



January 17, 2024

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, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm at 2125 Keating Cross Road.

ATTENDEES

Chair: Tim Dunford
Vice-Chair: Nola Silzer
Trustee: Keven Elder
Trustee: Susan Hickman
Trustee: Elsie McMurphy
Trustee: Joyce Vandall
Trustee: Teri VanWell

Superintendent of Schools: Dave Eberwein
Secretary Treasurer: Jason Reid
Assistant Superintendent: Paul McKenzie
Director of Instruction: Carly Hunter
Director of Instruction: Peter Westhaver
Representative, COPACS: Megan Misovic
Representative, CUPE: Candice Whitney
Representative, SAA: Sara Postlethwaite
Representative, STA: Don Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Introduction

Chair Dunford acknowledged the territory of the WSANEC people since time immemorial and welcomed members of the management team and partner group to the regular Board meeting. Representing STA – Don Peterson; representing CUPE – Candice Whitney; representing School Administration – Sara Postlethwaite; and representing COPACS – Megan Misovic.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the agenda be adopted.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any late items or revisions to the agenda as circulated. None noted.

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.

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(i) Adoption of Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 29, 2023.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of November 29, 2023.

The Chair declared the minutes be adopted with the following revision to the Report on the In Camera Meeting (item 2): that "AND FACILITIES" be revised to lower case "and facilities."

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

(a) Presentations and Delegations:

(b) Questions:

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

SEŚÍŚEJ Childcare Centre Opening

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That staff be requested to plan an opening ceremony event in conjunction with Beacon Community Services, and that the Minister of Education and Childcare and the Minister of State for Childcare be invited.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board express its appreciation and admiration to the staff and students of Lochside Elementary for the excellent artwork they provided to enhance the school district board room.

CARRIED.

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Bill 40
- Request for Policy 16 (Appeals Bylaw) Review

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE ELDER

That the Board refer the policy review request from Mr. Gary Ng to the Policy Committee for further consideration.

CARRIED.

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

10. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. Information Technology Refreshed

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board seek an early meeting with the Minister of Education & Child Care to discuss, among other inflationary cost pressures, the inflationary cost pressures relating to Information Technology.

CARRIED.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES (No Report)

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

1. Policy 3 (Role of the Trustee)

(i) Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

As the required Notice of Motion has been provided on September 20, 2023, I Trustee VanWell move that revisions to Policy 3 (Role of the Trustee) be approved.

CARRIED.

13. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- BCPSEA AGM

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from North Saanich Municipality
- Letter from Town of View Royal

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That School District 63 support the request of the Town of View Royal to BC Transit regarding free and discounted transit passes for youth.

CARRIED.

15. QUESTION PERIOD

Megan Misovic asked if there would be a report on the January COPACS meeting. Trustees Hickman and Vandall reported on the items presented at the meeting.

16. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

No items.

17. FOR INFORMATION

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.



Chair of the Board



Secretary Treasurer