

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
December 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Amanda Dowhy, Board Chair
Cendra Beaton, Vice Chair
Christine Lervold (virtual)
Allison Watson
Ebony Logins (virtual)
Russ Chipps (virtual)
Trudy Spiller

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

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, who acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

1.1 Harold Cull thanked the Board of Education for their service and called for nominations for Board Chair. Amanda Dowhy was declared elected by acclamation. Chair Dowhy then assumed her duties and continued the election process.

- Cendra Beaton was nominated and acclaimed for the position of Vice-Chair.
- Christine Lervold was nominated and acclaimed as BCSTA Provincial Council Representative.
- Ebony Logins was nominated and acclaimed as Alternate BCSTA Provincial Council.
- Cendra Beaton was nominated and acclaimed as BCPSEA Trustee Representative.
- Trudy Spiller was nominated and acclaimed Alternate BCPSEA Trustee Representative.



2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

1. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of December 19, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

2.2 Report on In Camera Meeting – Amanda Dowhy

This notice is to inform the public that prior to this meeting an “in-camera” meeting of the Board was held where issues of legal, land and personnel were discussed.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

2. MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of November 28, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Amanda Dowhy

The Board Chair congratulated the trustees on their assignments and thanked them for their continued support. She spoke about the importance of the work that a Board of Education undertakes, and the need for continued momentum in the District. She thanked the Sooke Fire Department for their quick response to the fire at Journey Middle School during its Winter Concert on December 12, 2023, provided an update on the BCSTA Climate Action Request for Feedback, the funding support to Colin Sparks and the City of Colwood, and spoke of the letter of thanks that Grandma Lavina will soon receive. Finally, she thanked Superintendent Scott Stinson for his service to the District and wished him well in his retirement.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Email from Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Association, dated December 12, 2023, RE: Request for Letter of Support from the Board of Education.



3. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Ebony Logins

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the email from Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Association, dated December 12, 2023, and provide a letter of support to the Sooke Horseshoe Pitching Association.

CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

No delegation.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

Call to Action # 13 from the Spirit Bear’s Guide to Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada states “We call on Canada to respect the rights of Aboriginal people. This includes their right to have their languages respected”. CUPE 459 is in support of this Call to Action.

Amber Leonard introduced CUPE Executive Members Tim Hamblin and Dana Savage to the Board of Education. She wished Scott Stinson best wishes in his retirement and thanked him for his years of service and dedication to the District.

PVP – Karen DeCicco

Karen DeCicco provided an overview of the activities around the District for the Board of Education. Highlights include: a Winter Concert at Happy Valley Elementary and École John Stubbs, collecting of items for Food Banks across the District, a Pancake Breakfast at Willway Elementary and Royal Bay Secondary, Band Performances, the unveiling of a new mural at Sangster Elementary and the celebration of a book written by Sienna and Lily from Westshore Secondary.

Karen DeCicco recognized Scott Stinson for his dedication to the District and thanked him for his leadership.

SPEAC – Nevada Kaludjar

The next SPEAC Meeting will be held on January 18, 2024. SPEAC would like to thank Superintendent Scott Stinson for his years of service and commitment to the School District.

7. **FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

7.1 Resources Committee Meeting of December 12, 2023 – Ebony Logins



Trustee Logins provided an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting of December 12, 2023, to the Board of Education.

4. MOVED Ebony Logins/Christine Lervold
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 24/25 budget principles, assertions and process as amended at the December 12, 2023, Resources Committee meeting.
CARRIED
5. MOVED Ebony Logins/Christine Lervold
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of December 12, 2023.
CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Education-Policy Committee Meeting of December 5, 2023 – Allison Watson

Trustee Watson provided an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of December 5, 2023, to the Board of Education.

6. MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Procedural Regulations E-158 “Public Interest Disclosure – Whistleblower Protection”.
CARRIED
7. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion for draft new Policy and Regulations E-205 “Recruitment and Selection of Administrative Personnel.”
CARRIED
8. MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of December 5, 2023.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE



- 10.1 Na'tsa'maht Education Council Meeting of December 13, 2023 – Paul Block
Paul Block provided an overview of the Na'tsa'maht Education Council meeting. Highlights included the renaming of Eagle Ridge Academy School to QELENSÉN Á,LEN Secondary School, an overview of the registration process for 2024, and a discussion on SD 62 Strategic Plan Vision for 2025-29. Further, a culture/language update was provided, community, staff and student events were discussed for the upcoming year, and Danielle Huber was introduced as the Student Family Advocate.
- 10.2 Trustee Liaison Reports – Board of Education
This item has been added to the agenda and will provide Trustees a chance to speak to those meetings they attend as a Representative of School District 62. Please forward items to the Board Chair prior to the Board meeting.
- 10.3 Statement of Financial information – Harold Cull
The district is required to prepare the Statement of Financial Information (SoFI) report by December 31st each year. The Board of Education has been provided a copy of this report for their information.

11. ADMINISTRATION

- 11.1 Board of Education 90 Day Work Plan – Amanda Dowhy
The Board Chair provided an overview of the work plan to the Board of Education, which included a monthly rhythm of District activities.

12. PERSONNEL

- 12.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson
The Superintendent provided the Board of Education an update on Learning, Engagement and Growth. He spoke of the webinar presentation that Mark Kaercher recently did on supporting an inclusive school culture, the indoor vertical garden at Hans Helgesen Elementary, continuing music program discussion with District Middle Schools, and provided an update on capital planning, and the prefabricated additions at Ruth King and David Cameron Elementary Schools. Finally, he thanked staff, students, and the community for their support during his time as Superintendent.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8 – Schools Reopen
January 11 – Education Policy Committee Meeting
January 16 – Resources Committee Meeting
January 23 – Public Board Meeting



14. FUTURE ITEMS

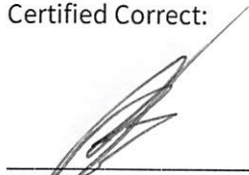
15. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public can 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, Strategic Communications for response following the meeting.


16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer

