



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
June 24, 2019 Regular 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, Diane McNally, Ryan Painter and Rob Paynter

### Administration:

Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Chuck Morris, Director, Facilities Services, 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 Painter and seconded:

That the June 24, 2019 Agenda be approved with the following additions:

#### C2. Trustees' Reports

- f) Trustee Ferris
- g) Trustee Painter

#### E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- c) 2020-2021 Five Year Capital Plan

#### H1. New Business

- a) Trustee Painter – Write a letter to the Minister of Education

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### A2. Approval of the Minutes

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

That the May 27, 2019 Regular 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 and acknowledged Audrey Smith for her time as President of the Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

**A6. Community Presentations**

- a) Helen Poulin, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA and spoke to Trustees with regards to French Immersion programs and advocating for more resources in the District.
- b) Tonya Winton, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA and spoke to Trustees with regards to French Immersion programs in the District and advocating for more bilingual Educational Assistant's in the District.
- c) Alex Greig and Tayler Jernslet, attended the Board meeting on behalf of the GVTA and spoke to Trustees about local contract bargaining and speaking in favour of hiring more teachers.
- d) Angela Carmichael, George Jay, Co-PAC President, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the boundary review process and the overcrowding currently at George Jay Elementary School.
- e) Kathryn Allan-Kwasnica, a parent with students at Cloverdale Traditional School, attended the Board meeting to speak against the boundary review process and her concerns about how the changes will impact Cloverdale Traditional School.
- f) Hillary Hagel, a parent of a student attending Cloverdale Traditional School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the boundary review process and her concerns about splitting siblings up if the proposed changes are passed.
- g) Jenn Sutton, PAC Chair from South Park Family School, attended the Board meeting to speak against the boundary review process as it relates to South Park Family School.
- h) Kristil Hammer, PAC representative from South Park Family School, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the boundary review process as it relates to South Park Family School.
- i) Allison Bottomley, PAC representative from South Park Family School, attended the Board meeting to speak against the proposed new district boundaries and how it will affect South Park Family School.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE****B1. Letter to City of Victoria re Bike Path at Quadra Elementary**

A letter to the City of Victoria regarding the proposed bike path at the rear of Quadra Elementary school was provided for information purposes.

**B2. Letter to Victoria Regional Transit Commission re Free Transit**

A letter to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission regarding the proposal for free transit for youth was provided for information purposes.

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

Chair Watters expressed condolences on behalf of the Board, to the family of a District student who passed away during a recent field trip.

Chair Watters referred Trustees to her written report included in the agenda package and highlighted a few items from her report.

**C2. Trustees' Reports**

- a) Trustees Duncan and Painter referred Trustees to their annual committee reports for the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee and the Public Engagement Ad Hoc Committee contained within their agendas.
- b) Trustee Duncan referred Trustees to her BCSTA Trustee Representative report contained within their agendas.
- c) Trustee Hentze referred Trustees to her annual committee reports for the Gender and Sexuality Alliance Committee and Facilities Committee contained within their agendas.
- d) Trustee McNally referred Trustees to her annual community liaison assignments report, Equity Ad Hoc Committee report and Policy Advisory Committee report contained within their agendas and highlighted a few of the meetings she attended.
- e) Trustees Whiteaker referred Trustees to her monthly report contained within their agendas.
- f) Trustee Ferris provided a verbal report on his meetings over the past month and thanked the Senior Leadership Team for their hard work over the past school year.
- g) Trustee Painter provided a verbal report of the various meetings and activities he participated in over the past month.

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

- a) The June 3, 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:

- i) 

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve a sibling priority in Regulation 5118.2 for those families who have siblings
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impacted by a change to their current school boundary in the 2020/2021 school year before establishing the current boundary proposals.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to amend the proposed revision to Regulation 5118.2.

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

- i) That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve a sibling priority in Regulation 5118.2 for those families who have siblings impacted by a change to their current school boundary in the 2020/2021 school year before establishing the current boundary proposals”* be amended to move Enrollment Priority #3.5 to #2.5 in Regulation 5118.2, *Student Enrollment and Transfers*.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to refer this motion to the September 23, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

- i) That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve a sibling priority in Regulation 5118.2 for those families who have siblings impacted by a change to their current school boundary in the 2020/2021 school year before establishing the current boundary proposals”* be referred to the September 23, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees Paynter, Painter and Hentze

Against: Trustees Leonard, Ferris, Watters, Whiteaker, Duncan and McNally

Chair Watters referred Trustees back to the amendment moved by Trustee Painter and further discussion ensued.

- i) That the motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve a sibling priority in Regulation 5118.2 for those families who have siblings impacted by a change to their current school boundary in the 2020/2021 school year before establishing the current boundary proposals”* be amended to move Enrollment Priority #3.5 to #2.5 in Regulation 5118.2, *Student Enrollment and Transfers*.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustee Painter

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

Chair Watters called for the vote on the original main motion.

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve a sibling priority in Regulation 5118.2 for those families who have siblings impacted by a change to their current school boundary in the 2020/2021 school year before establishing the current boundary proposals.

**Motion Carried**

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

Against: Trustee Paynter

Chair Watters referred to the meeting minutes and the following recommended motion.

It was moved:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report directly from the Superintendent to the Board in February 2020 that provides: **1.** the history of gifted education and related funding in SD61 and provincially to the present **2.** complete information on funding changes provincially and in SD61 over the last ten years that have impacted gifted education in SD61 and the province **3.** information regarding provision of targeted gifted education in SD61 over the last ten years **4.** In-depth information explaining any proposed service delivery model / models of service under consideration for the 2019-2020 school year and forward for students designated “gifted” in SD61 in order that the Board may consider how best to allocate resources to serve the vulnerable gifted student population, before a service model that differs from current practice is put in place.

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

It was moved by Trustee McNally and seconded:

- ii) That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report directly from the Superintendent to the Board in February 2020 that provides: 1. the history of gifted education and related funding in SD61 and provincially to the present 2. complete information on funding changes provincially and in SD61 over the last ten years that have impacted gifted education in SD61 and the province 3. information regarding provision of targeted gifted education in SD61 over the last ten years 4. In-depth information explaining any proposed service delivery model / models of service under consideration for the 2019-2020 school year and forward for students designated “gifted” in SD61 in order that the Board may consider how best to allocate resources to serve the vulnerable gifted student population, before a service model that differs from current practice is put in place*” be amended to replace the word “ten” with “eighteen” in both #2 and #3.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees McNally, Duncan, Painter and Paynter

Against: Trustees Leonard, Ferris, Watters, Hentze and Whiteaker

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

It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded:

- That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report directly from the Superintendent to the Board in February 2020 that provides: 1. the history of gifted education and related funding in SD61 and provincially to the present 2. complete information on funding changes provincially and in SD61 over the last ten years that have impacted gifted education in SD61 and the province 3. information regarding provision of targeted gifted education in SD61 over the last ten years 4. In-depth information explaining any proposed service delivery model / models of service under consideration for the 2019-2020 school year and forward for students designated “gifted” in SD61 in order that the Board may consider how best to allocate resources to serve the vulnerable gifted student population, before a service model that differs from current practice is put in place*” be amended to remove the word “directly” and strike #1 and #2, replace the word ‘ten’ with ‘two’ in the new #1 and amend the new #2 to read “*Information explaining the current and any proposed service delivery model/models.....*”

**Motion Carried**

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

Against: Trustees Leonard and Ferris

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

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

- ii) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide a report from the Superintendent to the Board in February 2020 that provides: 1. Information regarding provision of targeted gifted education in SD61 over the last two years 2. Information explaining the current and any proposed service delivery model / models of service under consideration for the 2019-2020 school year and forward for students designated "gifted" in SD61 in order that the Board may consider how best to allocate resources to serve the vulnerable gifted student population, before a service model that differs from current practice is put in place*" be referred to the September 9, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried**

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

Against: Trustee Duncan

It was moved:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to write relevant funders to advocate for the maintenance of school crossing guard funding.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## D2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a) The June 10, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee draft meeting minutes were received for information.
- b) Chair Watters referred to the meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

It was moved:

- i) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) recognize that 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:
- direct the Superintendent to develop a Climate Action Plan that establishes targets and strategies commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees;
  - direct the Superintendent to report back on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to the provincial or federal government; and
  - demonstrate leadership by directing the Board Chair to write letters to other school boards, local MLAs, and Provincial government encouraging them to declare climate emergencies and develop targets and strategies to combat climate change.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Chair Watters referred to the meeting minutes and the following recommended motion.

It was moved:

- ii) That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a report, on or before the November Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, that provides an analysis of the costs of the Greater Victoria Schools becoming a Living Wage Employer.

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

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

- ii) That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a report, on or before the November Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, that provides an analysis of the costs of the Greater Victoria Schools becoming a Living Wage Employer*" be amended to add the words "*and living hours employer*" at the end of the motion.

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Painter, Paynter, McNally, Hentze and Whiteaker

Against: Trustees Leonard, Ferris and Duncan

Abstain: Trustee Watters

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

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

- ii) That the amended motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to prepare a report, on or before the November Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, that provides an analysis of the costs of the Greater Victoria Schools becoming a Living Wage Employer and living hours employer*" be referred to the Audit Committee.

**Motion Carried**

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

Against: Trustee Ferris

Abstain: Trustee Watters

Chair Watters referred to the meeting minutes and the following recommended motion.

It was moved:

- iii) That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to instruct staff to participate in the development of a formal business plan for the Spectrum Turf and Rink (STAR) Project. To be developed with the STAR Committee, SD61, and community partners.

**Motion Carried**

For: Trustees Paynter, Painter, Hentze, McNally and Whiteaker

Against: Trustees Ferris, Leonard and Duncan

Abstain: Trustee Watters

### D3. Audit Committee Quarterly Report

It was moved by Trustee Paynter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the March 2019 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 and thanked the boundary review team for their work throughout the process.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker 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 responded to questions from Trustees with regards to solar panels and the Baragar Systems data as it relates to the boundary review process.

### E2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) Acting Secretary-Treasurer Stride referred Trustees to the information contained in their agendas with respect to new accounting standards that came into effect in 2018 with respect to related party transactions.
- b) Trustee Paynter provided background on the Policy Sub-Committee meetings and referred Trustees to the report contained in their agenda packages with respect to revised Policy 1200, *Superintendent*.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 1200 *Superintendent*.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommendation being made to refer the motion to the September Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the motion "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 1200 *Superintendent*" be referred to the September 9, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees Leonard, Watters, Ferris and Hentze

Against: Trustees McNally, Paynter, Painter, Duncan and Whiteaker

Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 1200 *Superintendent*.

**Motion Carried**

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

- c) Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, presented the 2020-2021 Five Year Capital Plan and responded to Trustee questions.

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve for submission to the Ministry of Education, the 2020-2021 Greater Victoria School District No. 61 Five Year Capital Plan.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**



**F. QUESTION PERIOD**

Associate Superintendent Roberts responded to the following question from the public:

1. I attended the special boundary review meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. I submitted 3 questions that were not answered in the meeting. We were told that answers to our questions would be made available on the FAQ section of the Boundary Review website. We were also told that all of the answers from the meeting would be available under the same heading or section. I have looked but cannot find the answers. Why have these answers not yet been made available?

The answers to all questions were added to the FAQ page of the Boundary Review Process on the District website.

**G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**G1. Annual Student Withdrawal Report and PRC/Diversion**

**G2. Annual Student Unusual Exclusion Report**

**H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**H1. New Business**

**a) Trustee Painter – Write a letter to the Minister of Education**

Trustee Painter presented his motion and provided a rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education confirming the districts preference for maintaining the restored class size and composition language and superior local provisions to ensure that we maintain small class sizes and reasonable class composition within the district.

**Motion Defeated**

For: Trustees McNally, Paynter and Painter

Against: Trustees Whiteaker, Duncan, Watters, Leonard, Ferris and Hentze

**H2. Notice of Motions**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer