



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

MINUTES

January 27, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

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

Trustee Regrets: Tom Ferris

Administration: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Greg Kitchen, Associate Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Lisa McPhail, Communications Officer, Vicki Hanley, Executive Assistant

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

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.

Introductions were made around the board table.

A.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the January 27, 2020 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3 Approval of the Minutes

- a. Approval of the December 16, 2019 Regular Board Minutes

Moved by Trustee Leonard

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the December 16, 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. Helena Ewald, SD61 Teacher, French Immersion

Ms. Ewald spoke to Trustees about French Immersion programming in the District and urged Trustees to add learning resources to the SD61 on line learning HUB.

- b. Laurie Cairns, SD61 Teacher, French Immersion Resources and Book Leveling

Ms. Cairns spoke to Trustees about French Immersion resources and book leveling. Ms. Cairns urged Trustees to reinstate the program used for book leveling in the District.

- c. Thomas Soulliere, Director, Parks, Recreation and Facilities, City of Victoria, UN Trees in Cities Initiatives

Mr. Soulliere spoke to Trustees about a tree planting initiative in the City of Victoria. The City is committed to planting 5,000 trees in the municipality in 2020 and challenged the school district to join the initiative.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B.1 Letter from the GVTA re education funding - November 28, 2019

A letter dated November 28, 2019 was received for information from the GVTA regarding education funding.

B.2 Letter from the GVTA re education funding - January 9, 2020

A letter dated January 9, 2020 was received for information from the GVTA regarding education funding.

B.3 Letter from the GVTA re speaking to motions

A letter was received for information from the GVTA with regards to partner groups speaking to motions at board meetings. Chair Watters indicated that the Policy Sub-Committee would be discussing.

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1 Chair's Report

Chair Watters reminded Trustees of upcoming budget plan meetings.

C.2 Trustees' Reports

a. Trustee Painter - BCSTA Trustee Representative Report

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

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D.1 Education Policy and Directions Committee

a. Minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting

The draft minutes from the January 6, 2020 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting were received for information.

b. Recommended motions from the January 6, 2020 meeting.

a. Board Authority Authorized Courses

Trustee Duncan referred to the meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked by Trustees and Partner Groups.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the new Board/Authority Authorized courses: Automotive Service Technician 12a, 12b, 12c and 12d; Professional Cook 11a, 11b, 12a and 12b; Reconnecting Youth 11; Brazilian Jiu Jitsu 10, 11 and 12; Explorations in Computers 11 and 12.

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Reading Recovery

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

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Equity Committee to make recommendations for making reading recovery available to all elementary schools in the District.

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

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

Seconded by Trustee Duncan

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Equity Committee to make recommendations for making reading recovery available to all elementary schools in the District*" be amended to read as "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Equity Committee to make recommendations around equitable learning supports in all schools including literacy, numeracy, ESL and French Immersion for reading recovery which would include all elementary schools in the District.*"

For (1): Trustee Whiteaker

Against (7): Trustee Watters, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Leonard, Trustee McNally, Trustee Painter, and Trustee Paynter

Motion Defeated (1 to 7)

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

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee McNally

Seconded by Trustee Hentze

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Equity Committee to make recommendations for making reading recovery available to all elementary schools in the District*" be amended to include the following words at the end "with the reading recovery teacher FTE salary fully funded by the District."

For (2): Trustee Hentze, and Trustee McNally

Against (6): Trustee Watters, Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Leonard, Trustee Painter, and Trustee Paynter

Motion Defeated (2 to 6)

Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion as presented.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) instruct the Equity Committee to make recommendations for making reading recovery available to all elementary schools in the District.

For (7): Trustee Watters, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Leonard, Trustee McNally, Trustee Painter, and Trustee Paynter

Against (1): Trustee Whiteaker

Motion Carried (7 to 1)

D.2 Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a. Minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting

The draft minutes from the January 20, 2020 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting were received for information.

- b. Recommended motions from the January 20, 2020 meeting.

Trustee Leonard referred to the meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motions.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the recommended motions from the January 20, 2020 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- a. BCSTA Motion - Increased Funds for Carbon Neutral Capital Program

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit the following resolution to BCSTA for the 2020 Annual General Meeting:

"That the BCSTA urge the Ministry of Environment to increase funds available through the Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) to the Ministry of Education to enable School Districts to increase investment in less carbon intensive infrastructure."

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b. BCSTA Motion - Alternative Energy Solutions

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit the following resolution to BCSTA for the 2020 Annual General Meeting:

"That BCSTA compel the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Education to collaborate to develop and implement a procurement framework/structure for all School Districts to acquire less carbon intensive technologies (i.e. solar panels) and alternative energy solutions."

Motion Carried Unanimously

c. BCSTA Motion - Early Childhood Learning

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit the following resolution to BCSTA for the 2020 Annual General Meeting:

"That BCSTA urge the government to bring Early Childhood Learning and the appropriate full funding under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education."

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1 Superintendent's Report

a. Monthly Report

Superintendent Green presented the report, highlighting various meetings and answered questions from Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Hentze

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

Superintendent Green and Deputy Superintendent Whitten responded to questions from Trustees with regards to the coronavirus and the inclusion workshop forum survey.

E.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented the report and provided a verbal update relative to two additional items. The Ministry of Education has advised that they will be conducting audits on four District schools at the end of March, and provided the list of schools. Further, the online engagement process survey has been posted on the District website. Discussion ensued amongst the

Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Morris.

Moved by Trustee Painter
Seconded by Trustee Duncan

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b. Statutory (Right of Way) for Hydro and Telus - Bylaw No. 20-01

Secretary-Treasurer Morris explained the need for the Bylaw at the Tolmie Building property. Trustees asked questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Painter
Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the granting of a Statutory Right-of-Way to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and Telus Communications Inc., for the purpose of installing services for the new Trades Training Centre located on the Tolmie Board Office property legally described as Lot 3, Section 7, Victoria District, Plan 355, PID 009-142-291.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Painter
Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw No. 20-01 at the January 27, 2020 Board meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Painter
Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Disposal (Right-of-Way) of Real Property Bylaw No. 20-01, being a bylaw to grant a Statutory Right-of-Way to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and Telus Communications Inc., on the property legally described as Lot 3, Section 7, Victoria District, Plan 355, PID 009-142-291 for the purpose of installing services for the new Trades Training Centre, be:

Read a first time the 27th day of January, 2020;

Read a second time the 27th day of January, 2020;

Read a third time, passed and adopted the 27th day of January, 2020;

And that the Chairperson and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and execute this Bylaw on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

c. George Jay Elementary - Renaming

Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided context to the options and next steps in the re-naming of George Jay Elementary School.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with a recommended motion being moved.

Moved by Trustee McNally

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) advance the name change of George Jay Elementary School, and strike a committee to that effect as per Regulation 1421 - *Naming School Sites*.

For (5): Trustee Watters, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Hentze, Trustee McNally, and Trustee Painter

Against (3): Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Leonard, and Trustee Paynter

Motion Carried (5 to 3)

F. QUESTION PERIOD

None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H.1 New Business

- a. BCSTA Motion - Funding re Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) - Trustee Whiteaker

Trustee Whiteaker presented her motion and provided a rationale.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) submit the following resolution to BCSTA for the 2020 Annual General Meeting:

"That the BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to fully fund the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) in the same manner as the Early Years Development Instrument (EDI)."

Motion Carried Unanimously

- b. Organizational Chart - Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally presented her motion and provided a rationale.

Chair Watters excused herself at 9:10 p.m. and Vice-Chair Whiteaker assumed the Chair.

Chair Watters returned at 9:12 p.m. and resumed as Chair.

Moved by Trustee McNally

Seconded by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) task the Superintendent with provision of one comprehensive District organization / reporting lines chart that includes personnel in all departments, to (but not including) the clerical support level, to be provided to the Board and posted in the

"About Us" sub-menu under the "Our District" menu before February 24, 2020.

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

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Paynter

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the motion "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) task the Superintendent with provision of one comprehensive District organization / reporting lines chart that includes personnel in all departments, to (but not including) the clerical support level, to be provided to the Board and posted in the "About Us" sub-menu under the "Our District" menu before February 24, 2020" be amended as follows "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) task the Superintendent with ensuring that all District departments create and maintain organizational/reporting charts or structured and comprehensive contact lists, post these items to the District website in a consistent manner and include contact information for key department contacts."

For (6): Trustee Watters, Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Leonard, Trustee Painter, and Trustee Paynter

Against (2): Trustee Duncan, and Trustee McNally

Motion Carried (6 to 2)

Chair Watters called for the vote on the main motion as amended.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) task the Superintendent with ensuring that all District departments create and maintain organizational/reporting charts or structured and comprehensive contact lists, post these items to the District website in a consistent manner and include contact information for key department contacts.

For (7): Trustee Watters, Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Leonard, Trustee Painter, and Trustee Paynter

Abstain (1): Trustee McNally

Motion Carried (7 to 0)

H.2 Notice of Motions

None

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer