



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

Special Board Budget Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

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

Trustees Suspended: Diane McNally, Rob Paynter

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, Julie Lutner, Director of Finance, Budgets & Financial Reporting, Chuck Morris, Director, Facilities Services, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

A.1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Painter 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

Trustee Whiteaker asked for clarification of the authority used by the Board to suspend Trustees McNally and Paynter, as announced in the media release of February 11, 2022.

Trustee Duncan requested that an item be added to the agenda under C.1. New Business.

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

Add a motion to the agenda at C.1. New Business, Letter to Community regarding suspension of two Trustees

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Duncan, Hentze, Painter, Whiteaker
Against: Trustees Ferris, Leonard

Moved By Trustee Ferris
Seconded By Trustee Leonard

That the February 22, 2022 Special Board Budget agenda be approved, as amended.

Motion Carried

For: Trustees Duncan, Ferris, Hentze, Painter, Whiteaker
Against: Leonard

B. 2021-2022 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET

B.1. Amended Budget Bylaw Readings

Secretary-Treasurer Morris advised Trustees that this meeting is to receive updated information as it relates to the 2021-2022 Budget since the reading of the bylaw on June 3, 2021 and is a requirement to be submitted to the Ministry of Education each year by their deadline of February 28, 2022.

Associate Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided a high level overview of the amended budget and answered questions of clarification from Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Leonard
Seconded by Trustee Ferris

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$272,964,571 be:

Read a first time the 22nd day of February, 2022.

Motion Carried

Trustee Duncan moved an amendment to table.

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) table the readings of the 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw until the February 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Defeated

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

Chair Painter called for the vote on the main motion as presented.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$272,964,571 be:

Read a first time the 22nd day of February, 2022.

Motion Carried

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

Moved by Trustee Leonard
Seconded by Trustee Ferris

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$272,964,571 be:

Read a second time the 22nd day of February, 2022.

Motion Carried

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

Moved by Trustee Leonard
Moved by Trustee Watters

Motion must be carried unanimously in order to carry on to the third reading.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of the 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw at the meeting of February 22, 2022.

Motion Defeated

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

Chair Painter advised that the third reading will be placed on the February 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting agenda.

Secretary-treasurer Morris expressed gratitude to Associate Secretary-Treasurer Stride and Director of Finance Lutner for their work on the Annual Amended Budget.

B.2. Business Arising from the Budget Bylaw

None

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1. Trustee Duncan – Letter to Learning Community

Trustee Duncan provided rationale for the motion.

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct Chair Painter to write to the Learning Community, Stakeholders, Rights Holders, and the Minister of Education explaining the authority relied upon to support its decision to suspend 2 of the 9 Trustees elected in October 2018.

Discussion ensued amongst Trustees with a suggestion being made to refer the motion to the February Board meeting.

Moved by Trustee Leonard
Seconded by Trustee Watters

That the motion "*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write to the Learning Community, Stakeholders, Rights Holders, and the Minister of Education explaining the authority relied upon to support its decision to suspend 2/9 Trustees elected in October 2018*" be referred to the February 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried

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

D. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Moved By Trustee Leonard
Seconded By Trustee Ferris

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer