



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)  
Special Board Meeting  
MINUTES  
Broadcasted via YouTube  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

Official Trustee: Sherri Bell

Administration: Deb Whitten, Superintendent, Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Aerts, Deputy Superintendent, Sean Powell, Associate Superintendent, Julie Lutner, Associate Secretary-Treasurer, Hervinder Parmar, Director of Finance, Budgets and Financial Reporting, Mike Knudson, Director of Human Resource Services, Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Director of Facilities Services, Vicki Roberts, VPVPA, David Hovis, Director of Instruction, Sean McCartney, Director of Instruction

Songhees Nation: Anevay Quocksister, Student Success Manager

Partners: Jane Massy, CUPE 947, Carolyn Howe, GVTA, Saloumeh Pourmalek, VCPAC, Norm Isaac, CUPE 382

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**A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

**A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories**

Official Trustee Bell 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**

The Official Trustee passed the following motion:

That the April 8, 2026 agenda be approved.

Official Trustee Bell expressed thanks to everyone who provided input during the 2026-2027 budget development process.

## **B. 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET**

### **B.1. 2026-2027 Annual Budget Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Stride referenced the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Report.

### **B.2. 2026-2027 Annual Budget Ministry Template**

Secretary-Treasurer Stride referenced the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Ministry Template.

### **B.3. Draft Multi-Year Financial Plan 2026-2029**

Secretary-Treasurer Stride referenced the Draft Multi-Year Financial Plan 2026-2029.

### **B.4. Budget Bylaw Readings**

Official Trustee Bell invited the partners at the table to provide feedback on the 2026-2027 Annual Budget prior to the budget bylaw readings.

CUPE 947 Vice President Massy, GVTA President Howe and VCPAC President Pourmalek made presentations concerning the budget.

The Official Trustee passed the following motion:

That the Official Trustee of The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree to give all three readings of The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw at the Special Board Meeting on April 8, 2026.

The Official Trustee passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$330,693,988 be:

Read a first time on the 8th day of April, 2026.

The Official Trustee passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$330,693,988 be:

Read a second time on the 8th day of April, 2026.

The Official Trustee passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$330,693,988 be:

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 8th day of April, 2026;

And that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Official Trustee be authorized to sign, seal and execute this Bylaw on behalf of the Board.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE**

**C.1. March 30, 2026 Greater Victoria Teachers' Association (GVTA) to Official Trustee Bell – 2026-2027 Annual Budget Feedback**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

The Official Trustee adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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Official Trustee

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Secretary-Treasurer