



October 1, 2020

Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich)

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held virtually on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 4:00pm.

ATTENDEES

Chair: Tim Dunford
Vice-Chair: Elsie McMurphy
Trustee:..... Alicia Holman
Trustee:..... Victoria Martin
Trustee:..... Nola Silzer
Trustee:..... Sheila Stelck
Trustee:..... Teri VanWell

Superintendent of Schools: Dave Eberwein
Secretary Treasurer: Jason Reid
Assistant Superintendent: Paul McKenzie
Director of Instruction: Carly Hunter
Director of Instruction: Monica Braniff
Representative, COPACS:..... James Taylor
Representative, CUPE:..... Dean Coates
Representative, SAA: Kal Russell, regrets
Representative, STA:..... Don Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Introduction

Chair Dunford welcomed members of the management team and partner group representatives to the regular Board meeting and acknowledged the territory of the WSANEC people since time immemorial. Representing CUPE – Dean Coates; Representing COPACS – James Taylor; and representing STA – Don Peterson.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(i) Consideration of Late Items

- 4 - Committee Meeting Times
5 - Cultural Competency Training Session

(ii) Adoption of Agenda

Chair Dunford asked if there were any other late items or revisions to the agenda as circulated. Hearing none, the Chair declared the agenda be adopted reflecting the late items.

3. BCSTA COVID-19 WORKING GROUP SURVEY

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the BCSTA be requested to establish more effective and frequent opportunities for Boards of Education to provide advice and guidance on any positions the BCSTA is taking in future discussions with the government/Ministry of Education as the pandemic and its impact on our society, particularly public schools, necessitates changes in current conditions (Response to Question 9).

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That "more professional development" be added to the response for question 9.

DEFEATED.

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the answer to question 10 be: "offer more resources" be ranking 3; "offer more professional development" ranking 2; and "hold more trustee town halls" 1, and that BCSTA be advised that the question was not clear.

CARRIED.

Trustees agreed to amend question 22 from "Budget planning for fiscal 2021/22" to "Sufficient funding for budget planning for fiscal 2021/22".

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the Board approve the response to the COVID-19 survey for submission to the BCSTA.

CARRIED.

4. COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES

The Board agreed to amend the start time of HR committee at 8:30am and FF&T in-camera at 9:45am going forward, and to implement the change beginning in October contingent on staff availability.

5. CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING SESSION

Update on cultural competency training sessions for Trustees and staff.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.


Chair of the Board


Secretary Treasurer