



February 12, 2025

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, February 12, 2025 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 - regrets
Director of Instruction: Carly Hunter
Director of Instruction: Peter Westhaver
Representative, COPACS: Jaime Roberts
Representative, CUPE: Candace Whitney - regrets
Representative, SAA: David Mark
Representative, STA: Shannon Toronitz

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Introduction

Chair Dunford acknowledged the territory of the WSÁNEĆ people since time immemorial and welcomed members of the management team and partner group to the regular Board meeting. Representing STA – Shannon Toronitz; representing SAA – David Mark and representing COPACS – Jaime Roberts.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the agenda be adopted.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any late items or revisions to the agenda as circulated. Move item #9, Education Directions Committee, to follow item #3, Adoption of Board Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED AS AMENDED.

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 Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 15, 2025.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of January 15, 2025.

Hearing none, the Chair declared the minutes be adopted as circulated.

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

Board Authority/Authorized Courses

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the following Board Authority/Authorized courses:

- CELÁÑEN ŁTE – Indigenous Identity on WSÁNEĆ territory - Grade 10
- CELÁÑEN ŁTE – Indigenous Identity on WSÁNEĆ territory – Grade 11
- CELÁÑEN ŁTE – Indigenous Identity on WSÁNEĆ territory – Grade 12

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

(a) Presentations and Delegations:

Shannon Toronitz, Saanich Teachers' Association gave a presentation on the BCTF Internal Mediation Services & Peer Support Services.

(b) Questions:

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the Budget Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the 2025/26 Budget Process Consultation Plan.

CARRIED.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES (No Report)

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

1. Policy 28 (Languages)

I, Trustee VanWell provide notice at the April 23, 2025 public meeting of the Board of Education, I will move the following motion:

That revisions to Policy 28 (Languages) be approved.

13. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- Trustee Hickman provided an update on the upcoming VISTA Spring Conference.
- Trustee Vandall gave an account of the recent BCPSEA AGM.
- Trustee Elder reported on the February 3, 2025 COPACS Meeting.
- Trustee Silzer shared insights on the recent Memorial Park Society meeting.
- Trustee VanWell recounted the recent Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee meeting.
- Trustee VanWell presented a summary of the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Letter from Saanich Teachers' Association, 24Jan2025

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Chair respond to the Saanich Teachers' Association in regard to the concerns expressed in the letter.

CARRIED.

- (ii) Letter from Derek & Lesley Ballman, 24Jan2025
- (iii) Letter from Board of Education, SD61, 24Jan2025
- (iv) Letter from COPACS, 7Feb2025

15. QUESTION PERIOD

16. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

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 9:34pm.



Chair of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer