

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
October 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

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**TRUSTEES:** Amanda Dowhy, Board Chair  
Cendra Beaton  
Christine Lervold  
Allison Watson (virtual)

Ebony Logins, Vice Chair  
Russ Chipps (virtual)  
Trudy Spiller

**STAFF:** Scott Stinson, Superintendent  
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer  
Paul Block, Deputy Superintendent  
David Strange, Associate Superintendent  
Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR  
Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT  
Steve Tonnesen, Manager, IT Operations

**REGRETS:** Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent

**SECRETARY:** Kristina Ross

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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**

159. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Christine Lervold  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of October 24, 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

160. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of September 26, 2023, as presented.  
CARRIED

### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 4.1 Board Chair Update – Amanda Dowhy

Manitoba is the first Canadian province to elect a First Nations premier. Wab Kinew won the provincial election on October 3, 2023. The Board of Education sends their congratulations. The City of Langford and District of Sooke both met with Minister Rachna Singh on September 18, 2023 to speak about the increasing student enrolment in their districts and the need for continued support from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Foundry Victoria offers young people ages 12-24 access to mental health and substance use support, primary care, peer support and social services. The Village Initiative is supporting the formation of a Westshore Foundry and hope to partner with them in providing this service to Westshore students.

161. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Christine Lervold (Dave)  
That the Board of Education of school District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to prepare a letter of support to The Village Initiative RE: Westshore Foundry Application.  
CARRIED

### 5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 5.1 School Trip to Salt Lake City UT, June 6-10, 2024 – Lucas MacNeil

Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.

162. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School Trip to Salt Lake City, Utah from June 6, 2024, to June 10, 2024, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent’s Office.  
CARRIED



5.2 School Trip to Denver CO. June 7-10, 2024 – Lucas MacNeil  
Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.

163. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School Trip to Denver, Colorado from June 7, 2024, to June 10, 2024, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.  
CARRIED

5.3 Online Learning Hubs Update – Paul Block  
Staff provided an update to the Board of Education on the implementation of online learning hubs in SD 62's neighbourhood secondary schools; allowing students to access the online courses and related supports at Belmont, EMCS and Royal Bay Secondary Schools. Staff thanked District, SPVP and teachers for their support in this successful implementation.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

### 6.1 Correspondence

a. Letter from the Sooke Teachers' Association dated September 22, 2023, RE: FSA Withdrawal

164. MOVED Ebony Logins/Christine Lervold  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Letter from the Sooke Teachers' Association dated September 22, 2023, RE: FSA Withdrawal.  
CARRIED

b. Letter from Colin Sparks, dated October 9, 2023, RE: Garry Oak Meadow

165. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Letter from Colin Sparks, dated October 8, 2023, and direct staff to gather further details including scope and funding costs. Once collected, the information should be provided to the Board of Education through the Resources Committee.  
CARRIED

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



The STA requested more information regarding Online Learning Hubs, particularly around what courses students are accessing. The STA again expressed their dissatisfaction in the Foundation Skill Assessment (FSA) parent withdrawal process at the Sooke School District. Further, they indicated that the data resulting from FSAs are harming students and school communities and questioned the Board of Education's intent regarding this. Further, they asked the Employer what it was doing to protect LGBTQIA2S+ employees, the STA Social Justice Chair, Amanda Culver may have some suggestions.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

No delegation.

PVP – Krista Leakey

Krista Leakey provided the Board of Education an update on fall activities in the District. Willway Elementary hosted a Truth and Reconciliation Assembly, and a Harvest Feast. John Stubbs Memorial held a Great Middle School BBQ in coordination with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 91 (Langford). Belmont Secondary School Leadership Team is hosting a food drive, and Sooke Elementary School is thankful for receiving a grant which allowed them to refresh its sensory room and purchase some new equipment. Further, it is hosting a Halloween Dance and Pumpkin Carving Contest and is asking for Trustees to attend as judges. Lastly, John Muir Elementary hosted the Tour De Rock on October 4, 2023.

SPEAC – Nevada Kaludjar

SPEAC has its advisory council meeting on October 18, 2023, in which it discussed the Feeding Futures Program. Its next meeting is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

**7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

**7.1 Resources Committee Meeting of October 10, 2023 – Ebony Logins**

Trustee Logins provided an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting of October 10, 2023, to the Board of Education.

**166. MOVED Ebony Logins/Trudy Spiller**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Facility rental rates for the 23/24 school year as presented to the Resources Committee on October 10, 2023.

CARRIED

**167. MOVED Ebony Logins/Trudy Spiller**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of October 10, 2023.



CARRIED

7.2 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD62-03 – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview of the amended capital plan, and the receipt of additional funding.

168. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the 23/24 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD62-03 at its meeting of October 24, 2023.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

169. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings to the 23/24 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD62-03.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

8.1 Education-Policy Committee Meeting of October 3, 2023 – Allison Watson

Trustee Watson provided an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of October 3, 2023, to the Board of Education.

170. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy C-210 “Placement of Students”.

CARRIED

171. 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 October 3, 2023.

CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of Policy & Regulations – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an overview to the Board of Education.

172. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson

Given that the required Notice of Motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt draft revised Policy A-105 “Trustee Code of Conduct”.



CARRIED

173. **MOVED** Christine Lervold/Trudy Spiller

Given that the required period for Notice of Motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt draft new Policy and Regulations B-335 “Communicating Student Learning and Reporting”.

CARRIED

9. **STUDENTS**

10. **FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

10.1 Board of Education 90 Day Work Plan – Amanda Dowhy

The Board Chair reviewed the details of the 90 Day Work Plan.

10.2 Ukraine Student Visit Update – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided background and current context to the request for support to provide four Ukrainian students with a \$2,000 contribution to pay for the cost of their two-week home stay.

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

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) authorize staff to provide homestay costs (estimated at \$2,000) for a two-week period for four student visitors from the Ukraine.

CARRIED

10.3 2023/24 Enrolment Update – Paul Block

The School District provided the final September enrolment to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. SD 62 has 5,959 students enrolled at the elementary level, 2,828 students registered at the middle school level and 3,963 students attending secondary school for a total of 12,750 students K-12. There are 34 Continuing Education students, 149 online school students, and 209 students at Westshore Secondary School for a total of 391 non-traditional K-12 students. Therefore, the District’s total is 13,141 (Headcount), 13,767 (FTE).

11. **ADMINISTRATION**

11.1 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Update – Scott Stinson

Staff brought forward information on FSA in response to the Board motion adopted in September 2023.

12. **PERSONNEL**



12.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent provided the Board of Education an update on Learning, Engagement and Growth. The Superintendent highlighted the Welcome Back Fun Day that the International Student Program hosted, the Association for Learning Environments Conference, the Feeding Futures Security Program, and the Provincial SOGI Summit.

13. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Na'tsa'maht Education Council Meeting – October 25, 2023  
Halloween – October 31, 2023  
BCPSEA Fall Symposium - 2/3 November 2023  
Education-Policy Committee Meeting – November 7, 2023  
Remembrance Day – November 11, 2023  
Resources Committee Meeting – November 14, 2023  
Trustee Schools Visit- November 15, 2023  
BCSTA Academy November 24/25, 2023

14. **FUTURE ITEMS**

15. **QUESTION PERIOD**

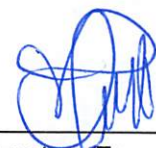
Members of the public have the opportunity to ask questions related to agenda items discussed at tonight's meeting using the QA function in MS Teams. Individuals must identify themselves and ask questions directed to the Chair. Members of the media can direct their questions to the Manager, Communications for response following the meeting.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Certified Correct:

  
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Chairperson of the Board

  
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Secretary-Treasurer

