



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
June 19, 2019 Special 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, Katrina Stride, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Simon Burgers, District Principal, Languages and Multiculturalism and Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the June 19, 2019 Agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- B1. Kathryn Allan-Kwasnica, Cloverdale Traditional School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the proposed new catchments and the possibility of Cloverdale being removed as a District catchment school.
- B2. Jen Meadows, Cloverdale Traditional School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the proposed new boundary catchments as it relates to Cloverdale Traditional School and to encourage Trustees to allow the traditional school model to remain at the school.
- B3. Starr Munro, Cloverdale Traditional School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the proposed new boundary catchments as it relates to Cloverdale Traditional School and to encourage Trustees to lighten the impact that the changes may bring.
- B4. Ashley Wheaton, South Park Family School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the proposed new boundary catchments as it relates to South Park Family School and the public consultation process for the review.
- B5. Jenn Sutton, South Park Family School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the proposed new boundary catchments as it relates to South Park Family School and encouraged Trustees to keep the school as a District catchment school.

- B6. Allison Hyatt, South Park Family School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the proposed new boundary catchments and stressed her discouragement with respect to the impact that it would have on South Park Family School and the loss to parent involvement and participation.
- B7. Carrie Smart, Margaret Jenkins Elementary School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the new pathway for French immersion students as it relates to Margaret Jenkins Elementary School.
- B8. Rachel Maser and Family, Margaret Jenkins Elementary School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the new pathway for French immersion students as it relates to Margaret Jenkins Elementary School.
- B9. Justin Hodgkinson, Sir James Douglas Elementary School**, attended the Special Board meeting to express his appreciation to Trustees for their work on the boundary review as it relates to the Fairfield and Rockland area.
- B10. Lincoln Shlensky, Margaret Jenkins Elementary School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak against the new pathway for French immersion students as it relates to Margaret Jenkins Elementary School.
- B11. Corey Kowal, George Jay Elementary School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak to Trustees with regards to the overcrowding at George Jay Elementary School.
- B12. Gypsy Fisher, South Park Family School**, attended the Special Board meeting to speak about her positive experience at South Park Family School as it relates to the boundary review and proposed changes to the catchment for that school.
- B13. Robin Gravely – Doncaster Elementary School**, attended the Special Board meeting to thank Trustees for removing the recommendation related to Doncaster Elementary School on the boundary review.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Watters thanked the group of public speakers for attending and speaking at the meeting. Chair Watters provided information on the format for the rest of the meeting and reminded everyone of the board meetings scheduled for June 24 and June 25, 2019.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

D1. Boundary Review Presentation

Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, provided an overview of the entire boundary review process and how it progressed through the past school year including the public consultation process and the surveys conducted.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Watters thanked the catchment boundary review team for all of their efforts with the review and the many hours of work they put in.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Associate Superintendent Roberts.

Questions were received from the public and answered by Associate Superintendent Roberts. Chair Watters advised the public that questions that were not answered during the meeting will be answered via the FAQ link on the District website within a few days.

E. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT - None

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Leonard and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer