



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
March 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road

MINUTES

Present:

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

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, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer and Vicki Hanley, Executive Assistant.

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 done around the Board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the March 11, 2019 Agenda be approved with the following additions:

C2. Trustees' Reports

- b) Trustee McNally
- c) Trustee Painter
- d) Trustee Duncan

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

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

That the February 25, 2019 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

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

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement - None**A5. District Presentations - None****A6. Community Presentations**

- a) Jennifer Sutton, PAC Chair from South Park Family School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the proposed boundary catchment change and how it relates to South Park School.
- b) Chris Adams, a SD61 parent from South Park Family School, attended the Board meeting to speak against the proposed catchment boundary changes as it relates to South Park School.
- c) Ameer Ballantyne, a reading recovery teacher in the district, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA to speak to Trustees with regards to the value of this program in the District.
- d) Debra Swain, a reading recovery teacher in the district, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA to speak to Trustees with regards to the value of this program in the District.
- e) Lila Lund, a kindergarten teacher at Macaulay Elementary, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA and spoke to Trustees with regards to space issues at her school and urged the Board to find a solution.

B. CORRESPONDENCE**B1. Letter from Inclusion BC**

A letter from Inclusion BC was received for information purposes.

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

Chair Watters referred Trustees to her written report included in the agenda package and highlighted a few of her meetings over the past few weeks.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Hentze referred Trustees to her written report included in the agenda package which highlights her activities over the past few months.
- b) Trustee McNally provided a verbal report with regards to meetings and activities over the past month.
- c) Trustee Painter handed out a written report and highlighted a few of his meetings over the past few weeks.
- d) Trustee Duncan provided a written update as the Board representative to BCSTA.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D1. Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The minutes from the March 4, 2019 meeting were received for information.
- b) Chair Watters referred to the combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to consult with Victoria Confederation of Parents Advisory Councils and the appropriate VCPAC sub-committee for input on the development of a stakeholder engagement process for Inclusive Education in SD61 in advance of the Strategic Plan renewal process. The Superintendent shall report back to the Board at the May 2019 Education Policy and Directions Standing Committee meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Trustee Paynter

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to produce surveys for the purpose of gathering feedback on the District's Learning Support Operational Plan's goals. The purpose of the first survey will be to gather feedback from all staff regarding Goal 1: Provide meaningful and purposeful educational opportunities for vulnerable students with diverse learning needs while considering the physical, social-emotional and academic domains. The purpose of the second survey will be to gather feedback from parents and students on their experience of inclusive learning in our district. Survey participants should be invited to participate on a voluntary basis and the surveys should be conducted on an anonymous basis to exclude the collection of respondent's personal / private information.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D2. Combined Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The minutes from the March 4, 2019 meeting were received for information.
- b) Chair Watters referred to the combined Operations Policy and Planning and Education Policy and Direction Committee meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to ensure that all forms used by the District that require individuals to report gender information include non-binary options.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D3. Audit Committee Report

Secretary-Treasurer, Mark Walsh, referred Trustees to the Audit Committee Report in their agendas. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) accept the December 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

Superintendent Green and Deputy Superintendent Whitten responded to Trustee questions regarding low incidence program registration and reading recovery programming.

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his monthly report and provided further information regarding childcare consultation meetings and property ownership with regards to Willows Elementary.

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

Deputy Superintendent Whitten provided an answer to the following question:

1. Please inform us as to the district's plans for special needs classrooms in district high schools (ie: Reynolds and Lambrick Park) over the course of the next few years.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS - None**H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS****H1. New Business - None**

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 8:53 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer