



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
May 27, 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, Elaine Leonard, Diane McNally, Ryan Painter and Rob Paynter

Administration:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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 done around the board table.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the May 27, 2019 Agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A2. Approval of the Minutes

a) It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the April 17, 2019 Special Board Budget Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b) It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the April 23, 2019 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c) It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the April 30, 2019 Special Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A3. Business arising from the Minutes - None

A4. Student Achievement - None

A5. District Presentations

- a) Chair Watters recognized departing Secretary-Treasurer, Mark Walsh, and thanked him on behalf of the Board for his dedication and commitment to the District. Chair Watters presented Mr. Walsh with a token of appreciation and wished him well on his future.

A6. Community Presentations

- a) Jenn Sutton, PAC Chair from South Park Family School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the proposed catchment boundary changes as it relates to South Park School.
- b) Kristil Hammer, a parent of a student attending South Park Family School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the proposed catchment boundary changes as it relates to South Park School.
- c) Laura Trunkey, a parent of a student attending South Park Family School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the proposed catchment boundary changes as it relates to South Park School.
- d) Skye Stegenga, a parent of children attending George Jay Elementary School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the overcrowding at George Jay Elementary School as it relates to the proposed changes to catchment boundaries.
- e) Kathryn Allan-Kwasnica, PAC Co-Chair from Cloverdale Traditional School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the proposed catchment boundary changes as it relates to Cloverdale School.
- f) Robin Grazley, PAC Representative from Doncaster Elementary School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the proposed catchment boundary changes as it relates to the pathways in the Reynolds Family of Schools.
- g) Audrey Smith, VCPAC President, attended the Board meeting to remind Trustees the role that VCPAC plays in the District and provided an annual report on how their funding was spent this year.
- h) Rebecca Mellett, President of the Beausoleil Parents' Association, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the proposed catchment boundary changes and how it will affect their lease of the former Sundance School on Bank Street.

B. CORRESPONDENCE**B1. Letter of Support to Maritime Museum of B.C.**

A letter of support was sent to the Maritime Museum of B.C. and was received for information purposes.

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

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

- b) Chair Watters reminded Trustees of the May 31, 2019 deadline to complete the Strategic Plan survey for the Canadian School Board Association.

C2. Trustees' Reports

- a) Trustee Hentze referred Trustees to her written report included in the agenda package which highlights her activities over the past month.
- b) Trustee Duncan provided a verbal report of her meetings and activities over the past month.
- c) Trustee Duncan referred Trustees to her written report included in the agenda package with respect to her role as the board BCSTA Representative.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a) The May 6, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Chair Watters referred to the draft 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) approve the 49 revised Grade 11 and Grade 12 Board/Authority Authorized courses.

Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Trustee McNally

D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The May 13, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Chair Watters referred to the draft meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve recommended motions #1, #2 and #3 from the May 13, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) video record the two standing committee monthly meetings (Education Policy and Directions, and Operations Policy and Planning), and post them to the District website after each meeting for public viewing. A recording notification will be included in all standing committee agendas.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission endorsing the Free Transit Campaign and encouraging them to implement a pilot program in the 2020 budget eliminating user fees for youth under 18 years of age.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved and seconded:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub-Committee to, as a matter of priority, bring forward a policy outlining the process, criteria and timelines for the Superintendent evaluation to the Board of Education for approval at the June, 2019 Board Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Watters referred to the meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked.

It was moved and seconded:

- iv) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Policy Sub-Committee to review Policy 1330: Community Use of Operational Schools and Grounds, develop policy recommendations regarding the rental of facilities to parties espousing values inconsistent with those of the School District and provide these recommendations to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee for deliberation.

Motion Carried

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

D3. Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee Report was presented by Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Audit Planning Report for 2018-2019 as presented by KPMG to the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

- ii) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. (Greater Victoria) accept the March 2019 Quarterly Financial Report as presented to the Audit Committee*" be referred to the June 24, 2019 Board of Education meeting agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Superintendent Green presented her monthly report and highlighted some additional information with respect to meetings and a conference that she attended.

It was moved by Trustee McNally 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) Superintendent Green referred Trustees to the proposed 2019/2020 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates and answered questions of clarification.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2019/2020 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c) Associate Superintendent Roberts referred Trustees to the information contained in their agendas with respect to the specialty academy fees at specific high schools and answered questions of clarification from Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) make available to the public via the District website, the schedule of fees that have been approved by the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposes to offer specialty academy.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- d) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented the 2018 Carbon Neutral Action Report and directed Trustees to specific highlights in the report. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.
- e) Superintendent Green responded to questions from Trustees with regards to musical instrument repairs, meal programs, lead remediation, the proposed bike lane behind Quadra Elementary School, the menstrual products motion and District initiatives with regards to climate change.

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 the City of Victoria in support of the Quadra Elementary PAC and their concerns with regards to the proposed bike path planned for the rear of the school.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Secretary-Treasurer Walsh presented his monthly report and provided Trustees with a transition plan after his departure and before a new Secretary-Treasurer is hired.

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

- F1. I am concerned about the emerging growth numbers for the core corridor, pointing toward conclusions that the current catchment boundary proposal is a short-term solution at best, while still not necessarily meeting the immediate, crisis level needs of some

schools. Do District staff and Trustees share those concerns? What action/steps will be taken to ensure there is a long-term solution under consideration, to address capacity in the core, particularly at George Jay?

Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, responded by saying that the boundary review team is currently working with Baragar Systems and the information that they have provided to properly address all concerns in the future.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

G1. Letter to City of Victoria re Crystal Pool

Chair Watters reported out to the public that the following motion that was carried at the May 27, 2019 In-Camera Board of Education meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) report out during the public portion of the May 27, 2019 Board of Education meeting, the letter written to the City of Victoria regarding the relocation of the Crystal Pool. Further, to post the letter to the District website under Advocacy Letters.

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H1. New Business - None

H2. Notice of Motions

- a) Trustee Watters provided a notice of motion for the June 10, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting agenda.

That the Board of Education of School District 61 (Greater Victoria) recognize the breakdown of the stable climate and sea level under which human life has developed constitutes an emergency, and that in declaring a climate emergency the Board:

- i) Direct the Superintendent to develop a Climate Action Plan that establishes targets and strategies commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees;
- ii) Direct the Superintendent to report back on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to the provincial or federal governments; and
- iii) Demonstrate leadership by directing the Board Chair to write letters to other school Boards in our region (Gulf Islands, Saanich, Sooke and Cowichan) encouraging them to declare climate emergencies and develop targets and strategies to combat climate change.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer