



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

MINUTES

March 9, 2020, 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, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Lisa McPhail, Communications and Community Engagement Manager, Vicki Hanley, Executive Assistant

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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.

A.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the March 9, 2020 agenda be approved as amended with the following additions:

C.2 Trustees' Reports

a. Trustee Painter - BCSTA Trustee Representative Report

E.1 Superintendent's Report

c. Vic High Amenities

H.2. Notice of Motions

a. Trustee Painter - Vic High Seismic Project

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3 Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the February 24, 2020 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. Winona Waldron, GVTA President - Jackson Award

Ms. Waldron spoke to Trustees with respect to the Jackson Award and the implications of the restoration of contract language for teachers in the District.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

None

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1 Chair's Report

None

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 Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a. Minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting
The draft minutes from the March 2, 2020 combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning committee meeting were received for information.
- b. Recommended motion from the March 2, 2020 meeting.
Trustee Leonard referred to the meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions of clarification being asked of Superintendent Green.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) abandon Policies 4117, 4122, 4210.1, 4302, 5118.3, 5118.4, 5119.5, 5125, 5125.1;
AND FURTHER
That the Board refer Policy 5118.3 to the Superintendent for administration manual consideration.

For (7): Trustee Watters, Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Ferris, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Leonard, Trustee McNally, and Trustee Painter

Against (1): Trustee Paynter

Abstain (1): Trustee Duncan

Motion Carried (7 to 1)

D.2 Ad Hoc Committees of the Board

- a. Advocacy Committee
Associate Superintendent Roberts presented a letter drafted by the Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee with respect to requests for further

funding from the Ministry of Education. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees and stakeholder groups with questions of clarification being asked. The letter will be amended to include the suggestions that were made and will be sent to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the letter as amended for distribution to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1 Superintendent's Report

a. Monthly Report

Superintendent Green presented the report and highlighted two additional items: school field trips, spring break and the impact of COVID-19. Superintendent Green responded to questions from Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Painter

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

Secretary-Treasurer Morris responded to questions from Trustees asked with respect to low interest loans, water testing, and CUPE labour forces providing childcare in SD61. Secretary-Treasurer Morris will respond at a future meeting.

c. Vic High Amenities

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented results from the Vic High seismic visioning group's on-line public engagement survey with respect to the enhancements and amenities for the planned upgrade. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees with questions being asked of Secretary-Treasurer Morris.

Moved by Trustee Leonard
Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct staff to move forward with recommendations #1 through #5 of the Victoria High Enhancements and Amenities.

For (7): Trustee Watters, Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Ferris, Trustee Hentze, Trustee Leonard, Trustee McNally, and Trustee Painter

Against (2): Trustee Duncan, and Trustee Paynter

Motion Carried (7 to 2)

E.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented the monthly report and responded to questions from Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Leonard
Seconded by Trustee McNally

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

b. Staffing Timelines & Processes 2020-2021

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented a report on staffing timelines and processes for 2020-2021 and answered questions of clarification from Trustees.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

The following question was received:

In the past it was left to the discretion of the Chair to add speakers after the agenda is published. That has not been the recent experience. Has it changed officially? If we don't know what is on the agenda until it is published we cannot anticipate the need to speak. What is the course of action for parents?

Chair Watters answered by stating that Board meeting procedures are outlined in Bylaw 9360, *General Meetings of the Board* and at this time this bylaw is being reviewed by the Policy Sub-Committee in order to properly clarify speaking requests for meetings.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

G.1 March 2, 2020 Meeting - Trustee Sanction and Censure

Chair Watters advised that on March 2, 2020 the Board of Education voted to formally censure Trustee Diane McNally for her unauthorized disclosure of a confidential report. In addition, Trustee McNally has been suspended from attending In-Camera meetings for a period of one year and that the Board will review this after the one year period and prior to the reinstatement of this privilege.

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H.1 New Business

a. Spectrum Turf and Rink - Trustee Whiteaker

Trustee Whiteaker presented rationale for the proposed motion. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education write a letter to Saanich Parks and Recreation:

1. supporting the STAR Working Committee's task of consulting neighbours and partners in its business case research for the proposed project at Spectrum Community School;

AND FURTHER;

1. requesting Saanich Parks and Rec consider the proposed project in its feasibility study, recognizing the Board's commitment to the project is not decided.

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

Against (3): Trustee Duncan, Trustee Ferris, and Trustee Leonard

Motion Carried (6 to 3)

H.2 Notice of Motions

- a. Trustee Painter - Vic High Seismic Upgrade

Trustee Painter provided a Notice of Motion for the April 20, 2020 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting agenda.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Ferris

Seconded by Trustee Painter

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer