



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
April 3, 2019 Special Board Budget Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Administration:

Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Shelley Green, Superintendent, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer and Julie Lutner, Director, Finance, Budgets and Financial Reporting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The District recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

That the April 3, 2019 Agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. 2019-2020 Annual Budget Presentation

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented the proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget and highlighted the significant variances from the 2018-2019 Annual Budget. Secretary-Treasurer Walsh advised that the District has included a 2% wage increase for teachers and support staff effective July 1, 2019 even though the contracts have not yet been settled. He explained that the District is not permitted to budget for the offsetting \$2M of operating grant revenue expected to cover the labour settlement costs until the collective agreements are ratified. As a result, the overall deficit for 2019-2020 is showing as \$5.4M, whereas the actual structural deficit is only \$3.4M. Secretary-Treasurer Walsh advised that the Board has already approved the appropriation of \$2.3M from the 2017-2018 surplus to offset the anticipated deficit and that an additional \$1.1M will need to be appropriated from the anticipated surplus in 2018-2019 in order to balance the budget.

Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of clarification and provided feedback to Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

C. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer