

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**June 25, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

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**TRUSTEES:** Amanda Dowhy, Board Chair  
Russ Chipps  
Ebony Logins  
Allison Watson

Cendra Beaton, Vice Chair  
Christine Lervold  
Trudy Spiller

**STAFF:** Paul Block, Superintendent  
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer  
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent  
D’Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent  
David Strange, Associate Superintendent  
Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR  
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, Digital Solutions  
Steve Tonnesen, Manager, Digital Solutions

**REGRETS:**

**SECRETARY:** Kristina Ross

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**  
The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by the Board Chair, who acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

**2. AGENDA**  
2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

80. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of June 25, 2024, 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

81. MOVED Allison Watson/Christine Lervold  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of May 28, 2024, as presented.  
CARRIED

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4.1 Recognition of the Royal Bay Secondary Senior Girls Soccer Team – Angus Stewart  
Congratulations to the Royal Bay Senior Girls Soccer Team on their outstanding season and winning of the BC School Sports Provincial AAA Soccer Championship.

4.2 Board Chair Update – Amanda Dowhy

The Board Chair passed her condolences to School District 27. It recently experienced a bus crash where students and adults were injured. A student contacted the Board of Education regarding Policy & Regulation F-228 Pest Management. This query has been responded to by staff. The prefabrication additions at David Cameron and Ruth King Elementary Schools are on time and on budget and will open in September 2024. The Foundry is holding two information sessions in Sooke (June 26<sup>th</sup>) and Colwood (June 27<sup>th</sup>).

5. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 Na'tsa'maht Enhancement Agreement Final Report 2023/24- Jon Carr/Marlys Denny  
Staff provided a final report on the NA'TSA'MAHT Enhancement Agreement.

82. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Russ Chipps  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the NA'TSA'MAHT Enhancement Agreement Final Report (NEAR) to foster dialogue and the review of academic achievement, sense of belonging that embrace Indigenous languages, culture and world views. It is the truth that will maintain the foundation from which the district can actively work towards achieving Reconciliation.  
CARRIED



## 6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

### 6.1 Correspondence

- a. Letter from the Minister of Education and Child Care, dated June 6, 2024, RE: Anti-Semitism in BC Classrooms.

83. MOVED Ebony Logins/Christine Lervold  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Letter from the Minister of Education and Child Care, dated June 6, 2024, RE: Anti-Semitism in BC Classrooms.  
CARRIED

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

The STA was fortunate to be able to attend the Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Graduation Recognition Celebrations and was grateful and humbled to see the elders in attendance. Further, the President attended the French Immersion Graduation Ceremony at Belmont School. The STA would like to wish staff, students, and families a happy and safe summer break.

#### CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

CUPE 459 shared reflections on two Calls to Action (28, 29) from the National Truth and Reconciliation Report. CUPE 459 offers employees' relatives a chance to be awarded a scholarship. This year CUPE 459 presented over \$7,000.00 in scholarships to students in the District. CUPE 459 sends its condolences to former employee Janet McKenzie's family and friends as she recently lost her battle with cancer.

#### PVP – Corrinne Kosik

PVP Representative Corrinne Kosik provided an overview of the District events. Highlights included: Westshore Secondary graduates participation in a canoe trip; Lakewood Elementary School redesigned its logo and mascot and took part in a beach day. John Stubbs Memorial School recognized its parents, teachers had an opportunity to dress as students, and the community organized its graduation ceremony.

#### SPEAC – Tom Davis

Newly elected SPEAC President Tom Davis introduced himself to the Board of Education. He thanked the Leadership team for invitations to SPEAC to participate in PVP hiring processes and district events.



**7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

**7.1 Resources Committee Meeting of June 11, 2024 – Ebony Logins**

Trustee Logins provided an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting of June 11, 2024, to the Board of Education. The Secretary-Treasurer provided an update to the Board of Education on the transportation fee model.

**84. MOVED Ebony Logins/Christine Lervold**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the International Program Fee for Online Courses for the 2024/25 school year as presented at the Resources Committee meeting of June 11, 2024.

CARRIED

**85. MOVED Ebony Logins/ Christine Lervold**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 2025/26 Capital Plan submission as amended at the June 25, 2024, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

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

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of June 11, 2024, as amended at the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting.

CARRIED

**7.2 Amended 24/25 Capital Plan Bylaw – Harold Cull**

Staff provided an update to the Board of Education on the Capital Plan Bylaw and additional project approvals received from the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

**87. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25 CPSD62-02 at its meeting of June 25, 2024.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

**88. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Russ Chipps**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings to the Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25 CPSD62-02 Bylaw.

CARRIED



7.3 BC Transit Townhall Report – Harold Cull

Staff provided an update to the Board of Education on the BC Transit Townhall on June 4, 2024. Dialogue with the municipalities and BC Transit will continue to occur. F-100 Transportation Policy and Regulations walk limits will be reviewed.

89. **MOVED** Christine Lervold/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) request to present to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission regarding effective transportation options for children and youth.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

8.1 Education-Policy Committee Meeting of June 4, 2024 – Cendra Beaton

Trustee Beaton provided an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of June 4, 2024, to the Board of Education.

90. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the 2024-25 Operational Plan.

CARRIED

91. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of June 4, 2024.

CARRIED

9. **STUDENTS**

10. **FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

10.1 Trustee Liaison Reports – Board of Education

- No reports.

10.2 Na'tsa'maht Education Council Meeting of June 12, 2024 – Russ Chipps

Trustee Chipps provided an overview of the Na'tsa'maht Education Council meeting to the Board of Education.

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.

**12. PERSONNEL**

**12.1 Superintendent's Report – Paul Block**

The Superintendent provided the Board of Education an update on Learning, Engagement and Growth. Highlights included information on student advocate programming, SD 62 graduation celebrations in which students received \$1.2M in scholarships, the Sooke Rainbow Walk, the community dinner that was hosted by Sc'ianew Nation at Dunsmuir Middle School, and the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) modernization is complete in 18 of 35 District sites. Further, the Superintendent made remarks on the Retirement and Long Service District Recognition event.

**13. UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 27 – Last Day of Classes

June 28 – Administration Day

July 7 – Pride Parade

August 27 – Board Meeting

September 3 – First Day of School

September 10 – Education-Policy Committee Meeting

September 17 – Resources Committee Meeting

September 24 – 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 9:48 p.m.

Certified Correct:



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Chairperson of the Board



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Secretary-Treasurer

