



**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
October 25, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Bob Beckett
Wendy Hobbs Bob Phillips
Dianna Seaton Margot Swinburnson
Allison Watson (virtual)

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent
David Strange, 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

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.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

125. **MOVED** Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of October 25, 2022 as amended.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

126. **MOVED** Dianna Seaton/Bob Beckett
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the September 27, 2022 meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Chair acknowledged the Board of Education and thanked them for their years of service. He indicated that the District had recognized its Board earlier in the evening and expressed his gratitude for the solid foundation that remained. He acknowledged the work required moving forward in a growing school district and congratulated the Trustees Elect.

4.2 Sport Assist Cheque Presentation – Wendy Hobbs

Trustee Hobbs, on behalf of Sport Assist, presented School District 62 with a \$12,000 cheque to support physical literacy and instruction.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Student Trip to Seattle, Washington – Royal Bay Secondary School – Wayne Kelly

Wayne Kelly provided an overview of the student trip.

127. MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School lacrosse trip to Seattle from December 2-4, 2022, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's office.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson thanked the outgoing Board of Education for their service and welcomed the incoming Board of Education. She indicated they have a lot of work ahead of them to support teachers, and their mental health.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard recognized the United Way Campaign, spoke about its work in the local community, and spoke about CUPE 459 support of a national breakfast program. CUPE would like to see a fully staffed program available at all schools across the District. Further, she noted that November 8, 2022 is National Aboriginal Veterans Day.

PVP – Krista Leahey

Krista Leahey provided an update to the Board of Education on the activities in the District. The EMCS Band was invited to perform at the B.C. Lieutenant Governors House; guests included the Minister of Education and Premier Horgan. Spencer Middle School introduced its first Cheer Quad and started its intermural sports program. PEXSISEN and Sooke Elementary Schools received a literacy reading grant from Indigo, while the Milnes Landing Zone hosted its first Cross Country Meet.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

Melissa Da Silva thanked the Board of Education for their years of service and acknowledged that their work helped shape the foundation of the school district. She congratulated the incoming Board of Education and spoke about the success of the Trustee Candidate Forum that SPEAC held. SPEAC will host all PAC Presidents and Vice Presidents on November 21, 2022 at its Annual Leadership Dinner at Royal Bay Secondary School and will hold its next monthly meeting on November 16, 2022.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Resources Committee – Meeting of October 11, 2022 – Bob Beckett

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

128. MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of October 11, 2022.

CARRIED

7.2 Additional Counselling FTEs from May 25, 2022 Motion – David Strange

Staff have completed their review of enrollment, budget and staffing related to counselling. Allocated counselling staffing for 2022/23 is 6.28 FTE above Collective Agreement ratios.

129. MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) request staff to explore other specialized staffing and resources that can support student needs and bring back during the amended budget process.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on October 4, 2022

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

130. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) rescind Policy and Regulations C-433 “HIV Virus (A.I.D.S.)” and remove them from the District’s Policy manual.

CARRIED

131. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations C-434 “Universal Precautions”.

CARRIED

132. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of October 4, 2022.

CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Na’tsa’mah Education Council - Meeting of October 18, 2022 – Dianna Seaton

Trustee Seaton provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Na’tsa’mah Education Committee Meeting which included discussion on changes to their Terms of Reference, and the need to reengage with the local community.

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on the TASK Program, the upcoming post-secondary project being built in Langford, our municipal partnerships and the necessity to engage the Mayor and Council Elects, the opening of Centre Mountain Lellum, and upcoming Board Orientation.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 – Swearing-In Ceremony & Inaugural Meeting

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public can 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 8:32 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer