



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

MINUTES

December 16, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Jordan Watters, Board Chair, Ann Whiteaker, Vice-Chair, Nicole Duncan, Tom Ferris, Angie Hentze, Elaine Leonard, Diane McNally, Ryan Painter, Rob Paynter

Administration: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent (arrived at 7:48 p.m.), Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Shelly Niemi, District Principal, Aboriginal Nations Education, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer, Vicki Hanley, Executive Assistant

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Introductions were made around the board table.

A.1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Watters recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

A.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Ferris

That the December 16, 2019 agenda be approved with the following additions:

- C2. Trustees' Reports
 - c). Trustee McNally
 - d). Trustee Paynter

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3 Approval of the Minutes

- a. Approval of the November 25, 2019 Regular Board Minutes

Moved by Trustee Painter
Seconded by Trustee Ferris

That the November 25, 2019 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4 Business Arising from the Minutes

None

A.5 Student Achievement

None

A.6 District Presentations

None

A.7 Community Presentations

- a. Robin Tosczaak, GVTA - Reading Recovery

Robin Tosczaak, GVTA 2nd Vice-President, spoke to Trustees with regards to the reading recovery program in the District.

- b. Jennifer Bailey, SD61 Parent - Reading Recovery

Jennifer Bailey, a SD61 parent, spoke to Trustees with regards to the reading recovery program in the District and urged Trustees to increase the funding for the program.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B.1 Letter to the Board from BCGEU

A letter from BCGEU was received for information. Chair Watters will respond and thank them for its letter.

B.2 Letter to the Board from Parents for Early Language Education

A letter from parents for early language education was received for information.

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1 Chair's Report

a. Chair Watters - December Report

Chair Watters referred to her written report included in the agenda package and highlighted specific areas, including her participation on the BCSTA working group on Trustee work environments.

b. Trustee Committee Assignments

Chair Watters referred Trustees to the information that she provided in their agenda packages with regards to Trustee Committee assignments and how the placement of each Trustee was determined.

c. Committee Chair Selection

Chair Watters explained to Trustees past practices on Committee Chair selection.

Moved by Trustee Paynter
Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) select the Chairs of the Education Policy and Directions Committee and the Operations Policy and Planning Committee by ballot vote.

For (8): Trustee Watters, Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Ferris, Trustee Hentze, Trustee McNally, Trustee Painter, and Trustee Paynter
Abstain (1): Trustee Leonard

Motion Carried (8 to 0)

Amendment:

Chair Watters called for nominations for the Chair of the Education Policy and Directions Committee. Nominations were received for

Trustees Duncan and Painter. Trustees Duncan and Painter both accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was conducted and Trustee Duncan was declared the Chair of the Committee.

Chair Watters called for nominations for the Chair of the Operations Policy and Planning Committee. Nominations were received for Trustees Leonard and Hentze. Trustee Leonard accepted the nomination and Trustee Hentze declined. Trustee Leonard was declared the Chair of the Committee by acclamation.

C.2 Trustees' Reports

- a. Trustee Painter - BCSTA Trustee Representative Report

Trustee Painter's BCSTA Trustee Representative report was received for information.

- b. Trustee Whiteaker

Trustee Whiteaker referred Trustees to her written report contained in the agenda package and highlighted the Ministry of Education Early Learning Summit Conference she attended. In addition, Trustee Whiteaker handed out an Equity Ad Hoc Committee report for information.

- c. Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally referred to the reports provided by Trustees Paynter and Whiteaker with regards to the Policy Sub-Committee and Equity Ad Hoc Committee that she sat on over the past year.

- d. Trustee Paynter

Trustee Paynter provided a handout of annual reports for the Policy Sub-Committee, Equity and Audit Ad Hoc Committees.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D.1 Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a. Minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting

The draft minutes from the December 2, 2019 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting were received for information.

D.2 Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a. Minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting

The draft minutes from the December 9, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting were received for information.

- b. Recommended motion:

- a. Long Term Facilities Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Trustee Paynter referred to the meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Long Term Facilities Plan Ad Hoc Committee, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b. George Jay Renaming

The Engagement Summary Report for the potential renaming of George Jay Elementary School was received for information.

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1 Superintendent's Report

- a. Monthly Report

Superintendent Green presented her monthly report, highlighting various meetings and items. Trustee Ferris thanked Superintendent Green for her presentations to partner groups with respect to the renewal of the Strategic Plan.

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Leonard

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Superintendent's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Trustee Questions

Deputy Superintendent Whitten responded to questions from Trustees with respect to the inclusive learning survey.

E.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented her monthly report.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) receive the Secretary- Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. 2020-2021 Budget Plan - Revised

Secretary-Treasurer Morris advised Trustees that the 2020-2021 Budget Plan was revised to move the first reading of the budget to after the Ministry of Education has made its funding announcement.

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revised 2020-2021 Budget Plan, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

F. QUESTION PERIOD

None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H.1 New Business

a. Student Exclusion Reporting - Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

Moved by Trustee McNally

Seconded by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to report by category, monthly in the public Board meeting, aggregate numbers of exclusions of students with special needs outside the students' [plural] IEP and / or daily plan, including: 1. being asked to stay home 2. being sent home 3. being dropped off late and / or picked up early busing service 4. being excluded from field trips(s) 5. being sent out of the regular classroom to the resource room, sensory / isolation room, or other space.

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

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Duncan

Seconded by Trustee McNally

That the motion "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to report by category, monthly in the public Board meeting, aggregate numbers of exclusions of students with special needs outside the students' [plural] IEP and / or daily plan, including: 1. being asked to stay home 2. being sent home 3. being dropped off late and / or picked up early busing service 4. being excluded from field trips(s) 5. being sent out of the regular classroom to the resource room, sensory / isolation room, or other space" be amended to include the following "In doing so, the Superintendent will adhere to the Ministry of Education Policy on the Protection of Personal Information when Reporting on Small Populations which applies to all school, district and ministry staff responsible for reporting or otherwise publicly releasing personal information and any other organization reporting information provided by the Ministry of Education. The Policy is intended to prevent the possibility of associating statistical or aggregate data with an identifiable individual."

For (5): Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Hentze, Trustee McNally, and Trustee Paynter

Against (4): Trustee Watters, Trustee Ferris, Trustee Leonard, and Trustee Painter

Motion Carried (5 to 4)

Further discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with Chair Watters calling for the vote on the main motion as amended.

Amendment:

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For (3): Trustee Duncan, Trustee McNally, and Trustee Paynter

Against (6): Trustee Watters, Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Ferris, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Leonard, and Trustee Painter

Motion Defeated (3 to 6)

b. Bylaw 9360 Amendment - Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following change to a) Bylaw 9360 Article 5 General Meeting of the Board, b) Bylaw 9360.2 Article B.3.4. regarding the agenda of the Operations Policy and Planning Standing Committee, and c) Bylaw 9360.2 Article B.4.4. regarding the agenda of the Education Policy and Planning Standing Committee, by adding, "The Community Presentations period is limited to a maximum of six speakers, each speaking a maximum of

five minutes. In the event the named speaker on the list does not wish to speak, the speaking opportunity will be forfeited."

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a suggestion being made to refer the motion to the Policy Sub-Committee.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the following change to a) Bylaw 9360 Article 5 General Meeting of the Board, b) Bylaw 9360.2 Article B.3.4. regarding the agenda of the Operations Policy and Planning Standing Committee, and c) Bylaw 9360.2 Article B.4.4. regarding the agenda of the Education Policy and Planning Standing Committee, by adding, "The Community Presentations period is limited to a maximum of six speakers, each speaking a maximum of five minutes. In the event the named speaker on the list does not wish to speak, the speaking opportunity will be forfeited"* be referred to the Policy Sub-Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H.2 Notice of Motions

None

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer