



March 16, 2022

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 on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm at 2125 Keating Cross Road.

ATTENDEES

- Chair: Tim Dunford
Vice-Chair: Teri VanWell
Trustee: Alicia Holman
Trustee: Elsie McMurphy
Trustee: Nola Silzer
Trustee: Sheila Stelck
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 - regrets
Representative, CUPE: Nola Welsh
Representative, SAA: Leila Sinclair-Wise
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 CUPE – Nola Welsh; representing STA – Michael MacEwan; and representing School Administration – Leila Sinclair-Wise.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK
That the agenda be adopted.

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That the agenda be amended to include Indigenous Participation at the Board table.

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 February 16, 2022.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of February 16, 2022.

The Chair declared the minutes be adopted as amended with changes as follows:

- Correction on page 6 – motion was tabled and Trustee Holman and Silzer opposed motion.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (i) Energy Sustainability Report

That the referral of the Summary of Recommendations on page 25 be referred to the March Board meeting.

Moved by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the Board endorse all recommendations contained in the Energy Sustainability Plan – Report Summary of Recommendations (found on page 25) and request staff to further the described initiatives within the district.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Energy Sustainability Report be amended with the words “as necessary” inserted in number one “Buildings”.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

- (a) Presentations and Delegations:

Presentation by Josh Brand re: Transportation Policy

- (b) Questions:

Question from Michael MacEwan regarding the Estoppel notice and how the district will respond with recruiting. Superintendent Eberwein responded.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the Board approve the Saanich Schools Strategic Plan 2022-2027 as presented by the Superintendent at the March 16, 2022 public meeting of the Board of Education.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board express to all members of the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee and supporting staff its sincere appreciation for the contributions of their time, leadership, and representative expertise in the development of the next SD63 Strategic Plan 2022-2027.

CARRIED.

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

- (i) 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 Local Calendars

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That the Board approve the local calendars for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 with the exception of the following change in the 2024-25 calendar – moving the Non-Instructional Day from November 12 to November 18, 2024.

CARRIED.

10. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

11. HUMAN RESOURCES – No Report

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- (i) Policy 1 (Foundational Statements)

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That staff be requested to propose amendments to Policy 1 (Foundational Statements) that reflect the goals of the Strategic Plan as they relate to Indigenous student success, and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That staff review an alternate placement for “Logo Design and Use” in Board Policy 1 (Foundational Statements) and report to the Policy Committee.

CARRIED.

(ii) Policy 18 (Recruitment & Selection of Personnel)

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

As the required Notice of Motion has been provided, I, Trustee Stelck move the following motion: That revisions to Policy 18 (Recruitment & Selection of Personnel) be approved.

CARRIED.

13. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- Vice Chair VanWell reported on the recent Vancouver Island School Trustees’ Association meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Letter from Dr. Starla Anderson

Moved by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the letter from Dr. Anderson be referred to the Policy Committee for review.

CARRIED.

- (ii) Letter from Stephanie Higginson, BCSTA
- (iii) Letter from Judy Carroll

15. QUESTION PERIOD

- Michael MacEwan, President, STA, inquired about how far back the estoppel looked historically in returning to the intention of the language.

16. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

(i) Proposed Indigenous Participation at Board Table

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That the Board explore ways to have W̱SÁNEĆ Nation participation at the Board governance level.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That “including” be inserted between “participation” and “at” in the motion.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

That the Board explore ways to have W̱SÁNEĆ Nation participation including at the Board governance level.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HOLMAN

That the Board approve an Ad Hoc Committee to be appointed by the Chair to:

- Research options for W̱SÁNEĆ Nation participation at the Board governance level,
- Consult with the W̱SÁNEĆ Nation, and
- Report to the Board with recommendations at the May 18, 2022 Board meeting.

AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That the Board consult with the Nation regarding their views on W̱SÁNEĆ Nation participation in SD63 Board governance and that staff be requested to propose ways this consultation might be initiated.

Point of Order:

Trustee Holman raised a Point of Order regarding the Amendment by Substitution and that it changed the original motion.

The Chair ruled that Roberts Rules allowed Amendment by Substitution and the Amendment by Substitution was not in conflict.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

The Chair allowed for an additional question from the gallery:

Michelle Cunningham, Teacher at Stelly’s questioned the Estoppel related to the awarding of temporary postings and the effect on secondary continuing part time teachers.

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 9:24pm.


Chair of the Board


Secretary Treasurer