



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

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

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

Trustee Regrets: Angela Carmichael, Derek Gagnon

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Aerts, Associate Superintendent, Sean Powell, Acting Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Person, Acting Director, Information Technology, Josh Barks, Acting District Principal, Information Technology, Sarah Winkler, VPVPA

Partners: Shauna Abbott, CUPE 947, Carolyn Howe, GVTA, Carlene Nex, VCPAC

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 McNally
Seconded by Trustee Mahbobi

That the November 14, 2024 agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

A.3. Community Presentations

None.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

C. DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

C.1. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a. Student Device Ratios Update

Secretary-Treasurer Stride provided an overview of the memo.

Trustees and Partners had questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Kwan
Seconded by Trustee Paynter

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) approve the purchase of up to 700 Chromebooks to bring all schools to at least the Board-approved student device ratio of 4:1 at Elementary schools and 3:1 at Middle and Secondary schools.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

E. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

None.

F. NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee David
Seconded by Trustee McNally

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer