



January 20, 2021

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held virtually on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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/Craig Morton
Representative, CUPE: Nola Welsh
Representative, SAA: Peter Westhaver
Representative, STA: Don Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Introduction

Chair Dunford welcomed members of the management team and partner group representatives to the regular Board meeting and acknowledged the territory of the WSA NEC people since time immemorial. Representing COPACS – James Taylor/Craig Morton; representing CUPE – Nola Welsh; representing STA – Don Peterson; and representing School Administration – Pete Westhaver.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED.

(i) Consideration of Late Items

Chair Dunford asked if there were any late items or revisions to the agenda as circulated.

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the following motion be considered as agenda item 16(ii):

“That staff be requested to livestream, record and archive Board of Education meetings on the SD63 website.”

CARRIED.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any objections to adoption of the agenda with the addition of the late item. Hearing none, the Chair declared the agenda be adopted with the addition of the late item.

(iii) Report on In-Camera Meeting

Chair Dunford reported that prior to the Regular meeting, the Board held an In Camera meeting and discussed personnel matters.

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(i) Adoption of Board Meeting minutes of November 18, 2020.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2020. Hearing none, the Chair declared the minutes be adopted as circulated.

(ii) Adoption of Special Meeting minutes of November 26, 2020.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of the special meeting of November 26, 2020. The Chair declared the minutes be adopted as amended with change as follows: change title on page 1 to "special" meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

No items.

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

(a) Presentations and Delegations:

Don Peterson, President, Saanich Teachers' Association presented on the Foundation Skills Assessment.

(b) Questions:

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Strategic Plan 2022/27 – Recommendations on Next Steps

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the following be approved:

1. That the purpose of our strategic planning process be to:
 - 1.1 Seek input and increase engagement;
 - 1.2 Shape the narrative, including acknowledgement of the current conditions and the need to consider the learning lost from the 'COVID gap';
 - 1.3 Build collaborative direction and advocacy;
 - 1.4 Increase transparency and accountability;
 - 1.5 Develop broad community input, both internal and external to the district, on the awareness and support for the need to establish priorities;
 - 1.6 Create greater alignment and coherence across all district operations and activities; and
 - 1.7 Ensure accessibility and meaningfulness to staff, parents and the general public.
2. That the Board establish a Strategic Plan Advisory Committee (SPAC), chaired by the Superintendent, with terms of reference and membership as follows:
 - 2.1. Provide advice to the Superintendent on recommendations they could offer to the Board on timelines and processes for the development of the Strategic Plan;
 - 2.2. Membership to include one representative from each of the SAA, STA, CUPE 441, COPACS, W̱SÁNEĆ First Nation, as well as the Secretary-Treasurer, Board Chair and Vice Chair;
 - 2.3. The consultant, other staff and guests may be invited by the Superintendent or Board Chair as appropriate.
3. That the progress, budget and any issues related to the development of the Strategic Plan be monitored and presented through reports and recommendations to the Board from the Superintendent.
4. That provision be made in the development of the new Strategic Plan for discussion with, and input from, secondary students.
5. That the new Strategic Plan cover a five-year span (January 2022 to December 2027).
6. That the Board approve a draft budget, timeline and process for the Strategic Plan at the February 2021 Board meeting.
7. That the Board adopt a philosophical framework statement to buttress and shape the goals and provide a foundation for the objectives of the new Strategic Plan.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That 2.2 be changed to Chair/Vice Chair and two other trustees.

AMENDMENT TO AMEND:

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE MARTIN

That 2.2 be changed to three members of the Board appointed by the Chair of the Board.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT

CARRIED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That 2.4 be added: That the meetings of the Advisory Committee be open to the public.

CARRIED.

THE QUESTION WAS PUT ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

CARRIED.

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

Foundation Skills Assessment

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That, given that the school year, the school calendar and the usual approaches to student learning have been significantly affected by the global pandemic, the Board request that the Ministry of Education suspend administration of the Foundation Skills Assessment for the 2020/21 school year.

DEFEATED.

10. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. Federal Safe Return to School Grant

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That allocation of the first installment of the Federal Safe Return to Class Fund for computer equipment be increased to \$100,000 and residual funding from the first installment be allocated to fund teacher staffing in neighbourhood schools.

CARRIED.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES – No report

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

1. Programs of Choice Policies

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE MARTIN

That staff be requested to develop draft policy regarding Programs of Choice (Policies 24/25/26) for Policy Committee consideration.

CARRIED.

2. Ministerial Order M326 (Child Care Order)

NOTICE OF MOTION:

I, Trustee Stelck provide notice that at the March 10, 2021 public meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved the following motion:

That Policy 2 (Role of the Board) be amended to make the following additions under the heading "Accountability to and Engagement of Community":

3.8 Promote the use of Board property for the purpose of providing child care programs between the hours of 7am and 6pm on business days.

3.9 Engage the community, on an ongoing basis, to assess the need for child care programs on Board property, and how the Board will support principles of Indigenous reconciliation in child care; and inclusive child care.

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE MARTIN

That pursuant to Board Policy 6 (Policy Making and Review) and Ministerial Order M326 (Childcare Order) the Policy Committee consult with partners and the community regarding the proposed amendment to Policy 2 (Role of the Board).

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That, where the requirements of Section 85.1 of the School Act and Ministerial Order M326 (Childcare Order) are not reflected in Board Policy, that the Superintendent be directed to develop a new administrative procedure through a process that includes community engagement as outlined in Ministerial Order M326.

CARRIED.

13. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- Trustee Silzer will be attending the BCPSEA AGM at the end of January and will report out at the February meeting.
- Trustee VanWell reported on the BCSTA Academy held in November 2020.
- Trustee Holman reported on the recent Youth Justice Committee.
- Trustee Martin reported on the recent COPACS meeting that she and Trustee Stelck attended.
- Trustee Silzer and VanWell attended the January COPACS meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Victoria Family Court

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That the Board express to the Ministry of the Attorney General its support for considerations for youth and families involved in the justice system, as outlined in the December 3, 2020 letter from the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee.

CARRIED.

15. QUESTION PERIOD

No items.

16. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

Moved by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

As part of the spring 2021 energy plan report to the Board, staff also provide an update on:

- a) SD63 school-based climate action efforts and achievements;
- b) Details of funding amounts received from the Carbon Neutral Capital Program, how the funds were utilized and any short falls identified; and,
- c) Recommendations on any further steps the district or board could take to help meet the objectives stated in the clean BC Action Plan. <https://cleanbc.gov.bc.ca/>

AMENDMENT:

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

As part of the spring 2021 energy plan report to the board, staff also provide an update on climate action efforts and achievements at the district and school levels, a report on amounts received from the Carbon Neutral Capital Program and how the funds were utilized, and recommendations, if any, on further steps that could be taken to help meet the objectives stated in the Clean BC Action Plan.

CARRIED.

THE QUESTION WAS PUT ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That staff be requested to livestream, record and archive Board of Education meetings on the School District 63 website.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE MARTIN

That staff be requested to provide a report on archiving and recording meetings on the School District 63 website.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That consideration of the motion be postponed to February 17, 2021 Board meeting:

That staff be requested to provide a report on archiving and recording meetings on the School District 63 website.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That the Board authorize staff to livestream the February Board meeting

DEFEATED.

17. FOR INFORMATION

No items.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:51pm.



Chair of the Board



Secretary/Treasurer