

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
August 29, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Amanda Dowhy
Russ Chipps (virtual)
Trudy Spiller

Cendra Beaton
Ebony Logins
Allison Watson

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Block, Deputy Superintendent
Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent
David Strange, Associate Superintendent
Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
Steve Tonnesen, Manager, IT Operations

REGRETS:

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**
The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Secretary-Treasurer. Harold Cull acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

- 1.1 **TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**
Trustee Elections

Chair

The Secretary-Treasurer thanked the Board of Education for their service and called for nominations for Board Chair. Amanda Dowhy was nominated and acclaimed as Board Chair. Chair Dowhy then assumed the Chair and continued the election process.

Vice-Chair



Ebony Logins and Cendra Beaton were nominated for the position of Vice-Chair. A ballot count was conducted and was Ebony Logins declared elected.

BCSTA

Amanda Dowhy was nominated and acclaimed for the position of BCSTA Representative.

135. MOVED Trudy Spiller/Russ Chipps
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct the Secretary-Treasurer to destroy the ballots.
CARRIED

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

136. MOVED Allison Watson/Ebony Logins
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of August 29, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

137. MOVED Allison Watson/Ebony Logins
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of June 27 and July 25, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Amanda Dowhy

The Board Chair thanked the Board of Education for its support and congratulated Trustee Logins on her appointment as Vice Chair. She thanked B.C. firefighters for their contributions while battling wildfires across B.C. and spoke of the affected families arriving in our communities. She also acknowledged that September 9th is international Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness day.

4.2 CUPE 60th Anniversary – Scott Stinson

CUPE was founded in 1963 through the merger of two unions representing public sector employees, and this year it is celebrating its 60th anniversary. Scott Stinson



thanked CUPE 459 members and President Amber Leonard for their ongoing support and dedication to this school district. He acknowledged their commitment to the students, families, and community.

Amber Leonard thanked the Superintendent/CEO and spoke about CUPE 459's connection to the District and community.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Letter from the staff of Ruth King Elementary School dated June 26, 2023, RE: Changes to School
- b. Letter from the STA dated June 27, 2023, RE: Revised Policy and Regulations B-330 Learning Assessment
- c. Letter from MLA Elect Ravi Parmar, dated July 12, 2023: RE: Resignation
- d. Email request from Michelle Vingo RE: Request for Implementation of Academy Programs at CML, dated July 25, 2023
- e. Letter from the Minister of Education and Child Care, dated August 1, 2023, RE: Purchase of Portables for Growing Districts.
- f. Letter from the Minister of Education and Child Care, dated August 1, 2023, RE: School Trustee Codes of Conduct Criteria

138. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the above noted correspondence items a through e.
CARRIED

139 MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the above noted correspondence item f and refer it to the Governance Committee.
CARRIED

6.2 Standing Delegations (STA, CUPE, PVP, SPEAC) – 5 minutes each
STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson congratulated the Board Chair and Vice Chair on their elections. She reminded the Board of Education that while many teachers are at the schools preparing for the September 5th start, STA members are not being compensated for their work until the first day. Further, she spoke regarding the reporting structure



that the Ministry of Education and Child Care requires for student report cards and hoped there was some flexibility with the Employer.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard thanked CUPE members for their hard work over the summer period and welcomed staff and students back to school. She acknowledged the efforts of the members working outside of their regular positions during the summer and indicated that as the District continues to grow so does the CUPE 459 membership.

PVP

No delegation.

SPEAC

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Feeding Futures Program Capital Funds Request – David Strange

David Strange provided an overview of the capital submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

140. **MOVED Allison Watson/Ebony Logins**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) endorse the capital submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care Food Infrastructure Capital Fund in the amount of \$113,500.

CARRIED

7.2 Transportation Update – Harold Cull

A transportation update was provided to the Board of Education by staff. Registration opened up in early March and closed on April 30, 2023, to allow staff adequate time to plan, create routes and assign riders. Presently, 3,798 riders have been assigned to 41 routes, with 315 students remaining awaiting placement. Further, additional clerical staff have been added the startup to answer families' questions and concerns.

7.3 Capital Projects Update – Harold Cull

Staff provided capital project updates to the Board of Education indicating that portables at Ruth King Elementary, David Cameron Elementary, Royal Bay Secondary, and Journey Middle School should be in place for September 5th, while the portable at Edward Milne Community School will have a delivery date of mid-September. Final



deficiencies at Centre Mountain Lellum, and PEXSISEN Elementary continue as does the civil work at SCÍĀNEW STĒLITĶĒL Elementary School. Mass timber for the new school is expected to be delivered in January 2024, for an opening date of September 2025.

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

9. STUDENTS

9.1 2023/24 Enrolment Update – Paul Block

Paul Block provided an initial enrolment update to the Board of Education. To date there are 12,748 students registered in the District, an increase of 702 students or 5.87%. The Ministry of Education and Child Care is seeing a 17% increase in enrolment with the District accounting for 12% of that growth. The Board of Education will need to monitor registration after September 30, 2023, as students registering after this date are unfunded, and the School District may need to reallocate its funding or use the financial reserve.

10. FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

10.1 Board Work Plan 90 Day Outlook – Amanda Dowhy

The Board Chair provided the Board of Education with a review of the next 90-day draft work plan. The Board of Education was asked to review and provide feedback to staff.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson welcomed staff, students, and their families back to the 23/24 school year; he thanked the facilities staff for all their hard work over the summer preparing our schools for students. The District of Metchosin created a safe road crossing on Rocky Point Road outside Hans Helgesen Elementary School, that will be staffed through peak hours by a crossing guard. SD 62 is pleased to announce that the new elementary school in South Langford has been named SCÍĀNEW STĒLITĶĒL which translates to 'salmon children'.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

CUPE BBQ – September 24, 2023

SD 62 By Election – October 14, 2023



14. **FUTURE ITEMS**

15. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Members of the public have the opportunity to ask questions related to agenda items discussed at tonight's meeting using the QA function in MS Teams. Individuals must identify themselves and ask questions directed to the Chair. Members of the media can direct their questions to the Manager, Communications for response following the meeting.


16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer

