



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

**MINUTES**

**April 27, 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, Chuck Morris, Director, Facilities Services, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Harold Caldwell, Director of Learning, Jeff Davis, Director, International Student Program, Louise Sheffer, Director of Learning, Shelly Niemi, District Administrator, Aboriginal Nations Education, Lisa McPhail, Communications & Community Engagement Manager, Vicki Hanley, Executive Assistant

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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Leonard

That the April 27, 2020 agenda be approved with the following additions:

**C.2 Trustee Reports**

- a. Trustee McNally
- b. Trustee Painter - BCSTA Trustee Representative Report

**G.1 New Business**

- a. Trustee Painter - Vic High Seismic - Net Zero Ready Project

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.3 Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved by** Trustee Whiteaker  
**Seconded by** Trustee Leonard

That the March 9, 2020 Regular board minutes be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.4 Business Arising from the Minutes**

Trustee Duncan requested an update with respect to E.1 a. of the March 9, 2020 minutes as it relates to water testing in District facilities. Director of Facilities Services Morris advised that testing has almost been completed and a report will be posted on the District website soon providing an update.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

**B.1 Letter to Saanich Parks and Recreation re STAR**

A letter written to the Municipality of Saanich with regards to the Spectrum Turf and Rink (STAR) project was included in the agenda package for information purposes.

**C. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**C.1 Chair's Report**

Chair Watters provided an update with respect to Committee and Board meetings over the next few months.

## **C.2 Trustees' Reports**

### a. Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally provided a verbal update with respect to her meetings over the past month.

### b. Trustee Painter

Trustee Painter provided an update with respect to his role as the BCSTA Trustee Representative. The report will be posted on the District website.

## **D. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**

### **D.1 Superintendent's Report**

#### a. Monthly Report

Superintendent Green presented the report and highlighted some of the many meetings over the past month with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and answered questions from Trustees.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

**Seconded by** Trustee Whiteaker

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### b. 2020-2021 School Calendar

Associate Superintendent Kitchen advised Trustees that the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar was posted for feedback for thirty days and was reviewed prior to bringing back for final approval.

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard

**Seconded by** Trustee Whiteaker

That the following dates be approved:

## 2020/2021 School Calendar\*

School Opening	September 8, 2020
First non-instructional day	September 28, 2020
Thanksgiving	October 12, 2020
Second non-instructional day (Province wide)	October 23, 2020
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2020
Third non-instructional day	November 20, 2020
Schools close for Winter vacation	December 18, 2020
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	January 4, 2021
Fourth non-instructional day	February 12, 2021
Family Day	February 15, 2021
Schools close for Spring vacation	March 12, 2021
Schools re-open after Spring vacation	March 29, 2021
Good Friday	April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	April 5, 2021
Fifth non-instructional day	May 21, 2021
Victoria Day	May 24, 2021
Administrative Day and School Closing	June 25, 2021

\*Sixth non-instructional day to be chosen by each school

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

c. Trustee Questions

Secretary-Treasurer Morris responded to a Trustee question with respect to the posting of agendas on the website.

### **D.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented the report and highlighted specific items. Secretary-Treasurer Morris and Director of Facilities Services Morris responded to questions from Trustees with regards to the replacement of the turf at Oak Bay High School.

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard

**Seconded by** Trustee Whiteaker

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b. Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD61-01 Capital Plan 2020-21

Secretary-Treasurer Morris reviewed the 2020-2021 Capital Plan for Trustees and answered questions of clarification from Trustees.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

**Seconded by** Trustee Leonard

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings to Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD61-01 Capital Plan 2020/21 at the meeting of April 27, 2020.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Whiteaker

**Seconded by** Trustee Leonard

That Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD61-01 Capital Plan 2020/21 be:

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

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

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

and that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Board Chair be authorized to execute and seal this bylaw on behalf of the Board.

## Motion Carried Unanimously

### c. 2020-2021 Budget Update

A presentation was made by Secretary-Treasurer Morris and Trustees and stakeholders asked questions of clarification.

## E. QUESTION PERIOD

1. Will SD61 still be rolling out their 2020-21 Climate Action and Environmental Plan in June? If so, will it incorporate exploring how to make the Vic High reno climate friendly and how to aim for net-zero emissions targets in future district building renos?

2. What are the District's plans to continue the climate planning and to ensure that we have a "green recovery" from the pandemic? When will the climate plan be made available to the public? How will the District meet the necessary 7% emissions reductions this school year as per the United Nations requirement to meet a 45% reduction by 2030, which the District committed to already?

3. Will the staff please disclose previous research on energy sources for the Victoria High school renovation, and explain how all sources other than natural gas were ruled out? In light of the dire situation our planet is in, and the need for clean energy sources, can you please tell us why natural gas is the best option, as you see it?

4. Has the District explored partnering with the Capital Region Housing Corporation to share the cost of geo-exchange heating for Vic High and the proposed affordable housing development?

5. I agree you have done an amazing job of adapting to the Covid Crisis. It shows me that you are able to adapt quickly when difficult situations arise. Climate Change is one of these difficult situations and adapting our schools is a way for your to react. How are you going to address this in association with Vic High?

6. According to last memo from BC Ministry of Education, High School student's should receive 3 hours/week per course, unfortunately none of this requirement has meet for all 4 courses my child is enrolled this semester.

For this month the students have received one email from teachers usually one assignment per 2 weeks, no lecture sessions, email feedback or virtual face to

face meeting teacher-student is been offered to students, as parents we are extremely frustrated: is this the new approach for online education?

## **F. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

### **F.1 Motion from March 9, 2020 In-Camera Meeting**

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the appropriation of \$846,343 from the Local Capital Reserve for the following capital projects:

Victor School Abatement: \$200,000

George Jay Portable: \$250,000

Sundance Bank K Cohort Start-up: \$231,343

Tolmie Manufacturing Construction: \$165,000

## **G. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **G.1 New Business**

- a. Trustee Painter - Vic High Seismic - Net Zero Ready Project

Trustee Painter presented the motion and his rationale. Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter

**Seconded by** Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct staff to analyze options to direct capital funding for making the Vic-High seismic project a net-zero ready project.

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

Against (5): Trustee Watters, Trustee Whiteaker, Trustee Ferris, Trustee Hentze, and Trustee Leonard

**Motion Defeated (3 to 5)**

### **G.2 Notice of Motions**

None

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

**Moved by** Trustee Painter  
**Seconded by** Trustee Leonard  
That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer