



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

**Regular Board Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Via Zoom**

**Monday, May 29, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

Trustees Present: Nicole Duncan, Board Chair, Karin Kwan, Vice-Chair, Natalie Baillaut, Derek Gagnon, Rob Paynter, Emily Mahbobi, Mavis David

Trustee Regrets: Diane McNally, Angela Carmichael

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Caldwell, Deputy Superintendent, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Vair, Director of Human Resource Services, Andy Canty, Director of Information Technology

Partners: Sarah Winkler, VPVPA, Tracy Humphreys, VCPAC, Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA, Jeanette Alexander, ASA, Paula Marchese, VCPAC

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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

This meeting began at 7:30 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 David

That the May 29, 2023 agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.3. Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut  
**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

That the April 24, 2023 Regular Board minutes be approved.

**Amendment**

Trustee Kwan  
E.1.c. Trustee Kwan abstained from the vote  
G. Public Disclosure add Trustee to both Kwan and Gagnon.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Amendment**

Trustee Paynter  
F. Question Period - Include the responses to the questions in the minutes of the meeting. Chair Duncan asked to move this amendment to A.4. Business Arising from the Minutes as the Bylaw does not state that questions need to be answered in the minutes if there is not an answer to the question at that time. There is nothing to amend at this point.

Trustee Paynter withdrew the amendment.

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut  
**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

That the April 24, 2023 Regular Board minutes be approved, as amended.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A.4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Trustee Paynter discussed F. Question Period and stated that if the question is posted publicly than the answer should be given publicly. Trustee Duncan responded, as per Bylaw 9360.01 that all answers given are recorded in the minutes when the answers are provided.

**A.5. Student Achievement**

None

**A.6. District Presentations**

None

**A.7. Community Presentations**

None

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

- B.1. April 21, 2023, Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- B.2. April 24, 2023, West Shore RCMP, School Police Liaison Officers
- B.3. April 28, 2023, Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- B.4. May 2, 2023, Jodi Pavesic, Saanich Police to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- B.5. May 4, 2023, Jennifer Chambers to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- B.6. May 4, 2023, Oak Bay Police Board to the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- B.7. May 10, 2023, Board of Education to Bays United Football Club (FC)

**C. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

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

- a. Chair's Report

Chair Duncan presented the report for information.

- b. Ad-Hoc Committee Annual Review

**Moved by** Trustee Duncan  
**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) dissolve the Indigenous Education Ad Hoc Committee.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- c. June Board Work Plan
- The plan was provided.

**C.2. Trustees' Reports**

None

**D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- a. Draft minutes from the May 1, 2023 meeting – information only
- b. Recommended motions from the May 1, 2023 meeting:

**Moved by** Trustee Kwan  
**Seconded by** Trustee Baillaut

Trustees discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) refer Draft Policy 5150 Sanctuary Schools with suggested amendments to the May 29, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

AND FURTHER

Provide a copy of the Draft Policy 5150 Sanctuary Schools to Rightsholders, stakeholders and relevant District staff inviting comment in advance of the May 29, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

**Moved by** Trustee Kwan  
**Seconded by** Trustee Gagnon

That the motion “*That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) refer Draft Policy 5150 Sanctuary Schools with suggested amendments to the May 29, 2023 Board of Education meeting.*”

AND FURTHER

*Provide a copy of the Draft Policy 5150 Sanctuary Schools to Rightsholders, stakeholders and relevant District staff inviting comment in advance of the May 29, 2023 Board of Education meeting.”* be referred to the June 12, 2023 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut  
**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) consider the School Police Liaison Officer Program Review Ad Hoc Committee report at a Special Board Meeting to be scheduled in May 2023.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- a. Draft minutes from the May 8, 2023 meeting – information only
- b. Recommended motion from the May 8, 2023 meeting:

**Moved by** Trustee Kwan  
**Seconded by** Trustee Baillaut

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) refer revised Policy 1161 to the Policy Sub Committee and provide an update at the June 12, 2023 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

- a. 2022-2023 Audit Planning Report

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter  
**Seconded by** Trustee Baillaut

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2022-2023 Audit Planning Report as presented to the Audit Committee.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b. March 2023 Quarterly Financial Report

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut

**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) accept the March 2023 Quarterly Financial Report as presented to the Audit Committee.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### **D.4. Budget Advisory Committee**

- a. May 4, 2023 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

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

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

- a. Monthly Report

Superintendent Whitten provided the report for information.

**Moved by** Trustee Kwan

**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b. 2023-2024 Board of Education and Standing Committee Meeting Dates

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut

**Seconded by** Trustee David

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2023-2024 Board of Education and Standing Committee meeting dates.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- c. Trustee Questions

Trustee Gagnon asked if the public has been made aware of Trustee McNally being on leave? Trustee Duncan replied that Trustees McNally and Carmichael are on leave at this time.

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

- a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

**Moved by** Trustee Kwan

**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**

- b. Director of Human Resource Services Vair presented a memo on Elementary Strings as preparation time.

Trustees and partners discussed the motion.

**Moved by** Trustee Kwan  
**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No.61 (Greater Victoria) approve full funding of the Elementary Strings Program in the amount of \$258,485 without using any Teacher preparation time.

AND FURTHER

That the additional funding for any Elementary Strings that was planned in Teacher preparation time, in the amount of \$53,134, be funded from the Operating contingency.

AND FURTHER

Direct the Superintendent to form a committee that includes trustees, music teachers, GVTA and district staff to find a way to deliver Elementary Strings that is equitable and cost effective.

Trustee Kwan withdrew the motion after it was discussed.

**Moved by** Trustee Paynter  
**Seconded by** Trustee Gagnon

Trustees and partners discussed the motion.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) amend the April 6, 2023 motion adopted by the Board which provided that the Board fund elementary strings with up to six schools having strings as prep at a cost of \$205,351 by removing the staff recommendation for elementary strings of \$91,675 and taking the shortfall from the Contingency.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**F. QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

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

**G.1. Record of In-Camera Board of Education Meeting – April 24, 2023**

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

**H.1. New Business**

None.

**H.2. Notice of Motions**

None.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Moved by** Trustee Baillaut

**Seconded by** Trustee Kwan

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer