



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
April 30, 2019 Special Board Meeting - Tolmie Boardroom, 556 Boleskine Road**

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**MINUTES**

**Present:**

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

**Regrets:**

Trustee Diane McNally

**Administration:**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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.

Introductions were made around the board table.

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**A1. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the April 30, 2019 Agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**B. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

Adrienne Maurakis, a parent of a student attending Cloverdale Traditional School, expressed concerns with regards to the catchment boundary review process and the recommendations as it relates to the school her student currently attends.

Juliet Coates, a parent of a student attending Cloverdale Traditional School, expressed concerns with regards to the catchment boundary review process and the proposed changes as it relates to her students school.

Kathryn Kwasnica, a parent of a student attending Cloverdale Traditional School, encouraged the Board to re-think the proposals and recommendations of the catchment boundary review.

Gypsy Fisher, a parent of a student attending South Park Family School, expressed to the Board that she feels the catchment boundary review process is moving too quickly and not all questions that parents and community members have been asking are being answered.

Kristil Hammer, a parent of a student attending South Park Family School, expressed to the Board her disappointment in the proposed changes to the catchment in the South Park Family School

area and encourage the Board to slow down the process and take longer to make the final decisions.

Sarah-Joy Kallos, a parent of students attending Margaret Jenkins Elementary School and Central Middle School, expressed her disappointment with the catchment boundary review and the proposed changes to the French Immersion program pathways in her area.

**C. CHAIR'S REPORT – None**

**D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - None**

**E. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

**E1. Catchment Boundary Review**

Secretary-Treasurer Walsh directed Trustees to the Phase Two Catchment Boundary Review Summary Report and provided an overview of the entire process to date including pointing out key information.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh and Associate Superintendent Roberts.

A suggestion was made to amend Recommendation #1 of the Summary Report.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Recommendation #1 from the Catchment Boundary Review Summary Report to read as follows: *"That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) maintain the South Park catchment as a District wide catchment."*

**Motion Defeated**

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

A suggestion was made to amend Recommendation #18 of the Summary Report.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Recommendation #18 from the Catchment Boundary Review Summary Report by striking the words *"in the near term"* at the end of the motion. The motion will read *"That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) open Richmond as the Grade 6 campus of Lansdowne Middle School and review the site in the event that SJ Willis becomes available."*

**Motion Carried**

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

A suggestion was made to amend Recommendation #5 of the Summary Report.

It was moved by Trustee Hentze and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Recommendation #5 from the Catchment Boundary Review Summary Report by striking

the words “to be called *Bank Street School*.” The motion will read “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) open the Bank Street School and Sundance and create a catchment as proposed incorporating areas of the Oaklands catchment in the Jubilee neighbourhood, George Jay catchment in eastern Fernwood and Willows catchment at Foul Bay junction.*”

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to engage in targeted consultation based on the 31 recommendations, as amended, presented in the report, to be delivered to the Board of Education on April 30, 2019 and return to the Board on May 23, 2019 for final deliberation on the recommendations.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### F. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer