



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
LIVE MS Teams Event  
September 22, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

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TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair                      Bob Beckett, Vice-Chair  
              Bob Phillips                                         Margot Swinburnson  
              Allison Watson                                        Dianna Seaton

STAFF: Scott Stinson, Superintendent  
          Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer  
          Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent  
          Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent  
          Paul Block, Associate Superintendent  
          Dan Haley, Executive Director, HR  
          Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT  
          Steve Tonnesen, Manager IT Operations

REGRETS: Wendy Hobbs

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 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

96.        MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton  
            That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of  
            September 22, 2020 as amended.  
            CARRIED

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

97.        MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Beckett  
            That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of  
            the September 1, 2020 meeting as presented.  
            CARRIED

#### 4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### 4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

The Board Chair welcomed the staff, students and families to the 20/21 school year. He thanked the families and students for their continued patience, in addition to acknowledging the efforts of all the teachers and support staff at SD 62.

##### 4.2 Return to School Update – Scott Stinson & Harold Cull

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on the successful start to the Sooke K-12 Education Restart Plan. He indicated that 90% of Elementary School, 88% of Middle School and 100% of High School/DL students had returned to the District. 800 students are being supported through remote learning, which began on September 21, 2020. In order to support the remote learning students, 25 teaching positions were added (through workplace accommodations, and new hires), which will report to Heather Lait, Principal of Westshore Centre for Learning and Training.

Harold Cull provided a summary to the Board of Education on the challenges that the Transportation Department faced in the first few weeks of the 20/21 school year. This included 500 new registrations (between September 12-14), 1/8 Secondary School Schedule (12 new mid-day routes), shortage of drivers and buses, and a new provincial bus routing software system. He thanked the families and students of the District for their patience.

#### 5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

##### 6.1 Correspondence:

##### a. Letter to School Trustees of SD 62 – Environmental Educators Provincial Specialist Association (EEPSA)

##### 98. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Phillips

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Environmental Educators Provincial Specialist Association and refer it to the Superintendent for response.  
CARRIED

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

##### STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson briefed the members of the Board of Education on the STA Mental Health Survey results. She indicated that she would follow up with formal correspondence to the Board of Education with specific statistics and data concerning the survey. Further, she thanked the Board of Education for allowing the front loading of sick time for its members.

##### CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard spoke to the Board of Education regarding its members' workload and capacity. In addition, she indicated that some members have Health and Safety concerns. Furthermore, bus drivers are concerned about the long loading and unloading of students due to COVID-19 related procedures. Traffic is becoming exasperated at the long waits and are not obeying bus safety procedures.

##### PVP – Grania Bridal

Grania Bridal thanked the Board of Education for providing the Trauma Informed Practice Training to its members. Furthermore, she thanked CUPE, STA and the Leadership Team for its tremendous work concerning the Sooke K-12 Restart Plan.

### SPEAC – Cendra Beaton

Cendra Beaton indicated that there was a big turnout of parents at the September 16<sup>th</sup> SPEAC meeting. SPEAC indicated that PAC fundraising, transportation, and remote learning were issues of discussion. Cendra Beaton requested that the District share School Emergency Item Lists with the PAC as currently it is their responsibility to keep the inventory updated.

### Canadian Parents for French – Amanda Culver

Amanda Culver spoke to the Board of Education about the remote learning of French Immersion students, and the concerns regarding this. She indicated the CPF offers free tutoring for its members on a first come first served basis. The CPF held its Annual General Meeting and has voted in a new executive. Billi-Jo Cavanaugh is now the President for the local chapter of Sooke. Contact information for the executive is forthcoming.

### Students

No delegation.

## **7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

### **7.1 Report on the Audit Committee – Meeting held on September 15, 2020**

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

99. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 19/20 financial statements as presented at the Audit Committee meeting of September 15, 2020.  
CARRIED

100. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Audit Committee meeting of September 15, 2020.  
CARRIED

### **7.2 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on September 15, 2020**

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

101. MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of September 15, 2020.  
CARRIED

## **8. EDUCATION PROGRAM**

### **8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on September 8, 2020**

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

102. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to explore the expansion of outdoor learning/education for all SD62 students with the intent to understand the resources required to support, develop and implement increased outdoor learning opportunities. The exploration of these opportunities would include: researching outdoor learning/education in other jurisdictions, conducting consultations/surveys with stakeholders' groups including our First Nations partners, and student engagement at all

grade levels. Furthermore, staff will provide their findings for discussion at future Education and Policy Committee meetings.

CARRIED

103. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education Policy Committee meeting of September 8, 2020.

CARRIED

**9. STUDENTS**

**10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE**

**11. ADMINISTRATION**

**11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson**

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on his participation in the UVIC Student Education Presentation; the partnership with Pacheedaht First Nation and the work that is occurring at Port Renfrew Elementary School; the Royal Bay Secondary School Expansion; the announcement of a procured site at Royal Bay for an elementary school; and the upcoming catchment review to address new school boundaries in West Langford.

**12. PERSONNEL**

**13. UPCOMING EVENTS**

Non-Instructional Day – September 28, 2020  
Orange Shirt Day – September 30, 2020  
VISTA Fall Conference – October 3, 2020  
World Teachers Day – October 5, 2020  
BCSTA Chairs Meeting – October 15, 2020 (TBD)

**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, Communications for follow-up and response.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Certified Correct:

  
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Chairperson of the Board

  
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Secretary-Treasurer