCSTA AGM: That BCSTA amend Bylaw 2(a) as follows: 2. Officers a. The officers of the Association are: i. the ~~Minister of Education who shall be the honorary President of the Association~~; ii. the President; iii. the Vice-President; iv. the immediate past President, but only for a term of one year following the election of a new President v. the Directors, who shall be four (4) in number for those years the immediate past President is an officer of the Association, and five (5) in number otherwise; vi. the Chief Executive Officer, who shall be the secretary treasurer. Each officer, other than ~~the honorary President~~, the Chief Executive Officer and the immediate past President, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall take office at the conclusion of that Annual General Meeting, and shall hold office until his/her successor takes office at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting thereafter, or until he/she ceases to be a trustee serving on a member Board, whichever occurs earlier. In the event that the immediate past President becomes unable to serve on the Board of Directors, or ceases to be a trustee of a member Board, the position shall be deemed vacant.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c) 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 Chair to request that the BCSTA membership direct the President to consult with appropriate committees and individuals and modify BCSTA internal legislation as needed, in order to discontinue the practice of the BCSTA President appointing the members of the BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee, and that BCSTA internal legislation be written to establish a process whereby BCSTA Branches (8) each elect a member to represent that Branch on the Indigenous Education Committee, members to be of self-identified Indigenous background.

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 Chair to request that the BCSTA membership direct the President to consult with appropriate committees and individuals and modify BCSTA internal legislation as needed, in order to discontinue the practice of the BCSTA President appointing the members of the BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee, and that BCSTA internal legislation be written to establish a process whereby BCSTA Branches (8) each elect a member to represent that Branch on the Indigenous Education Committee, members to be of self-identified Indigenous background*" be amended to strike the words "*members to be of self-identified Indigenous background.*"

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Leonard, Ferris, Painter, Whiteaker and Hentze
Against: Trustees Paynter, Watters, McNally Duncan

Chair Watters 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 to request that the BCSTA membership direct the President to consult with appropriate committees and individuals and modify BCSTA internal legislation as needed, in order to discontinue the practice of the BCSTA President appointing the members of the BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee, and that BCSTA internal legislation be written to establish a process whereby BCSTA Branches (8) each elect a member to represent that Branch on the Indigenous Education Committee.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Leonard, Ferris, Paynter, Painter, Watters, Hentze, Whiteaker and Duncan
Against: Trustees McNally

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 9:34 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer