



**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
May 24, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

TRUSTEES: Bob Beckett, Vice-Chair Dianna Seaton
Wendy Hobbs Bob Phillips
Margot Swinburnson Allison Watson

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Dan Haley, Executive Director, HR
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT
Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations
Sue Grundy, Manager Executive Operations

REGRETS: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair
Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent
David Strange, Associate Superintendent

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Board Vice Chair. Bob Beckett acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

73. **MOVED** Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
May 24, 2022 as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

74. **MOVED** Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of
the April 26, 2022 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Bob Beckett

The Vice Chair noted the absence of the Board Chair, and welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

a. Email from Corrine and Eric Morrow, dated May 16, 2022 RE: East Sooke Catchment

75. MOVED Bob Phillip/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the email from Corrine and Eric Morrow, dated May 16, 2022 RE: East Sooke Catchment and direct staff to include the Hans Helgesen /Saseenos Elementary School catchment areas as part of the District's catchment boundary review to be completed next school year.

CARRIED

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

Jennifer Anderson indicated members are burned out, that high absenteeism rates and the inability to fill vacancies are a concern to the STA. Further she indicated that the new SD 62 Online Safety Platform in which employees will report at work injuries was rolled out with insufficient training for its members. Additionally, she referred to the terminating of additional Pro-D funds that the District had provided in the past, which has impacted the Teacher-Librarian Project.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard indicated that the CUPE PRO D Day was a success with collaboration between CUPE and STA regarding its schedule and content. CUPE enquired into the District's Proof of Vaccination and Rapid Antigen Testing Protocol, and its expiry date of June 30, 2022. She noted that there are members at home on extraordinary leave that could be employed in the District while there are staffing shortages due to absenteeism. CUPE thanked the Board of Education for its invitation to the various graduation ceremonies in the District, and for its recognition of the District Bus Drivers.

PVP – Mellissa Ryan

Mellissa Ryan provided an update to the Board of Education on activities in the District. Poirier Elementary School has rebranded itself and its mascot and are now known as the Poirier Black Bears, Spencer Middle School hosted its first annual chess tournament, and the Canadian Women's Rugby Team provided lessons to John Stubbs Elementary and Middle students. All Elementary Schools are preparing for Kindergarten Orientation, and Middle and High schools are preparing for student transitions. Furthermore, there are a number of year end celebrations, fun days, and concerts in the District over the next month.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

Melissa Da Silva indicated that SPEAC held its AGM on May 18, 2022 and welcomed its new executive for 2022/23. In addition, SPEAC is looking to recognize its volunteers and has an upcoming session planned for June 2022.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on May 10, 2022

Trustee Phillips provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting.

76. **MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the one-time increase of the financial reserve to an amount of not greater than 3% as at June 30, 2022.
CARRIED
77. **MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of May 10, 2022.
CARRIED

7.2 School Trustee Election – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview of the key dates for the upcoming BC Election and the requirement of the Board of Education to appoint a Chief and Deputy Election Officer.

78. **MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) appoint Kerry Fedesenko as Chief Election Officer and Kristina Ross as Deputy Election Officer for the Trustee Electoral Area No. 1 (Belmont Zone) and the Trustee Electoral Area No. 2 (Milnes Landing Zone).
CARRIED

7.3 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview of the 2022/23 Annual Budget for consideration.

79. **MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give second and third reading to the 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw as amended, specifying a total budget of ~~\$171,560,906~~ \$171,568,906.
CARRIED

7.4 Proposed Change to the Annual Budget – Wendy Hobbs

Wendy Hobbs provided an overview of her proposal to the Board of Education.

80. **MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Bob Phillips**
That the Board of Education for School District No. 62 (Sooke) review September 30, 2022 enrolment and budget information at the October 2022 Board Meeting for the purpose of adding more counselling resources to Elementary Schools out of the increased revenue due to enrolment growth.
CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on May 3, 2022

Trustee Watson provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting.

81. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations F-501 "Emergency Preparedness".
CARRIED
82. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) accept and endorse the 2022 Middle School Philosophy as presented.
CARRIED

83. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to review the Fortis BC curriculum for compliance with Policy B-135 and alignment to the District's Strategic Plan. Furthermore, staff provide a report with their findings for a discussion at a future Education-Policy Committee meeting.
CARRIED
84. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) write to the Minister of Education to express concerns about the use of FortisBC's energy curriculum in public schools. Furthermore, ask that the Ministry makes a recommendation to school districts that they do not use these resources in public schools.
CARRIED
85. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Strategic Plan Progress – Quarterly Report (Q3) for consideration and future discussion.
CARRIED
86. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee meeting of May 3, 2022.
CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Board Work Plan 90 Day Outlook – Ravi Parmar

The Board Vice Chair provided a review of the next 90-day work plan.

10.2 Na'tsa'maht Education Committee - Meeting held on May 18, 2022

Trustee Seaton provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Na'tsa'maht Education Committee Meeting.

10.3 Board Meetings – Margot Swinburnson

Trustee Swinburnson provided an overview of her proposal that the Board of Education have alternating venues for the Public Board and Standing Committee Meetings.

87. **MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips**

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) direct staff to investigate the feasibility of live-streaming Board and Standing Committee meetings at a school location in the Milnes Landing Zone. Further, that staff develop a proposed schedule of alternating Standing Committee and Board meetings between the Belmont and Milnes Landing Zones for the 2022/2023 school year for the Board to consider.

CARRIED

10.4 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Annual Report – Wendy Hobbs

Trustee Hobbs provided an overview of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Annual Report. There was some discussion concerning drafting a letter to the municipalities over the potential loss of a youth liaison RCMP position, however, Scott Stinson remains in contact with the WestShore RCMP Superintendent, and the community as a whole will respond shortly.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on the Na'tsa'maht Enhancement Agreement Renewal Process, the joint contribution between the CWB Welding Foundation and SD 62 in opening the new welding facility at Royal Bay Secondary School and Edward Milne Community School, the All Superintendents' meeting, and Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Further, he indicated that work continues on the Capital Plan Submission to the Ministry of Education and the Transportation Department will have routes available to its riders by June 30, 2022.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

Tale of the Whale Documentary Screening – June 10, 2022

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public have the opportunity to ask questions related to agenda items. All media questions can be directed to the Manager, Strategic Communications for follow-up and response.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer