



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 11, 2024, 7:30 p.m.**

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

Trustee Regrets: Angela Carmichael

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Davis, Director of International Education, Andy Canty, Director of Information Technology for Learning, Sarah Winkler, VPVPA

Partners: Ilda Turcotte, GVTA, Nyssa Temmel, VCPAC

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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The 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 Mahbobi

That the March 11, 2024 agenda be approved.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2024

**AMENDEMENT**

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

Under A.7.a.

Chief Manak, Victoria Police Department presented on the decision to ~~remove school police liaison officers from the District.~~ **not to utilize SPLOs from Oak Bay Police, Saanich Police and the RCMP.**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

That the February 26, 2024 Regular Board minutes be approved, as amended.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b. Special Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 29, 2024

**Moved by** Trustee Mahbobi  
**Seconded by** Trustee Gagnon

That the February 29, 2024 Special Open 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. Starla Anderson presented on why they are in favor of the reinstatement of the school police liaison program.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

- B.1. February 26, 2024, Spectrum Community School Parent Advisory Council to the Board of Education, School Police Liaison Officer Program**

**C. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

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

- a. Chair's Report  
Chair Duncan provided the report for information.
- b. April District Annual Work Plan  
District annual work plan was provided for information.

**C.2. Trustees' Reports**

None.

**D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**D.1. Combined Education Policy and Directions Committee and Operations Policy and Planning Committee**

- a. Draft minutes from the March 4, 2024 combined meeting – information only

**E. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**

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

- a. Monthly Report  
Superintendent Whitten provided the report for information.

**Moved by** Trustee Mahbobi  
**Seconded by** Trustee Gagnon

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- b. Victoria International Education Proposed Program Fees 2024-2025

Director of International Student Program Davis provided the Victoria International Education proposed program fees for 2024-2025.

**Moved by** Trustee Gagnon  
**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the 2024-2025 Victoria International Education proposed program fees.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- c. Trustee Questions

None.

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

- a. Monthly Report

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the report for information.

**Moved by** Trustee Mahbobi

**Seconded by** Trustee McNally

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**

**G.1. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – June 28, 2023

**G.2. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – July 13, 2023

**G.3. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – July 13, 2023

**G.4. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – July 27, 2023

**G.5. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – August 28, 2023

**G.6. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – November 7, 2023

**G.7. Record of Special In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – January 22, 2024

**G.8. Record of In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – February 26, 2024

**G.9. Record of In-Camera Board of Education Meeting** – February 26, 2024

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

### **H.1. New Business**

None.

### **H.2. Notice of Motions**

None.

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Moved by** Trustee Gagnon

**Seconded by** Trustee Mahbobi

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer