



February 14, 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, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm at 2125 Keating Cross Road.

ATTENDEES

Chair: Tim Dunford - regrets
Vice-Chair: Nola Silzer
Trustee: Keven Elder - regrets
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: Jason Earnshaw
Representative, STA: Don Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Vice-Chair Silzer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Introduction

Vice-Chair Silzer 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 – Jason Earnshaw; 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.

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

#13 Trustee Representatives: Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee
Memorial Park Society

CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Report on In-Camera Meeting

Vice-Chair Silzer 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 January 17, 2024.
Vice-Chair Silzer asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of January 17, 2024.
Hearing none, the Vice-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:

Laura Judson, Policy 21 (Student Transportation):

- Have you considered how this new policy will affect French Immersion families?
- Did you consider how this Transportation Policy is going to affect the profile of French Immersion students in Sidney/North Saanich who are able to continue on to middle and secondary school?
- Are you familiar a report that came out from the Government of Canada in 2021 called The Modernization of Official Languages Act?

Carrie-Anne Adds, Policy 21 (Student Transportation):

- What other solutions have been looked into for other options for capacity on buses?

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board respond to the BCSTA advocacy survey stating that the top three advocacy priorities for the Saanich Board of Education are:

1. A revised funding model to ensure fairness for slow/moderate growth districts to overcome the inherent disadvantages relative to rapid growth districts.
2. A funding formula that adjusts (annually and predictably) for inflation.
3. Dedicated support for districts' ongoing commitment to evidence-based planning, including a reworking of the FESL protocol to focus on more reliable and authentic measures of success

CARRIED.

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Academy Fees

Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the Academy Fees and Programs of Choice for the 2024/25 school year.

CARRIED.

2. School Plans

Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

The Board approve the School Plans for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 school years as presented by the Assistant Superintendent with the understanding that updates will be shared on an ongoing basis.

CARRIED.

10. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. 2023/24 Amended Budget

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

(i) First Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24

That the Board approve the first reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 in the total amount of \$123,647,497.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

(ii) Second Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24

That the Board approve the second reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 in the total amount of \$123,647,497.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

(iii) Motion to Read for a Third Time

That the Board approve the reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 in the total amount of \$123,647,497 at this Board Meeting for a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

(iv) Third and Final Reading of Amended Annual Budget bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24

That the Board approve the third reading, pass and adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 in the total amount of \$123,647,497.

CARRIED.

1. Report for Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the Budget Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, as amended.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the 2024/25 Budget Process Consultation Plan, as amended.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board work with senior staff to:

- Arrange for a larger delegation from the Saanich School District, including partner group representatives, to meet with the Ministry of Education and Childcare to discuss budgetary concerns relating to unfunded inflationary pressures.
- Communicate to the Ministry specific examples of the impacts of inflation, particularly the negative impacts on student learning
- Connect with other school districts facing a similar scenario (low enrolment growth) to explore the possibility of a collective communication to the Minister of Education and Childcare.

CARRIED.

2. ŠEŠÍŠEJ Child Care Historical Display

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board approve the proposed plan for the pre and post contact historical displays at the ŠEŠÍŠEJ Childcare Centre.

Amendment:

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the consideration of the ŠEŠÍŠEJ Child Care Historical Display motion be moved to the next Board meeting.

CARRIED.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES (No Report)

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

1. Policy 16 (Appeals Bylaw)

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board after reviewing Policy 16, request that the Secretary Treasurer communicate the research and findings to Mr. Ng in response to Mr. Ng's request that Policy 16 be reviewed and amended.

CARRIED.

2. Policy 21 (Student Transportation)

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

As the required Notice of Motion has been provided on November 29, 2023, I Trustee VanWell move that revisions to Policy 21 (Student Transportation) be approved.

CARRIED.

13. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- Trustee VanWell reported on the recent COPACS meeting.
- Trustee VanWell reported on the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee meeting.
- Trustee Silzer reported on the recent Memorial Park Society meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Letter from Office of the Comptroller General
- (ii) Letter from Daryl and Nancy Michell & Michell family
- (iii) Letter from Peter Turgoose
- (iv) Correspondence related to Transportation Policy Review:
 - Letter from Laura Judson
 - Letter from Scott Borstad
 - Letter from Kyle Simpson
 - Letter from Kaine Sparks
 - Letter from Sarah Sparks
 - Letter from Erin & David Baillie
 - Letter from Nynke Plouffe
 - Letter from Robin & Matt Thomsen
 - Letter from Kristen H
 - Letter from Jenn Noullette
 - Letter from Tara Keeping, Saanich Chapter Parents for French
 - Letter from Canadian Parents for French

15. QUESTION PERIOD

Nancy Michell, ŠEŠÍŠEJ Childcare Centre:

- Was the Childcare Centre Naming Committee approached about putting the William & Emily Turgoose pictures in the foyer of the Centre?
- Has there been any thought of putting the meaning of the name of the Centre (Little Forest) underneath in smaller letters?
- Did you pass along the certificate of Annie Turgoose to the Board?

Laura Judson, Policy 21 (Student Transportation):

- Do you believe that students will have an easier time getting a spot on the bus next year?
- Do you believe French immersion students will have an easier time getting on the bus next year with the new policy?

16. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

No items.

17. FOR INFORMATION

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Vice-Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. Hearing none, the Vice-Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Chair of the Board

Secretary Treasurer