



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

MINUTES

December 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

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

Administration: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Deb Whitten, Deputy Superintendent, Colin Roberts, Associate Superintendent, Harold Caldwell, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Lisa McPhail, Communications and Community Engagement Manager, Vicki Hanley, Recorder

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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.

Chair Watters provided the email address for agenda item F. Question Period.

A.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Ferris

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the December 14, 2020 agenda be approved with the following additions:

C.2 Trustees' Reports

b. Trustee McNally

c. Trustee Painter

G. Public Disclosure of In-Camera Items

G.3 Proposed CSF/Braefoot Land Lease and Modular School Build

G.4 Victoria High School Neighbourhood Learning Centre Pursuits

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3 Approval of the Minutes

Trustee Duncan requested that the November 23, 2020 minutes be amended under item G.4 SJ Burnside Upgrade Project, to reflect and include the date these motions were passed as June 24, 2019.

Moved by Trustee Duncan

Seconded by Trustee Leonard

That the November 23, 2020 minutes be approved as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4 Business Arising from the Minutes

Trustee Whiteaker requested a follow up to item A.5 of the November 23, 2020 minutes with respect to a report on the surveillance at the Victoria High School seismic upgrade project. Secretary-Treasurer Morris advised that staff was working through the regulation and will report further at the January 11, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee agenda.

Trustee Whiteaker further requested to know if there has been follow up with regards to item B.4 of the November 23, 2020 minutes.

Superintendent Green advised that she had followed up with VCPAC with respect to their letter of November 18, 2020 and will speak further to this at her Superintendent Report.

Trustee Duncan requested follow up with regards to agenda item G.1 of the November 23, 2020 minutes and the Section 72 Report. Secretary-

Treasurer Morris advised that she had sought advice from the BC School Trustees' Association but had not had a response to date.

A.5 Student Achievement

a. Quadra Elementary School

Connor McCoy, Principal of Quadra Elementary School, shared a presentation with respect to collaboration around curriculum and common formative assessments to ensure high levels of learning for all students. Principal McCoy explained how this work aligns with the District Strategic Plan and how staff and students are navigating implementing the plan during the COVID pandemic.

Chair Watters thanked Principal McCoy for the presentation.

A.6 District Presentations

a. Student Engagement: COVID-19 School Start-Up

Lisa McPhail, Communications and Community Engagement Manager, along with student representatives, Annika from Victoria High School and Lassah from Esquimalt High School, presented data collected from a ThoughtExchange conducted with District high school students regarding school start up as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chair Watters thanked Ms. McPhail and the students for the presentation.

A.7 Community Presentations

a. Sean Rumble, Teacher, Rockheights Middle School

Mr. Rumble spoke about Diversity in the District as it relates to ethnicity of current employees and implementing a policy on future hiring practices.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B.1 November 10, 2020, SD72 to Minister of Education, FSA Testing

B.2 November 23, 2020, CUPE 947 to SD61, Child Care Spaces in District

B.3 December 1, 2020, SD61 to Minister of Education, Cancellation 2020-2021 FSA

B.4 December 1, 2020, SD61 to Minister of Education, MyEd Student Information System: Gender

B.5 December 9, 2020, SD61 to South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association, Bank Street School

B.6 December 9, 2020, VCPAC to SD61, PAC Concerns

Trustee Duncan requested to know if a response had been sent to VCPAC with respect to their December 9, 2020 letter. Chair Watters advised that it will be discussed further under the Superintendent's Report.

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1 Chair's Report

a. December Report

Chair Watters presented her report for information.

b. Annual Workplan: January

Chair Watters referred to the Board Workplan and highlighted January for information.

c. Standing Committee Chair Elections

Chair Watters advised that the two Standing Committees would remain the same with four Trustees assigned to each and herself ex-officio at both. The Trustees assigned to the Education Policy and Directions Committee are Trustees Duncan, Ferris, McNally and Painter. The Trustees assigned to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee are Trustees Hentze, Leonard, Paynter and Whiteaker.

a. Education Policy and Directions Committee

Chair Watters explained the process for voting for the Chair of the Education Policy and Directions Committee and requested that the assigned members text their nomination to the scrutineers, Secretary-Treasurer Morris and Deputy Superintendent Whitten.

Nominations were received for Trustees Duncan and Painter.

Trustees Duncan and Painter both accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was taken and Chair Watters declared Trustee

Painter to be the Chair of the Education Policy and Directions Committee.

b. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

Chair Watters called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Operations Policy and Planning Committee.

Nominations were received for Trustees Hentze, Leonard and Paynter.

Trustees Hentze and Paynter declined the nomination and Trustee Leonard accepted.

Chair Watters declared Trustee Leonard to be the Chair of the Operations Policy and Planning Committee by acclamation.

d. Trustee Standing Committee Assignments

Chair Watters presented the Trustee Committee assignments for 2021.

C.2 Trustees' Reports

a. Trustee Hentze

Trustee Hentze presented her report and highlighted the BCSTA Trustee Academy that she attended.

b. Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally provided a verbal report with regards to her assignment to the Indigenous Nations Education Council. The report will be posted to the District website.

c. Trustee Painter

Trustee Painter provided a BCSTA Trustee Representative Report. The report will be posted to the District website.

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D.1 Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee

a. Draft combined minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting

The draft minutes from the December 7, 2020 combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting were presented for information.

- b. Recommended motion from the December 7, 2020 meeting
 - a. 2021-2022 Budget Process

Trustee Leonard referred to the December 7, 2020 meeting minutes and presented the following recommended motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2021-2022 Budget Process as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1 Superintendent's Report

- a. Monthly Report

Superintendent Green presented the report and highlighted a few of the school visits that she has made and advised that the newest set of administrative procedures are close to completion with January being the target date. Trustee McNally requested an update with respect to the remediation at Victor School. Superintendent Green advised that it has been completed.

Moved by Trustee Leonard
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. VCPAC Letter of November 18, 2020

Superintendent Green advised Trustees that she has shared VCPAC's November 18, 2020 letter with Principals as some of the issues mentioned directly involve schools. Superintendent Green stated that she requested Principals to add this as an agenda item

for their next meetings with their school PAC's and report back to her with outcomes, which she in turn will share with the Board.

c. Trustee Questions

Trustee Whiteaker stated that it was her understanding that the Chair was going to respond to the November 18, 2020 letter from VCPAC when it was received and suggested that a response be sent to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

Seconded by Trustee Leonard

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to respond to the November 28, 2020 letter received from VCPAC;

AND FURTHER

That the letter contain answers to questions that can be answered now and advise that further information will be provided when it is available.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Superintendent Green responded to further questions from Trustees with respect to District Shops Audit Report, video surveillance as it relates to the Victoria High School seismic project, Trustee expenses, Victoria High School track and school space issues and data.

E.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented the report and highlighted the installation of solar panels at Torquay Elementary and the application for funding via the Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program. If successful, the funding would be used to reduce crime due to vandalism at South Park Elementary and SJ Burnside.

Moved by Trustee McNally

Seconded by Trustee Duncan

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

F. QUESTION PERIOD

Q. The school shop audit reports included in the combined Education Policy and Directions and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting on December 7, 2020 indicate that shops in our District are not safe educational places for our students. How is it that shop classes continue to be held in unsafe educational spaces? What is the immediate plan for remedying the safety issues outlined in the audit reports?

A. Chair Watters advised that this issue will be discussed and these questions will be addressed during the January 11, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting as the Shop Audit Findings and Status Report will be on the agenda.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

G.1 Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting - November 23, 2020

G.2 Record of In-Camera Board of Education Meeting - November 23, 2020

G.3 Proposed CSF / Braefoot Land Lease and Modular Build

The following motion was voted on at the December 14, 2020 In-Camera Board of Education meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) release to the public the proposed CSF Braefoot land lease and modular school build at the December 14, 2020 Regular Board of Education meeting.

G.4 Victoria High School Neighbourhood Learning Centre Pursuits

The following motion was voted on at the December 14, 2020 In-Camera Board of Education meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) release into the public at the December 14, 2020 Board of Education meeting, the plans for the Victoria High School Neighbourhood Learning Centre, as follows:

- *Child Care*

- *Inter-Cultural Association (ICA) office and combined meeting/classroom space*
- *Multi-Purpose Room enhanced servery space*
- *Enhancements to rooftop classroom/astronomy space with Indigenous learning elements*
- *Artificial turf field, in partnership with Bays United Football Club, City of Victoria, and the Victoria High School Alumni Association*

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H.1 New Business

- a. Before and After School Care - Trustee McNally

Trustee McNally presented the motion and rationale.

Trustee Painter advised that he would be recusing himself from discussion and would be abstaining from voting on the following motion due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest.

Moved by Trustee McNally

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to staff early child care / child care before and after school programs with first consideration to CUPE 947 members who apply for the positions.

AND FURTHER,

That CUPE 947 EAs immediately / as soon as possible be offered the positions at their current hourly wage before wide advertisement or SD61 staff contracting with other community provider(s).

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

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Duncan

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to staff early child care / child care before and after school programs with first consideration to CUPE 947 members who apply for the positions.*

AND FURTHER,

That CUPE 947 EAs immediately / as soon as possible be offered the positions at their current hourly wage before wide advertisement or SD61 staff contracting with other community provider(s)" be postponed to the March 29, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

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

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Leonard

Seconded by Trustee Ferris

That the motion "That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to staff early child care / child care before and after school programs with first consideration to CUPE 947 members who apply for the positions.

AND FURTHER,

That CUPE 947 EAs immediately / as soon as possible be offered the positions at their current hourly wage before wide advertisement or SD61 staff contracting with other community provider(s)" be amended to strike the March 29, 2021 Board meeting and replace with "be referred until more information is received from the Minister of Education with respect to child care as it relates to K-12 education and the ramifications of the changes."

For (2): Trustee Leonard, and Trustee Ferris

Against (6): Trustee Watters, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Hentze, Trustee McNally, Trustee Paynter, and Trustee Whiteaker

Abstain (1): Trustee Painter

Motion Defeated (2 to 6)

Further discussion ensued with a recommendation being made to postpone the motion to the March Operations meeting.

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Leonard

Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to staff early child care / child care before and after school programs with first consideration to CUPE 947 members who apply for the positions.*"

AND FURTHER,

That CUPE 947 EAs immediately / as soon as possible be offered the positions at their current hourly wage before wide advertisement or SD61 staff contracting with other community provider(s)" be postponed to the March 8, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

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

Abstain (1): Trustee Painter

Motion Carried (8 to 0)

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

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to staff early child care / child care before and after school programs with first consideration to CUPE 947 members who apply for the positions.*"

AND FURTHER,

That CUPE 947 EAs immediately / as soon as possible be offered the positions at their current hourly wage before wide advertisement or SD61 staff contracting with other community provider(s)" be postponed to the March 8, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

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

Abstain (1): Trustee Painter

Motion Carried (8 to 0)

H.2 Notice of Motions

None

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Painter

Seconded by Trustee Paynter

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer