



March 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, March 12, 2025 at 7:00pm at 2125 Keating Cross Road.

ATTENDEES

Chair:	Tim Dunford - regrets	Superintendent of Schools:	Dave Eberwein
Vice-Chair:	Nola Silzer	Secretary Treasurer:	Jason Reid
Trustee:	Keven Elder	Assistant Superintendent:	Paul McKenzie
Trustee:	Susan Hickman	Director of Instruction:	Carly Hunter
Trustee:	Elsie McMurphy	Director of Instruction:	Peter Westhaver
Trustee:	Joyce Vandall	Representative, COPACS:	Jaime Roberts
Trustee:	Teri VanWell	Representative, CUPE:	Candace Whitney
		Representative, SAA:	Rae Dennett
		Representative, STA:	Don Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Vice-Chair Silzer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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 SAA – Rae Dennett, representing CUPE – Candace Whitney and representing COPACS – Jaime Roberts.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the agenda be adopted.

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

CARRIED.

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, business and facilities.

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- (i) Adoption of Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 12, 2025.
Vice-Chair Silzer asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of February 12, 2025.
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:

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

- (i) 2027/28 Proposed School Calendar

Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board forward the 2027/28 school calendar for public consultation for the dates March 13, 2025 to April 14, 2025.

CARRIED.

- (ii) 2025/26 Academy and Programs of Choice Fees

Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the Academy and Programs of Choice Fees for the 2025/26 School Year.

CARRIED.

10. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- (i) Audit Committee Responsibilities

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve receiving annually an internal control summary report, in keeping with clause 2.2.2.3 in Policy 7 (Board Committees).

CARRIED.

- (ii) Amended Budget 2024/25

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the 2024/25 Amended Budget at the March Board meeting through the adoption of a budget bylaw.

First Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board approve the first reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 in the total amount of \$133,175,261.

CARRIED.

Second Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the Board approve the second reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 in the total amount of \$133,175,261.

CARRIED.

Motion to Read for a Third Time

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board approve the reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 in the total amount of \$133,175,261 at this Board Meeting for a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Third and Final Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve the third reading, pass and adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 in the total amount of \$133,175,261.

CARRIED.

(iii) 2026/27 Saanich International Student Program Fees

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the Board approve increasing tuition fee for international program students from \$15,750 to \$16,750, effective for the 2026/27 school year.

CARRIED.

(iv) Cordova Bay Elementary Land Swap

Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the Board approve signature of the Land Purchase and Dedication Agreement, which is subject to both subsequent approval of the land disposal by the Minister of Education and Childcare and adoption of a disposal bylaw by the Board of Education.

CARRIED.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES (No Report)

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

(i) Policy 7 (Board Committees)

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

That the Board confirm its consideration of the proposed amendments to Policy 7 (Board Committees).

CARRIED.

I, Trustee VanWell provide notice at the May 14, 2025 public meeting of the Board of Education, I will move the following motion:

That revisions to Policy 7 (Board Committees) be approved.

(ii) Policy 9 (Board Operations)

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That revisions to Policy 9 (Board Operations) be approved.

CARRIED.

13. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

VISTA Spring Conference & Report – Trustees VanWell, Hickman

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Saanich School Board Chair appoint a trustee representative to sit on the VISTA Advocacy Working Group.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the motion be tabled.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the Board send a letter to Ms Glancie thanking her for her guidance and work to make the VISTA Spring Conference an outstanding success.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE HICKMAN

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL

That the Chair respond to the letter from VISTA that the motion was put forward and tabled by the Board.

CARRIED.

- BCSTA Provincial Council – Trustee VanWell
- COPACS Meeting, 3March2025 – Trustees Vandell

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Letter from Ombudsperson, 10Feb2025

15. QUESTION PERIOD

- (i) Would the Board consider growing food at Sansbury School? The Board will consider.
- (ii) How many children have left public school to go to private school? Our information system only tracks if a child has gone to a school within the province that utilizes the same student information base.

16. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

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 8:55pm.

Chair of the Board

Secretary Treasurer