

MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING School Board Office 3143 Jacklin Road February 25, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair

Bob Beckett, Vice-Chair

Wendy Hobbs

Bob Phillips

Margot Swinburnson

Allison Watson

STAFF:

Scott Stinson, Superintendent

Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer

Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent

Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent Paul Block, Associate Superintendent

Dan Haley, Executive Director, Human Resources

REGRETS:

Dianna Seaton

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board Chair. Ravi Parmar acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

28. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/ Bob Beckett That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of February 25, 2020 as presented. CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

29. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/ Bob Phillips That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting as presented. CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

a. Letter of Support from Board Chair- High Speed Fibre Optic Port Renfrew Board Chair, Ravi Parmar indicated that he had drafted a Letter of Support regarding Port Renfrew's request for high speed fibre optic service.

6.2 Standing Delegations (STA, CUPE, PVP, SPEAC, CPF, Students) - 5 minutes each

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson spoke to the Board of Education regarding out of pocket expenses that teachers incur to ensure that students have the tools for successful learning in their classrooms.

CUPE - Amber Leonard

CUPE President, Amber Leonard, introduced, members Bruce Woodcock, (1st Vice President), Sherri Bourne (Corresponding Secretary), and Lea Marshall (Clerical Shop Steward) to the Board of Education in an attempt to take more information back to its members. CUPE thanked the District for its newly created focus groups, and its efforts moving forward planning for year end events.

PVP - Ceilidh Deichmann

Ceilidh Deichmann updated the Board of Education on events happening around the District. PVP has introduced a professional Book Club on the "15 Commitment of Conscious Leadership". Sooke Dance Studio will perform at Poirier Elementary School. Vancouver Opera will perform the Flight of the Hummingbird at Hans Helgesen March 12, 2020. Lakewood Elementary School has a new nature playground under design, and has just completed a computer lab redesign, and sensory room. Pink Shirt Day is February 26, 2020.

SPEAC

No delegation.

Canadian Parents for French

No delegation.

Students

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting of February 11, 2020

Highlights from the Resources Committee meeting of January 27, 2020 were summarized. A review of the proposed school fees for 20/21 was completed.

31. MOVED Bob Beckett/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve, in principle, the expenditure of \$600,000 for the Spencer and Savory sewer hook ups out of the 19/20 fiscal year surplus, and if necessary, any residual amount to be paid out of the District's financial reserve. CARRIED

32. MOVED Bob Beckett/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third reading of the 2019/20 Amended Budget Bylaw, specifying a total of \$149,587,570, as presented at the February 11, 2020 Resources Committee meeting.

CARRIED

33. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 20/21 district and school fees as presented at the February 11, 2020 Resource Committee meeting. CARRIED

34. MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of February 11, 2020. CARRIED

7.2 Report on the Audit Committee – Meeting of February 18, 2020

Highlights from the Audit Committee meeting of February 18, 2020 were summarized.

35. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 2020-2022 Internal Audit Plan as presented and amended at the February 18, 2020 Audit Committee meeting.

CARRIED

36. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Audit Committee meeting of February 18, 2020. CARRIED

7.3 Provincial Budget and 20/21 Development Process – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided the Board of Education of School District 62 an update on the provincial budget for 20/21, and the district's budget development process.

7.4 Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20 - CPSD62-02- Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an update on Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20 - CPSD62-02.

37. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve all three readings of the Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20 – CPSD62-02 at its meeting of February 25, 2020. CARRIED UNAMIOUSLY

38. MOVED Bob Phillips/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings to Capital Plan Bylaw 2019/20-CPSD62-02.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee - No report

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Report on the Aboriginal Education Council Meeting of February 19, 2020
Highlights from the Aboriginal Education Council Meeting of February 19, 2020 were summarized.

10.2 BCSTA Provincial Council Update - Trustee Watson

Trustee Watson provided an update to members of the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke).

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report - Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson acknowledged the loss of Scott Manning, Jane Smirl, and Sharon Goes. Furthermore, he indicated the completion of Principal/Vice Principal backfills at Elementary, Middle and Secondary levels; he commended the work of Paul Block and Kathleen King on the Equity Scan, which will support equitable and inclusive practices; and praised the robust Budget Planning Process currently engaged in by the District. An Open House will occur on March 12, 2020 at Belmont Secondary School to announce the naming of the West Langford Elementary and Middle Schoosl in addition to launching the Catchment Review Process. Registration for Kindergarten in school year 2020/2021 indicates that the District will grow by approximately 412 students, estimating that there be 11,500 students in the District for school year 20/21.

12. PERSONNEL

No personnel matters were discussed.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

13.1 Living in Colour Conference - March 12, 2020 - Journey Middle School

13.2 Open House - March 12, 2020

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

Mary Brooke from the Westshore Voice News asked a question regarding First Nation practices. With the federal blockades, and the work being done by the District on reconciliation and equitable/inclusive practices, is the District doing anything different in the classrooms? The Board Chair indicated that although conversations are continuing to happen in classrooms surrounding these topics, the District has not changed its practices.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer