



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
June 25, 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, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Simon Burgers, District Principal, Languages and Multiculturalism, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer and Vicki Hanley, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the June 25, 2019 Agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Watters provided Trustees with an outline of the meeting agenda including debating the thirty recommendations that have been presented in the third phase of the Boundary Review Report. Chair Watters suggested that Bylaw 9368, *Procedure*, be amended to allow for Trustees to speak more than once to a motion or topic, which would allow for a more fulsome discussion on the recommendations under review.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend Bylaw 9368, *Procedure*, under Section 104.02 "*Trustees shall be permitted to debate only upon a motion, as herein provided, and each trustee shall be limited to the opportunity to speak once to any motion, unless the motion has been amended, for a majority vote of the Board. The proposer of a motion shall be given the opportunity to open and close debate of his motion. The mover of the principle motion shall have the right to speak for five minutes to the motion and shall be allowed five minutes to conclude the debate on the motion,*" for the Special Board of Education meeting of June 25, 2019, to allow for Trustees to speak more than once to a motion under discussion.

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

C1. Boundary Review Final Presentation

Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, provided Trustees with an overview of the entire boundary review process including a clarification of the Baragar Systems data which was provided a few days earlier. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Associate Superintendent Roberts and Superintendent Green.

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept all recommendations as presented in the Phase 3 Boundary Review Report.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a suggestion being made to amend Recommendation #1 of the Boundary Review Report.

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend recommendation #1 of the Boundary Review Report as follows "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) maintain South Park Family School as a district wide catchment school and pursue alternative #1 as proposed by the Parent Advisory Council of South Park Family School.*"

Motion Defeated

For: Trustees Whiteaker, Painter, Paynter and Duncan

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

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees. Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept all recommendations as presented in the Phase 3 Boundary Review Report.

Motion Carried

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

Against: Trustees Painter, Paynter and Duncan

It was moved by Trustee Whiteaker and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to work with school communities and parent advisory councils affected by the boundary review to support them through the 2019-2020 school year to implement the changes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was moved by Trustee Painter and seconded:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to meet with School District No. 93 to discuss the impact and potential alternatives as a result of the District's plan to re-open Sundance Elementary for the school year starting in September 2020.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT - None

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Ferris and seconded:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer