



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

**Monday, November 22, 2021, 7:30 p.m.**

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

Administration: Deb Whitten, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Colin Roberts, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Harold Caldwell, Associate Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Lisa McPhail, Communications and Community Engagement Manager, Chuck Morris, Director, Facilities Services, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Associate Director, Facilities Services, Kelly Gorman, Recorder

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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

**A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories**

Chair Whiteaker recognized and acknowledge 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 McNally

That the November 22, 2021 agenda be approved with removal of the following:

**H.1. New Business**

- a. Zoom Technology and Community Participation.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

That the November 22, 2021 agenda be approved, as amended.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Secretary-Treasurer Morris explained that she would preside as Chair until after agenda item A.3.b. Election of Chair.

**A.3. Trustee Elections**

a. Election of Chair

Secretary-Treasurer Morris called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Education for the term to November 2022.

Nominations were received for Trustees Painter and Whiteaker.

Trustees Painter and Whiteaker accepted the nomination.

A ballot vote via text to Secretary-Treasurer Morris and Interim Superintendent Whitten was taken and Trustee Painter was declared elected as the Chair of the Board of Education.

Chair Painter thanked Trustees for trusting him to lead the Board as its Chair and thanked Chair Whiteaker for her work.

*Secretary-Treasurer Morris passed the gavel to Chair Painter*

b. Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Painter called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for the term to November 2022.

Nominations were received for Trustees Paynter and Ferris. Trustee Ferris accepted the nomination and Trustee Paynter declined. Chair Painter declared Trustee Ferris the Vice-Chair of the Board of Education by acclamation.

c. Election of British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Representative

Chair Painter called for nominations for the position of British Columbia School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative for the period ending November 2022.

Nominations were received for Trustees Ferris and Paynter. Trustee Ferris declined the nomination and Trustee Paynter accepted.

Chair Painter declared Trustee Paynter the representative to BCPSEA by acclamation.

d. Election of British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Councilor

Chair Painter called for nominations for the position of British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) representative for the period to November 2022.

A Nomination was received for Trustee Watters. Trustee Watters accepted the nomination.

Chair Painter declared Trustee Watters the representative to BCSTA by acclamation.

e. Motion to Destroy Election Ballots/Text Messages

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard  
**Seconded by** Trustee Ferris

That the election ballots received by text message to Secretary-Treasurer Morris and Interim Superintendent Whitten be destroyed.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.4. Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard  
**Seconded by** Trustee Ferris

That the October 25, 2021 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan  
**Seconded by** Trustee Whiteaker

That the October 25, 2021 Regular Board Minutes be approved with the following amendment.

A.4. Business Arising from the Minutes

...on August 8, 2021 Trustee Duncan requested an explanation of what led up to the resignations of the Chair and Vice Chair and was told that an agenda item was not planned but the Chair indicated that at the next special Board meeting Trustees would be invited to speak to it.

For: Trustees Duncan and Whiteaker  
Against: Trustees Painter, Hentze, Watters, Ferris, Leonard  
Abstain: Trustees Paynter and McNally

**Motion Defeated (2 to 5)**

Chair Painter called for the vote on the main motion.

That the October 25, 2021 Regular Board Minutes be approved.

For: Trustees Painter, Hentze, Watters, Ferris, Leonard, Whiteaker

Against: Trustee Duncan

Abstain: Trustees Paynter and McNally

**Motion Carried (6-1)**

**A.5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

**A.6. Student Achievement**

None

**A.7. District Presentations**

None

**A.8. Community Presentations**

a. Childcare in Schools

David Fleming, CUPE BC, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about childcare in schools.

b. Land Disposal

Soren Henrich, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the proposed disposal and sale of land at Lansdowne Middle School, South Campus.

c. Land Disposal

Andrea Gleichauf, attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about the proposed disposal and sale of land at Lansdowne Middle School, South Campus.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

**B.1. October 13, 2021, SD69 to Minister of Education, Funding for Electric buses**

**B.2. October 18, 2021, SD5 to Minister of Education, Safe Routes to Schools**

**B.3. October 18, 2021, SD5 to Minister of Education, Teacher Regulation Branch**

**B.4. October 18, 2021, SD5 to BCSTA, School Life Cycle Funding**

- B.5. October 22, 2021, SD23 to Premier, MOE, MOH, PHO, Vaccination Mandates**
- B.6. October 26, 2021, BCSTA to CERBC Team, Climate Education Reform in BC**
- B.7. November 4, 2021, CRD to SD61 Board Chair, Bowker Creek**
- B.8. November 17, 2021, Jonathan Faerber to SD61 Trustees, Budget 2021-2022**
- B.9. November 17, 2021, Greater Victoria Teachers' Association to SD61 Trustees, Provincial Funding Formula / Model**

## **C. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **C.1. Chair's Report**

- a. Chair's Report

Chair Painter invited former Chair Whiteaker to present her Chair's report. Trustee Whiteaker presented the report and provided highlights.

- b. Annual Workplan: December 2021

The plan was provided.

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

- a. Trustee Duncan

Trustee Duncan provided a verbal report and spoke to her concern regarding Bill 22 which is currently before the BC legislature promoting amendments to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Trustee Duncan encouraged the learning community to join in voicing their concerns about Bill 22 by writing to the Premier, the local MLA, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Citizen Services.

- b. Trustee Paynter

Trustee Paynter expressed thanks to his colleagues during his absence.

## **D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **D.1. Education Policy and Directions Committee**

- a. The draft minutes from the November 1, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting were presented for information.

### **D.2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee**

- a. The draft minutes from the November 8, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting were presented for information.
- b. Recommended motion from the November 8, 2021 meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to create a rotating schedule of Trustees to be invited to participate in Chair's Superintendent's weekly meetings for the duration of this Board's term.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **D.3. Audit Committee**

- a. Audit Committee Report – November 8, 2021

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the September 30, 2021 Quarterly Financial Report as presented to the Audit Committee.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**

### **E.1. Interim Superintendent's Report**

- a. Monthly Report

Interim Superintendent Whitten provided the report and highlighted an expression of gratitude to the staff at George Jay for their support of students as written by Grace Lore, MLA Victoria-Beacon Hill. Thank you to all schools who participated in the No Stone Left Alone ceremonies for Remembrance Day. Lambrick Park had youth category winners in the Saanich environmental awards. Special thanks to all facilities staff for their support during recent storms. Wishing Marne Jensen well as she moves on to BCPSEA as a Director of Labour Relations. Gratitude and thanks to Jillian Den Otter-Minter and Tammy Sherstobitoff in all of their work in relation to retention and recruitment for Educational Assistants.

**Moved by** Trustee Whiteaker  
**Seconded by** Trustee Watters

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b. Trustee Questions  
None

## E.2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

### a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided the report and highlights. The Budget Advisory Committee had its first meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The next Budget Advisory Committee meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Secretary-Treasurer Morris gave thanks to the over 60 attendees who came to the Talking Tables meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Morris proposed that the 2023-2033 budget student symposium move from December 2021 to January 2022 to allow the format to change from online to in-person.

**Moved by** Trustee Whiteaker  
**Seconded by** Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend the 2022-2023 budget process to change the Student Symposium from December 2021 to January 2022.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Hentze  
**Seconded by** Trustee Ferris

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 Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD61-03

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented the Bylaw and explained that this was the third bylaw related to the 2021-2022 capital plan to recognize additional bus electrification funding from the Ministry.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD61-03.

WHEREAS in accordance with section 142 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) (hereinafter called the "Board") has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the "Minister") and the Minister has approved the capital plan or has approved a capital plan with modifications,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 143 of the School Act, the Board has prepared this Capital Bylaw and agrees to do the following:

(a) Authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to execute a capital project funding

agreement(s) related to the capital project(s) contemplated by the capital plan or the capital plan with modifications;

(b) Upon ministerial approval to proceed, commence the capital project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each capital project substantially as directed by the Minister;

(c) Observe and comply with any order, regulation, or policy of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the capital project(s); and,

(d) Maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the capital project(s), as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2021/22 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated October 22, 2021, is hereby adopted.

2. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Capital Bylaw No.2021/22-CPSD61-03.

**Moved by** unanimous consent from the Board.

Read a first time this 22 day of November, 2021.

Read a second time this 22 day of November, 2021.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard

**Seconded by** Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) CAPITAL BYLAW NO. 2021/22-CPSD61- 03 at the November 22, 2021 Board Meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Watters

**Seconded by** Trustee Ferris

Read a third time this 22 day of November, 2021, and finally passed and adopted the 22 day of November, 2021.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

c. Cedar Hill Middle School: Net Zero Business Case

Secretary-Treasurer Morris thanked Associate Director of Facilities Marni Vistisen-Harwood for the technical aspects of the report. Three options have been provided for Board consideration. Secretary-Treasurer Morris stated that



advocacy should be undertaken with BC Hydro and government to ensure effective climate change options for new builds. Secretary-Treasurer Morris, Associate Director of Facilities Marni Vistisen-Harwood and Curt Hepting, EnerSys President & Senior Energy Engineer, the energy modeler for KMBR Architects on the Cedar Hill project, answered questions of clarification.

**Moved by** Trustee Whiteaker  
**Seconded by** Trustee Watters

That the motion "Be it resolved that the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the superintendent to direct staff to determine the cost of incorporating net zero into the design of new Cedar Hill Middle School;

AND FURTHER

That staff report the cost, including business case, back to the Board by November 2021 for Board approval to consider the funds for the net zero design." be referred to the December 6, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- d. Budget Advisory Committee DRAFT November 15, 2021 Minutes

The draft minutes from the November 15, 2021 Budget Advisory Committee meeting were presented for information.

- e. Budget Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Secretary-Treasurer Morris explained that no changes had been received from Committee members on the google doc and that a revised draft would be provided to the next Budget Advisory Committee meeting based on the Committee's November discussions.

- f. Bylaw 9130, Standing Committees

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter  
**Seconded by** Trustee McNally

That the motion "*That revised Bylaw 9130, Standing Committees be: Read a third time, passed and adopted, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.*" be tabled.

For: Trustees Paynter, Whiteaker, Duncan, McNally

Against: Trustees Painter, Hentze, Watters, Ferris, Leonard

**Motion Defeated (4 to 5)**

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter  
**Seconded by** Trustee McNally

That revised Bylaw 9130, Standing Committees be:  
Read a third time, passed and adopted, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

For: Trustees Painter, Hentze, Watters, Ferris, Leonard  
Against: Trustees Paynter, Whiteaker, Duncan, McNally

**Motion Carried (5 to 4)**

- g. Bylaw 9130.1, The Education Policy and Directions Committee

Trustees debated the motion.

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard  
**Seconded by** Trustee Hentze

That revised Bylaw 9130.1, The Education Policy and Directions Committee be:  
Read a third time, passed and adopted, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

For: Trustees Painter, Hentze, Watters, Ferris, Leonard  
Against: Trustees Paynter, Whiteaker, Duncan, McNally

**Motion Carried (5 to 4)**

- h. Bylaw 9130.2, The Operations Policy and Planning Committee

Trustees debated the motion.

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard  
**Seconded by** Trustee Hentze

That revised Bylaw 9130.2, The Operations Policy and Planning Committee be:  
Read a third time, passed and adopted, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

For: Trustees Painter, Hentze, Watters, Ferris, Leonard  
Against: Trustees Paynter, Whiteaker, Duncan, McNally

**Motion Carried (5 to 4)**

## **F. QUESTION PERIOD**

Q. Could Chair Painter please detail the work he has done since May 17, 2021 to review internalized and systemic racism and unconscious bias, as well as to repair his relationship with the Four Houses?

A. Chair Painter stated that he did not want to be performative in his answer. The work the Board is doing is ongoing. As Board Chair the work to repair Rightsholder relationships is crucial.

Q. Will the former Chair and Vice-Chair have an opportunity to update their Board on their resignations at the next board of education meeting? Why hasn't the board provided the public with any information regarding the former board chair or vice chair's resignations?

A. Chair Painter responded that the reasons were personal to the two individuals and they would disclose as they saw fit.

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

**G.1.** Record of In-Camera Board of Education Meeting – October 25, 2021

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

### **H.1. New Business**

None

### **H.2. Notice of Motion**

Trustee Whiteaker advised that she would be bringing back the Childcare motion *“That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) re-affirm their endorsement of the \$10 a day Childcare Plan including the inclusion of early learning and childcare being brought under the Ministry of Education and that a letter be written to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development urging this change and the necessary capital investment to create childcare space on school district property with the announced \$7.5 billion Federal funding.”* to the December 6, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting.

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

**Moved by** Trustee Leonard

**Seconded by** Trustee Duncan

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer