



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Special Budget Board Meeting
MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

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

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Sean Powell, Acting Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Hervinder Parmar, Director of Finance, Budgets and Financial Reporting, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director of International Education, Shawn Boulding, VPVPA, Connor McCoy, VPVPA, Tina Pierik, VPVPA, Sarah Winkler, VPVPA, Josh Barks, District Principal, Information Technology for Learning

Partners: Shawna Abbott, CUPE 947, Cindy Romphf, GVTA, Ilda Turcotte, GVTA

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge 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 Gagnon

Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

Add Agenda Item: D. Question Period

That the April 9, 2024 Special Board Budget agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Community Presentations

Nil.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

B.1. Public Correspondence – Feedback Period March 14 to April 5, 2024 was received.

C. 2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET

C.1. Talking Tables Report – March 7, 2024

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided a brief overview of Talking Tables, which took place on March 7, 2024.

C.2. Public Meeting Report – March 14, 2024

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided a brief overview of the Public Meeting, which took place on March 14, 2024.

C.3. Values and Guiding Principles

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided the Values and Guiding Principles for information.

C.4. 2024-2025 Annual Budget Memo

Secretary-Treasurer Stride presented the 2024-2025 Annual Budget.

C.5. 2024-2025 Budget Balancing Recommendation Worksheet

Secretary-Treasurer Stride presented the 2024-2025 Budget Balancing Recommendation Worksheet.

C.6. Draft 2024-2025 Annual Budget Ministry Template

Secretary-Treasurer Stride presented the Draft 2024-2025 Annual Budget Ministry Template.

C.7. Draft Multi-Year Financial Forecast Memo and Worksheet

Secretary-Treasurer Stride presented the Draft Multi-Year Financial Forecast memo and worksheet.

Discussion followed pertaining to the information presented.

C.8. Budget Bylaw Readings: 1st and 2nd Readings

Moved by Trustee Mahbobi

Seconded by Trustee Gagnon

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2024-2025 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$318,006,345 be:

Read a first time the 09 day of April, 2024.

Discussion followed regarding the budget balancing initiatives and impacts on the Greater Victoria School District community.

Chair Duncan asked Secretary-Treasurer Stride if there is flexibility in completing the 2nd Bylaw Reading at the Public Budget Board meeting scheduled for April 11, 2024. Secretary-Treasurer Stride confirmed that there is flexibility for both the 2nd and 3rd Bylaw Readings to be completed at the April 11, 2024 meeting.

**In Favour: 6
Opposed: 3
Motion Carried**

**MOTION FOR 2ND BYLAW READING NOT MOVED – TABLED to April 11, 2024
Public Budget Board Meeting**

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D. QUESTION PERIOD

Chair Duncan indicated that there were two questions submitted by the same individual. As per Board Bylaw, only one question per submitter is allowed, so only the first question was read out. The question pertained to the ratio of students to devices being reduced to 3:1. Superintendent Whitten responded that an answer would be provided at the April 11, 2024 meeting. There were no further questions.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Moved by Trustee McNally
Seconded by Trustee Baillaut

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer