



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
January 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

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

Regrets:

Trustee Elaine Leonard

Administration:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 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.

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 January 28, 2019 Agenda be approved with the following addition:

H1. New Business

e) Trustee Whiteaker – SJ/Burnside Naming

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the December 17, 2018 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement

- a) Rob Parker, Principal and Aaron Maxwell Vice-Principal from Ecole Arbutus Global Middle School, attended the board meeting and made a presentation for Trustees entitled “Celebrating Diversity; Seeking Sustainability.”

Chair Watters thanked Mr. Parker and Mr. Maxwell for attending the board meeting and presenting to Trustees.

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

- a) Audrey Smith, VCPAC President, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about inclusive learning and the process of community consultation prior to making changes to district programs.
- b) Mindy Atwood, attended the Board meeting on behalf of VCPAC, to speak to Trustees about inclusive learning and the proposed changes to district programs.
- c) Christine Payne, a SD61 parent, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about inclusive learning and the continuation of programs in the district.

A7. Board Elections – Vice-Chair

Chair Watters advised Trustees that Vice-Chair McNally stepped down from the position of Vice-Chair on January 9, 2019 and turned the meeting over to Secretary-Treasurer Walsh to conduct the vote for a new Vice-Chair. Secretary-Treasurer Walsh called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for a term ending in November 2019. Nominations were received for Trustees Duncan, Ferris and Whiteaker. Trustees Ferris and Whiteaker accepted the nomination. Trustee Duncan declined the nomination. A ballot vote was taken and Trustee Whiteaker was declared the new Vice-Chair of the Board of Education.

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the ballots be destroyed.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. CORRESPONDENCE**B1. Letter from the Township of Esquimalt re School Liaison Officers**

A letter from the Township of Esquimalt was received for information purposes.

B2. Letter from Victoria Police Department re School Liaison Officers

A letter from the Victoria Police Department was received for information purposes.

B3. Letter from Ministry of Education re 2019 Premier’s Awards

A from the Ministry of Education was received for information purposes.

B4. Letter from the G.V. Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association

A letter from the Greater Victoria Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association was received for information purposes.

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

Chair Watters provided a written report and highlighted various meetings and activities over the past month.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Duncan provided a written report as the Board representative to BCSTA and reminded Trustees that February 14, 2019 is the deadline to submit motions for the BCSTA AGM.
- b) Trustee McNally provided a written report of her activities over the past month and provided highlights of her professional development.
- c) Trustee Whiteaker provided a written report of her activities over the past month and advised that the funding application has been submitted with respect to the Esquimalt High School turf field project.

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

- a) The minutes from the January 7, 2019 meeting were received for information.
- b) Chair Duncan referred to the Education Policy and Direction Committee meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion:

It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the report and recommendations of the Middle School Review Ad Hoc Committee and conclude the committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee - None**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) Boundary Review Consultation Process

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented to Trustees a full overview of the boundary review consultation process to date and discussed what the next steps would be. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh and Associate Superintendent Roberts.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to begin the next phase of the boundary review consultation process.
Motion Carried Unanimously

c) Board Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following Board/Authority Authorized courses: Auto Body 11A, Auto Body 11B, Auto Body 12A, Auto Body 12B, Automotive Service and Repair 11, Automotive Service & Repair 12, Aviation Fabrication 12, Aviation Systems and Design 12, Design and Innovation 11, Design and Innovation 12, ELL Learning Strategies 10, Gender and Sexuality in Society 12, Icons through Art History 12, Indigenous Theatre and Leadership 11, Introduction to Aviation 12, Introduction to Hairstylist 10, Yoga for Mindfulness 10, and Yoga for Mindfulness 12.

Discussion ensued amongst 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) approve the following Board/Authority Authorized courses: Auto Body 11A, Auto Body 11B, Auto Body 12A, Auto Body 12B, Automotive Service and Repair 11, Automotive Service & Repair 12, Aviation Fabrication 12, Aviation Systems and Design 12, Design and Innovation 11, Design and Innovation 12, ELL Learning Strategies 10, Gender and Sexuality in Society 12, Icons through Art History 12, Indigenous Theatre and Leadership 11, Introduction to Aviation 12, Introduction to Hairstylist 10, Yoga for Mindfulness 10, and Yoga for Mindfulness 12"* be amended to split the motion into two motions with the first motion ending at Design and Innovation 12.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustee McNally

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

Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion.

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following Board/Authority Authorized courses: Auto Body 11A, Auto Body 11B, Auto Body 12A, Auto Body 12B, Automotive Service and Repair 11, Automotive Service & Repair 12, Aviation Fabrication 12, Aviation Systems and Design 12, Design and Innovation 11, Design and Innovation 12, ELL Learning Strategies 10, Gender and Sexuality in Society 12, Icons through Art History 12, Indigenous Theatre and Leadership 11, Introduction to Aviation 12, Introduction to Hairstylist 10, Yoga for Mindfulness 10, and Yoga for Mindfulness 12.

Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Trustee McNally

d) Trustee Questions

Superintendent Green and Secretary-Treasurer Walsh responded to Trustee questions regarding procedures for water testing at schools, naming of SJ Willis at Burnside and carbon monoxide monitoring in schools.

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

F. QUESTION PERIOD - None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H1. New Business

a) Trustee McNally – Board Governance Policies

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) task the Policy Advisory Committee with development of Governance Policies for the Board, beginning with the role of the Chair, role of Trustees, and role of 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) task the Policy Advisory Committee with development of Governance Policies for the Board, beginning with the role of the Chair, role of Trustees, and role of the Board*" be amended to include the word "*Vice-Chair*" after chair.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) task the Policy Advisory Committee with development of Governance Policies for the Board, beginning with the role of the Chair, Vice-Chair, role of Trustees, and role of the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) Trustee McNally – Report re District Programs

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 Superintendent to provide a report to the Education Policy and Directions Committee on February 4, 2019, that clarifies a) which District programs have been closed, b) which are still open, c) the 2019-2020 future of any district program still open, d) if a program has been described as "repurposed", the meaning of "repurposed" for any District program that has been described as "repurposed", e) the District response to parents from the Arbutus program or any other program who have requested in public or otherwise that it remain open, f) an update on shifts in high school special support blocks [For example, Spectrum has decreased from 3/4 blocks to 2/4 blocks], g) a statement on the future of Challenge programs.

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

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the motion "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report to the Education Policy and Directions Committee on February 4, 2019, that clarifies a) which District programs have been closed, b) which are still open, c) the 2019-2020 future of any district program still open, d) if a program has been described as "repurposed", the meaning of "repurposed" for any District program that has been described as "repurposed", e) the District response to parents from the Arbutus program or any other program who have requested in public or otherwise that it remain open, f) an update on shifts in high school special support blocks [For example, Spectrum has decreased from 3/4 blocks to 2/4 blocks], g) a statement on the future of Challenge programs" be referred to the February 4, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Painter, Paynter, Ferris, Hentze, Whiteaker and Watters

Against: Trustee McNally

Abstain: Trustee Duncan

c) Trustee Duncan – Trustee Learning Session

Trustee Duncan presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent of Schools to instruct staff to make the necessary arrangements for a further Trustee learning session to be provided by the Office of the Ombudsperson on administrative fairness in decision making and complaints handling with attendance open to Trustees and the Senior Leadership team.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend this 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 Superintendent of Schools to instruct staff to make the

necessary arrangements for a further Trustee learning session to be provided by the Office of the Ombudsperson on administrative fairness in decision making and complaints handling with attendance open to Trustees and the Senior Leadership team” be amended to add the words “within the next year”.

Motion Carried

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

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 Superintendent of Schools to instruct staff to make the necessary arrangements for a further Trustee learning session to be provided by the Office of the Ombudsperson on administrative fairness in decision making and complaints handling with attendance open to Trustees and the Senior Leadership team within the next year.

Motion Carried Unanimously

d) Trustee Duncan – District Privacy Practices

Trustee Duncan presented her motion and provided a rationale.

It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review District privacy practices effecting students and student learning and to provide recommendations to the Board of Education. The Ad Hoc Committee shall be known as the Privacy Review Ad Hoc Committee and will operate with the following Terms of Reference (TOR).

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

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review District privacy practices effecting students and student learning and to provide recommendations to the Board of Education. The Ad Hoc Committee shall be known as the Privacy Review Ad Hoc Committee and will operate with the following Terms of Reference (TOR)*” be amended to delete the words “*and will operate with the following Terms of Reference (TOR).*”

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review District privacy practices effecting students and student learning and to provide recommendations to the Board of Education. The Ad Hoc Committee shall be known as the Privacy Review Ad Hoc Committee*” be referred to a future Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

Motion Carried

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

e) Trustee Whiteaker – SJ/Burnside Naming Rights

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) allow the programming at Burnside to be called SJ/Burnside.

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

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the motion “That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) allow the programming at Burnside to be called SJ/Burnside” be referred to the February 11, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Painter, Paynter, Ferris and Watters

Against: Trustees Hentze, Duncan, McNally and Whiteaker

Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) allow the programming at Burnside to be called SJ/Burnside.

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Whiteaker and Hentze

Against: Trustees Ferris, Painter, Paynter, Watters, Duncan

Abstain: Trustee 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 9:57 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer