

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING By Live Event
March 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

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

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Windy Beadall, Acting Associate Superintendent
Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations
Sue Grundy, Manager Executive Operations

REGRETS:

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**
The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Board Chair. Ravi Parmar acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

2. **AGENDA**
 - 2.1 Call for amendments and additional items
 60. **MOVED** Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of March 14, 2023, as amended.
CARRIED

3. **MINUTES**
 - 3.1 Call for amendments to minutes



61. **MOVED** Amanda Dowhy/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of February 28, 2022, as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair spoke about the Trustee Student Forum that occurred on February 22, 2023, at Edward Milne Community School, indicating that it was a meaningful opportunity it was to engage directly with students. Further, the Board of Education hosted the Mayor and Council of the District of Metchosin and provided a tour of Hans Helgesen Elementary School. Lastly, he wished all staff, students and families a restful Spring Break.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Letter from Minister Lore, dated February 28, 2023: RE: Congratulations.

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

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Minister Lore, dated February 28, 2023, RE: Congratulations.
CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

No delegation.

CUPE 459 – Lou Leslie

1st Vice President Lou Leslie provided a recap of all Truth and Reconciliation Activities that CUPE 459 has currently underway. Calls to Action are included in all executive and general meetings with members, collective agreement language now includes Indigenous benefits for members, PRO D Days will include applicable education, and CUPE 459 has recently created a Diversity Committee.

PVP – Mark Johnson

No delegation.



SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva
No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Resources Committee – Meeting of March 8, 2023 – Ebony Logins

Trustee Ebony Logins provided an update on the Resources Committee Meeting of March 8, 2023.

63. **MOVED Ebony Logins/Amanda Dowhy**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) support the re-branding of Information Technology to Digital Solutions to focus on Digital Literacy, Infrastructure and Tech Support, Cyber Risk and Security, Data Analytics and Records, and Digital Integration as core service areas identified.
CARRIED

64. **MOVED Ebony Logins/Cendra Beaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of March 8, 2023.
CARRIED

7.2 Capital Update – Harold Cull

Staff provided an update to the Board of Education on deficiencies and remaining work at PEXSISEN Elementary and Centre Mountain Lellum Middle Schools. Additionally, staff spoke on South Langford Elementary, and that the project was out to tender during the week of March 13, 2023. Conversations with the City of Langford indicated that the City would not support payment for an all-weather playing field and lights for community use.

65. **MOVED Cendra Beaton/Amanda Dowhy**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to revert back to a grass playing field at the South Langford School Site.
CARRIED

66. **MOVED Cendra Beaton/Russ Chipps**
That the Board of Education of the School District 62 (Sooke) direct the Board Chair to arrange a meeting for the Board to meet with the Langford Mayor and Council to further our relationship.
CARRIED



7.3 22/23 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw – Harold Cull

67. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the 2022/23 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw at its meeting of March 14, 2023.
CARRIED

68. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings to the 2022/23 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw.
CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

8.1 Education-Policy Committee – Meeting of March 7, 2023 – Allison Watson
Trustee Allison Watson provided an update on the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of March 7, 2023.

69. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) accept and endorse the 2023/2024 Schools Codes of Conduct as amended.
CARRIED

70. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of March 7, 2023.
CARRIED

9. **STUDENTS**

10. **FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

10.1 Board Work Plan 90 Day Outlook – Ravi Parmar
The Board Chair provided the Board of Education a review of the next 90-day work plan.

11. **ADMINISTRATION**

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson



The Superintendent provided an update to the Board of Education on learning, engagement, and growth. He spoke about district diversity, equity and inclusion learning, the Na'tsa'maht Community Dinners, a charity event at Edward Milne Community School, and the Business Continuity Planning tabletop exercise that the district leadership undertook.

12. **PERSONNEL**

13. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

EMCS Softball Academy Information Night – March 14, 2023

14. **FUTURE ITEMS**

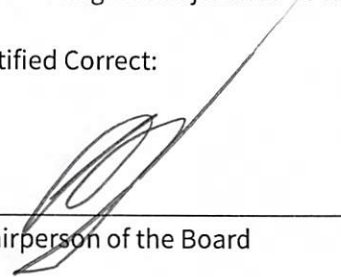
15. **QUESTION PERIOD**

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 8:04 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer

