



September 22, 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, September 22, 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: Monique Hiltz
Representative, CUPE: Nola Welsh
Representative, SAA: Kal Russell
Representative, STA: Michael MacEwan

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 WSANEC people since time immemorial. Representing COPACS – Monique Hiltz; representing CUPE – Nola Welsh; representing STA – Michael MacEwan; and representing School Administration – Kal Russell.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE MURPHY Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL
That the agenda be adopted.

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

Moved by TRUSTEE HOLMAN Seconded by TRUSTEE MARTIN
That the agenda be amended to include an update on the food security list, under Other Business as Submitted.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL
That the agenda be amended to include an update on traffic safety at the Children’s Development Centre, under Other Business as Submitted.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

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 and business affairs.

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(i) Adoption of Board Meeting minutes of June 16, 2021.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2021. The Chair declared the minutes be adopted as amended with changes(s) as follows:

- Amendment on Page 6 to remove Trustee Silzer from seconder to nominate Trustee McMurphy as Vice Chair, and to add "Trustee McMurphy accepted the nomination".

(ii) Adoption of Special Board Meeting minutes of July 5, 2021.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of the special meeting of July 5, 2021. Hearing none, the Chair declared the minutes be adopted as circulated.

(iii) Adoption of Special Board Meeting minutes of September 2, 2021.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of the special meeting of September 2, 2021. Hearing none, the Chair declared the minutes be adopted as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

(a) Presentations and Delegations:

(b) Questions:

- STA President Mike MacEwan asked about the FSA letter being sent home to parents and ranking of results.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

(i) Report from Strategic Plan Committee

Moved by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MARTIN

That the Board, through SPAC, include as part of the communication and engagement process:

- 1) An invitation to all administrators, teachers, parents, students, unions, partner groups and other community members (local service providers and education experts) to provide input on Strategic Priorities by way of on-line meeting forums and website surveys; and,
- 2) Letters/emails to survey graduates (and their families) and those who have left school prior to graduating.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That the motion be tabled.

POINT OF ORDER:

Trustee Holman raised a Point of Order regarding the motion to table.

Chair Dunford ruled the motion to table was not in order.

MOTION TO TABLE DEFEATED.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That the motion be amended to add:

Conduct interviews with representatives with a panel consisting of Trustees, District Staff, Teachers, Support Staff, Parents, Administrators where capacity and budget is available and deemed a priority of the Board.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Moved by: TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by: TRUSTEE STELCK

Substitution of point #1 with:

That the strategic plan process include an opportunity for a random sample of administrators, teachers parents students and other community members to provide input on the strategic plan by way of a website survey.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by: TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by: TRUSTEE STELCK

That point #2 of the motion:

“Letters/emails to survey graduates (and their families) and those who have left school prior to graduating” be deleted.

POINT OF ORDER:

Trustee Holman raised a Point of Order with respect to the proposed amendment and that it was inconsistent with the motion.

Chair Dunford ruled against the Point of Order in that the proposed amendment was sufficiently consistent with the intent of the motion.

CARRIED.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

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- 2) Conduct interviews with representatives with a panel consisting of trustees, district staff, teachers, support staff, parents, administrators where capacity and budget is available and deemed a priority of the Board.

DEFEATED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the Superintendent be requested to revise the Strategic Plan process to include a role for Strategic Plan Advisory Committee trustees and Chair particularly with regard to the WSANEC consultations.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That the Board approve the Superintendent’s consultation approach as presented in the Superintendent’s Report.

CARRIED.

- (ii) Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board receive the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report (FESL) as submitted by Superintendent Eberwein and that the Report be forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED.

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES – no report this month

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

- (i) Mental Health Programs in Saanich Schools

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That the Board encourage the Ministry of Education to continue funding for mental health supports.

CARRIED.

10. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- (i) 2020/21 Financial Statements

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the internal restriction of accumulated operating surplus as presented in note 12 in the 2020/21 financial statements.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve transfer of \$82,250 from accumulated operating surplus to local capital, as presented in schedule 1 in the 2020/21 financial statements.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board approve the 2020/21 Financial Statements.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board express appreciation to the Secretary Treasurer and the finance staff on the receipt of the recent unqualified and complimentary auditors report.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board thank Lenora Lee of KPMG for her years of careful guidance and oversight of the School District 63 audit.

CARRIED.

(ii) Tapestry Depicting Historical Farms

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the School District tapestry depicting the historical settler farms of the Saanich Peninsula be donated to the Sidney Museum with the expectation the museum will share the full history of the Saanich Peninsula relating to the WSANEC people and European settlement as depicted in the tapestry.

CARRIED.

(iii) CDC Neighbourhood Learning Centre Lease Bylaw

First Reading of CDC Neighbourhood Learning Centre Lease Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board approve the first reading of the School District No. 63 (Saanich) CDC Neighbourhood Learning Centre Lease Bylaw 2021.

CARRIED.

Second Reading of CDC Neighbourhood Learning Centre Lease Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board approve the second reading of the School District No. 63 (Saanich) CDC Neighbourhood Learning Centre Lease Bylaw 2021.

CARRIED.

Motion to Read for a Third Time

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board approve the reading of the School District No. 63 (Saanich) CDC Neighbourhood Learning Centre Lease Bylaw 2021 at this Board Meeting for a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Third and Final Reading of CDC Neighbourhood Learning Centre Lease Bylaw

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board approve the third and final reading, pass and adopt the School District No. 63 (Saanich) CDC Neighbourhood Learning Centre Lease Bylaw 2021.

CARRIED.

(iv) Business Company

Moved by TRUSTEE MARTIN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board direct staff to commence the process of dissolving the School District No. 63 Business Company and its subsidiary companies.

CARRIED.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES – No Report

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

(i) Policy 26 (Online Learning)

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

As the requested Notice of Motion has been provided, I, Trustee Stelck move the following motion: That Policy 26 (Online Learning) be approved.

CARRIED.

(ii) Policy 27 (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity)

I, Trustee Stelck provide notice that at the December 1, 2021 public meeting of the Board of Education, I will move the following motion:

That Policy 27 (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity) be approved.

13. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Trustee Holman reported on the Victoria Family Court Youth Justice Committee regarding the modernizing of the governance model and future grant possibilities.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

15. QUESTION PERIOD

No Items.

16. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

(i) Committee/Board Meeting Format 2021/22 School Year

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board adopt the blended meetings approach until further notice as described in the Superintendent's Briefing Note of September 7, 2021.

DEFEATED.

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE MARTIN

That the Board adopt Option #1 as full virtual meetings to be considered again in January 2022.

DEFEATED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That a new Option #5 be added (in person Board Room for Committee meetings and in person for Board meetings at ILC).

DEFEATED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the Board vote to re-consider the defeated motion for Option #4.

DEFEATED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That the Board meeting format be postponed for consideration until the October meeting.

CARRIED.

- (ii) Board Annual Work Plan

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the Board approve the draft 2021/22 Annual Work Plan.

CARRIED.

- (iii) Food Sustainability Report

A follow up request was made by Trustee Holman to provide a food sustainability report. A report will be brought back to the Board in October.

- (iv) Children's Development Centre Traffic Safety

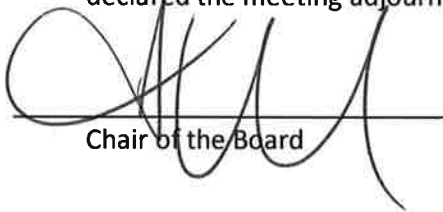
Staff will follow up with school administration regarding traffic safety at the Children's Development Centre.

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 10:34pm.


Chair of the Board


Secretary/Treasurer