



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Operations Policy and Planning Committee of the Whole

Regular Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Broadcasted via YouTube <https://bit.ly/3czx8bA>

Trustees Present: Elaine Leonard (Chair), Ryan Painter, Angie Hentze, Jordan Watters, Tom Ferris(7:21p.m.), Nicole Duncan, Anne 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, Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities Services, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Associate Director Facilities Services, Andy Canty, Director, Information Technology for Learning, Lisa McPhail, Manager, Communications and Community Engagement, Kelly Gorman, Recorder

Stakeholders: Connor McCoy, President, VPVPA

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 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

That the May 9, 2022 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved By Trustee Watters

That the April 11, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes be approved, as amended.

C.1. add “and made suggestions to change language in Policy 5132, Student Dress Code to better reflect desired outcomes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

B. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

None.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

C.1. Staffing Update

District Principal Sherstobitoff provided an update on staffing.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation, questions of clarification were asked.

D. PERSONNEL ITEMS

None.

E. FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

E.1. Middle and Secondary Enrollment Report

Interim Deputy Superintendent Roberts provided the Middle and Secondary Enrollment report as a follow up to last meeting.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation, questions of clarification were asked.

E.2. Monthly Financial Report: April 2022

Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided the report for information noting due to month end processing timing in April 2021, that the April 2022 comparison in the report is March 2021.

Trustees provided thanks for the presentation, questions of clarification were asked.

E.3. New Policy XXXX Whistleblower

Trustees discussed new Policy XXXX *Whistleblower* and provided changes to be reflected in the version presented at the May 30, 2022 Board meeting.

Moved By Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve new Policy XXXX *Whistleblower*.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E.4. Policy 8251 Revision – Trustees’ Code of Conduct

Trustees discussed suggested revisions to Policy 8251, *Trustees’ Code of Conduct*.

Moved By Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 8251, *Trustees’ Code of Conduct*.

Trustees discussed the revisions to Policy 8251, *Trustees’ Code of Conduct* and provided changes to be reflected in the version presented at the May 30, 2022 Board meeting.

Moved By Trustee Whiteaker

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy, 8251 Trustees’ Code of*

Conduct” be tabled to the June 13, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

For: Whiteaker, Duncan, Painter

Against: Leonard, Ferris, Watters, Hentze

Motion Defeated (3 to 4)

Moved By Trustee Painter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve revised Policy 8251, *Trustees’ Code of Conduct*.

For: Leonard, Ferris, Watters, Hentze, Painter

Against: Duncan, Whiteaker

Motion Carried (5 to 2)

Moved By Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) recess for five minutes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting recessed at 9:35 pm

Meeting reconvened at 9:40 pm

Due to the time Chair Leonard moved to agenda item F. Facilities Planning.

E.5. New Policy XXXX, *Role of Trustee*

Moved By Trustee Painter

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve new Policy, Role of Trustee*” be referred to the June 13, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E.6. New Policy XXXX, *Social Media Use*

Moved By Trustee Painter

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve new Policy, Social Media Use*” be referred to the June 6, 2022 Education Policy and Directions Committee Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E.7. Policy 3170, Operating Surplus and Regulation 3170, Operating Surplus

Moved by Trustee Painter

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the revisions to Policy 3170 Operating Surplus (formerly Reserves) as presented*” be referred to the June 13, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

E.8. Policy 8210 Orienting the New Board Members – Information Only

Will be discussed at a future Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

F. FACILITIES PLANNING

F.1. Operations Update: May 2022

Director of Facilities Morris presented the May Operations update.

Trustees provided thanks for the report.

F.2. Victoria High School Seismic Project Update

Associate Director of Facilities Services Vistisen-Harwood provided an update, questions of clarification were asked.

F.3. Energy Manager Report

Energy Manager Leslie presented the Energy Manager report.

Trustees provided thanks for the report, questions of clarification were asked.

F.4. 2021 Carbon Neutral Action Report

Energy Manager Leslie presented the report for information.

Moved By Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the Carbon Neutral Action Report as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

F.5. 2023-2024 Annual Five Year Capital Plan Draft

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented the 2023-2024 Annual Five Year Capital Plan Draft. The plan will come to the June 13, 2022 Operations Policy and Planning committee meeting as well as the Board meeting on June 20, 2022 for approval.

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Reinvigorate the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning

Trustee Watters withdrew the motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) reinvigorate the Greater Victoria Foundation for Learning.

Moved By Trustee Whiteaker

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) extend the meeting until 11:10pm.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H.2. Elementary Strings

Moved By Trustee Duncan

Trustee Duncan provided rationale for the motion.

Trustees discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to communicate with AMIS (Advocacy for Music in Schools) Victoria who will secure donations to fund the full elementary strings program in the amount of \$208, 817 required for the 2022-2023 school year. Further that the Board

of Education of School District No. 61 provide a signed letter to all donors guaranteeing that all funds donated for the specific purpose of funding Elementary Strings for the 2022-2023 school year, be used for the Elementary Strings program only. The Superintendent will report back at the May 2022 Board of Education meeting.

For: Duncan, Whiteaker, Hentze

Against: Watters, Leonard, Ferris

Abstain: Painter

Motion Defeated (3 to 3)

I. NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Whiteaker will bring a motion to a future meeting concerning the Elementary Strings program for the 2022-2023 school year.

J. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Trustee Painter

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer