



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Combined Operations Policy and Planning and
Education Policy and Directions Committees
REGULAR MINUTES**

Monday, December 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Elaine Leonard (Chair – Operations Policy and Planning), Tom Ferris (Chair – Education Policy and Directions) Angie Hentze, Nicole Duncan, Rob Paynter, Jordan Watters, Ryan Painter, Ann Whiteaker

Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally

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, Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Associate Director Facilities Services, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Kelly Gorman, Recorder

Stakeholders: Angela Carmichael, President, VCPAC, Lena Palermo, Pro-D Chair, GVTA, Jane Massy, President, CUPE 947

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Leonard 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 Combined Operations Policy and Planning and Education Policy and Directions Committees meeting agenda

Moved By Trustee Duncan

That the December 6, 2021 agenda be approved.

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

Against (1): Trustee Paynter

Motion Carried

B. OPERATIONS POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

B.1. Approval of the Minutes

Moved By Trustee Painter

That the November 8, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Trustee Duncan requested additional wording for item H.2.

Moved By Trustee Whiteaker

That the motion "*That the November 8, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved.*" be postponed to the January 17, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting to review additional wording for accuracy.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B.2. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

C. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

C.1. Cedar Hill Middle School

Kate Lawes presented to the Committee as a member of Parents for Climate in Victoria advocating for Cedar Hill Middle School to be a zero emissions school.

C.2. Cedar Hill Middle School

Finn Kreischer, community member, presented in support of a zero emissions school for Cedar Hill Middle School.

C.3. Cedar Hill Middle School

Dave Mills presented as a member of Dogwood and advocated for a zero emissions school at Cedar Hill.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

D.1. Recognition of Student Representatives

Interim Superintendent Whitten thanked Sadie Schneider and Isabella Miskiewicz from Esquimalt Secondary School.

E. PERSONNEL ITEMS

None

F. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

F.1. Policy

i Draft Policy 3170, Operating Surplus

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented Draft Policy 3170, Operating Surplus, and stated that this is in alignment with the new Ministry Policy. Trustees debated the motion.

Moved by Trustee Watters

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve Draft Policy 3170, Operating Surplus, as presented with one amendment: change “are” to “have been” in 2.1 of the draft policy.

Trustees and Stakeholders discussed the Draft Policy.

By consensus the Committee removed “in priority order” from 3.2 of the draft policy.

The Committee requested the policy go out for consultation.

Trustee Watters withdrew the main motion to approve the policy.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Secretary-Treasurer to put Draft Policy 3170, Operating Surplus out for

consultation and refer it to the January 17, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

ii **Bylaw 9330.1, *Appeals Process***

Interim Superintendent Whitten presented Bylaw 9330.1, *Appeals Process*.

Moved by Trustee Ferris

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve Bylaw 9330.1, *Appeals Process*.

Trustees discussed the motion and made revisions relative to the review process, reporting to the Board, role of sub-committee, links to a contact and sample forms and right of appeal to the ombudsperson and Superintendent of appeals.

Moved by Trustee Leonard

That the motion “That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve Bylaw 9330.1, *Appeals Process*.” be updated based on the Committee’s discussion and referred to the December 13, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

iii **Whistleblower Policy**

Trustees Duncan presented the draft policy.

Trustees and Stakeholder discussed the policy. Trustees Leonard and Duncan agreed to meet and bring a revised version to the January 17, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Due to time, by consensus the Committee referred the following agenda items to the January 17, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting:

F.2. Monthly Financial Report: November 2021

F.3. Budget Change Report: November 2021

G.1. SJ Burnside Upgrade Project: Phase 2 Report

G.2. Operations Update: December 2021

G.3. Victoria High School Seismic Project Update

F.4. Cedar Hill Middle School: Net Zero Business Case

Trustees discussed net zero and zero emissions schools and the presenters' information and requested staff to come back with more information.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) promote Bundle 2 - Net Zero Energy Ready with a 100kW PV array at a cost of \$538,375 for the following reasons:*

- *Bundle 3 – NZER with 272kW PV Solar Array is not feasible with BC Hydro's current net metering regulatory constraint of 100kW.*
- *Less capital costs than Bundle 3 – NZER with a 272kW PV Solar Array*
- *Achievable now without relying on changes from BC Hydro which are not guaranteed."* be referred to the December 13, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) advocate for BC Hydro to lift the 100kW net metering cap by advocating directly with BC Hydro and through BCSTA to BC Hydro, Minister of Education, Minister of Finance, Minister of Environment and Clean BC.

Motion Carried Unanimously

G. FACILITIES PLANNING

G.1, G.2 and G.3 were referred to the January 17, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee of the Whole meeting.

H. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1. School Shops

Trustee Duncan provided rationale for the motion.

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide monthly progress reports at the Operations, Policy and Planning Standing Committee which specifies what actions and remediation's are planned, and what actions and remediation's have been completed that month in relation to the outstanding school shop health and safety issues identified in the school shop health and safety audits from 2016 and 2017. The reporting is to continue until all the outstanding actions and remediation's identified in the school shop health and safety audits have been completed.

Amendment:

Moved by Trustee Watters

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide monthly **progress** reports at the Operations, Policy and Planning Standing Committee ~~which specifies what actions and remediation's are planned, and what actions and remediation's have been completed that month~~ in relation to the outstanding school shop health and safety issues identified in the school shop health and safety audits from 2016 and 2017. ~~The reporting is to continue until all the outstanding actions and remediation's identified in the school shop health and safety audits have been completed.~~

Motion Carried Unanimously

Main Motion as Amended:

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to provide monthly progress reports at the Operations, Policy and Planning Standing Committee in relation to the outstanding school shop health and safety issues identified in the school shop health and safety audits from 2016 and 2017.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I.2. Climate Action

Trustee Duncan provided rationale for the motions.

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to the Premier of British Columbia, Minister of Education, Minister of Finance and Minister of Environment and Climate Change to request that they closely collaborate to address the misalignment between provincial obligations to address the climate emergency by reducing GHG emissions in line with CleanBC and the Climate Accountability Act and the current school district capital funding gaps which result from: a) the provincial capital funding cost sharing model; and b) the difference

between the actual capital costs associated with a “net zero” building and the current so called “net zero ready” capital funding standard applied to both building and renovating school district buildings. As noted by other school boards the decision to build to a net zero standard resides with the local school board resulting in the local school board having to identify the additional funding.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) write a letter to the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance to request that, going forward, the level of funding for bus replacement be set at the cost of the purchase price for electric buses;

AND FURTHER

That the Board understands that the Ministry sets the schedule of bus replacement based on age and mileage of the vehicle and that the funding standard is applied against the cost of a diesel or gas-driven vehicle.

Motion Carried Unanimously

J. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

K. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

L. EDUCATION POLICY AND DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

L.1. Approval of the Minutes

Moved By Trustee Watters

That the November 1, 2021 Education Policy and Directions Committee meeting minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

L.2. Business Arising from Minutes

None

M. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

M.1. International Education Annual Report

Director Davis presented the report. Year one of rebuild to return to pre-COVID enrolment levels is positive, but uncertainty for 2021-2022 and beyond remains. Goals for this year are to strengthen proactive health and wellness supports as well as utilize *Framework for Enhancing Student Learning* data to support International Students. Questions of clarification were asked.

M.2. Anaphylaxis Quality Review

District Principal McCartney presented the report. Questions of clarification were asked.

N. NEW BUSINESS

N.1. \$10 a Day Childcare Plan

Trustee Whiteaker provided rationale for the motion.

Moved by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) re-affirm its endorsement of the \$10 a day Childcare Plan including the inclusion of early learning and childcare being brought under the Ministry of Education; AND FURTHER that the Chair write a letter to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development urging this change and the necessary capital investment and on-going operating funding to create childcare space on school district property with the announced \$7.5 billion Federal funding.

Motion Carried Unanimously

N.2. Letters of Support

Trustee Painter provided rationale for the motion.

Moved by Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to write letters of support to Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Fraser-Cascade and Nicola- Similkameen School Districts affected by the recent floods, landslides, and road closures.

Motion Carried Unanimously

O. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

P. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Ferris

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:23p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

