



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

REGULAR MINUTES

Via Zoom

Monday, November 28, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Nicole Duncan, Board Chair, Karen Kwan, Vice-Chair, Angela Carmichael, Natalie Baillaut, Derek Gagnon, Emily Mahbobi, Rob Paynter

Trustee Regrets: Mavis David, Diane McNally

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Lindsay Johnson, Pathways and Partnership, Lisa McPhail, Manager of Communications, Andy Canty, Director of Information Technology

Partners: Ilda Turcotte, GVTA, Paula Marchese, VCPAC, Sarah Winkler, VPVPA

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting began at 7:32 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Duncan 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 Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

That the November 28, 2022 agenda be approved.

Amendment

Moved by Trustee Duncan
Seconded by Trustee Kwan

That the November 28, 2022 agenda be approved, with the following additions:

H.1.b. Trustee McNally - Cedar Hill Middle School moved to D.2.b. Trustee McNally - Cedar Hill Middle School and renumber the agenda accordingly.

A.7.b. Vic High – Carrie Peter

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Painter
Seconded by Trustee Kwan

That the October 24, 2022 Regular Board minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the November 9, 2022 Inaugural Board minutes be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

A.5. Student Achievement

None

A.6. District Presentations

None

A.7. Community Presentations

- a. Paula Marchese attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees as the Chair of Advocacy for Music in Schools about current fundraising for instruments.

- b. Carrie Peter attended the Board meeting to speak to Trustees about Vic High.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

- B.1. November 14, 2022, Colin Savage to SD61 Trustees, Cedar Hill Middle School**
- B.2. November 17, 2022, GVTA to SD61 Trustees, Music Survey**

C. TRUSTEE REPORTS

C.1. Chair's Report

- a. Chair's Report was provided by Chair Duncan.
- b. December Board Work Plan

C.2. Trustees' Reports

None

D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D.1. Education Policy and Directions Committee

- a. Draft minutes from the November 14, 2022 meeting – information only

D.2. Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- a. Draft minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting - Information only
- b. Trustee McNally - Cedar Hill Middle School

Trustees discussed the motion and had questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Carmichael

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to

- a) postpone the motion for approval of the architect's plan for the Cedar Hill new build,
- b) halt any further work of any kind on this project until the Board votes to resume further work, and

c) provide the Board with detailed plans, timeline and costing for a seismic retrofit of the existing building.

Motion Defeated Unanimously

c. Approved Motions

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

Trustees discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the Cedar Hill Middle School Design as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Trustee Gagnon
Seconded by Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to respond to the letters received by the Board from VCPAC dated October 12, 2022 and GVTA dated October 17, 2022.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D.3. Audit Committee

a. Audit Committee Report – October 31, 2022 Meeting

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Carmichael

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the September 2022 Quarterly Financial Report as presented to the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D.4. Budget Advisory Committee

a. Budget Advisory Committee DRAFT November 10, 2022 Minutes

E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

E.1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Student Recognition, Alana Liu was unable to attend the meeting.
- b. Monthly Report

Superintendent Whitten provided the report for information.

Moved by Trustee Baillaut
Seconded by Trustee Carmichael

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

- c. Trustee Questions

Trustees had questions of clarification.

E.2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a. Monthly Report

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

Moved by Trustee Paynter
Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

F. QUESTION PERIOD

None

G. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Chair Duncan requested that the reports be amended and be placed in the December 12, 2022 Board of Education meeting packup.

- G.1. Record of In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – October 24, 2022
- G.2. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – November 3, 2022
- G.3. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – November 14, 2022

H. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

H.1. New Business

- a. Trustee Kwan – Custodial

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Carmichael

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to identify the cost to increase custodial levels to the previous year, 2021-22, and provide recommendations to the Board on using funds coming out of revised budget allocations toward custodial deficits.

Amendment

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Carmichael

That the motion “That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to identify the cost to increase custodial levels to the previous year, 2021-22, and provide recommendations to the Board on using funds coming out of revised budget allocations toward custodial deficits.” be referred to the December 12, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

H.2. Notice of Motions

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer