

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
September 26, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

TRUSTEES: Amanda Dowhy, Board Chair
Cendra Beaton
Trudy Spiller
Ebony Logins, Vice Chair
Christine Lervold
Allison Watson

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

REGRETS: Russ Chipps

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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

141. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ebony Logins
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of September 26, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

2.2 Report on In-Camera Meeting– Amanda Dowhy



This is notice 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. From that meeting the Board has moved to “rise and report” from its Governance Committee.

142. MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft Policy A-105 “Trustee Code of Conduct”.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

143. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of August 29, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Amanda Dowhy

The Board Chair brought attention to 17-year-old Jesokah Adkens who went missing from a bus stop in Sooke, on September 26, 2001. Jesokah remains in Sooke residents’ thoughts and prayers. Newly elected Trustee Christine Lervold was welcomed to the District at an Oath of Office Ceremony held prior to the Board Meeting and will receive her committee assignments shortly. The Board of Education is once again at full strength and will continue with the work of the District.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Student Exchange Trip Tokyo, Japan 2024 – Jennifer Gibson

Staff provided an overview of the student exchange trip to the Board of Education.

144. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Journey Middle School Trip to Tokyo, Japan from March 17, 2024, to March 26, 2024, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent’s Office.
CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence



a. Email from Dominique Jacobs RE: Welcome to the 2023/24 School Year, dated September 5, 2023.

145. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ebony Logins
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the correspondence from Dominique Jacobs RE: Welcome to the 2023/24 School Year.
CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

The STA expressed their dissatisfaction in the Foundation Skill Assessment (FSA) parent withdrawal process at the Sooke School District. Teachers believe that the FSA is being used inappropriately, and that they are already evaluating students individually, so there is no need for the FSA. Further, she indicated that the data resulting from FSAs are harming students and school communities. She would like the Board of Education to reevaluate the withdrawal process that parents must complete if they do not want their child to participate in the FSA.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

CUPE is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and hosted its kickoff barbeque last weekend. As part of the celebration Wayla Chipps, a talented young artist, gifted CUPE 459 a design that was incorporated into an anniversary t-shirt. CUPE 459 provided these shirts to its members and would like to offer them to the Board of Education. Amber Leonard thanked EAs, clerical staff, the IT department, bus drivers, and facility staff for the great start up to the school year and acknowledged those members who worked diligently throughout the summer. CUPE 459 will be electing its new executive team at the end of the year, as positions become vacant due to term endings and retirements.

PVP – Lisa Leclerc

Lisa Leclerc provided an update to the Board of Education on the start up of school and activities around the District. Highlights included PAC BBQs, the Terry Fox Run, Meet the Teacher/Open House, transitioning our Kindergarten students, and this week schools are focused on teaching and learning about Truth and Reconciliation.

SPEAC – Nevada Kaludjar

SPEAC congratulated newly elected Trustee Christine Lervold and indicated that SPEAC held its monthly meeting last week. Most of the meeting addressed



questions and challenges facing SPEAC reps, specifically to do with new students to the District and Canada. The next SPEAC meeting will be October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Resources Committee Meeting of September 19, 2023 – Ebony Logins

Trustee Logins provided an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting of September 19, 2023, to the Board of Education.

146. MOVED Ebony Logins/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 24/25 Minor Capital Plan submission as presented to the Resources Committee on September 19, 2023.

CARRIED

147. MOVED Ebony Logins/Cendra Beaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of September 19, 2023.

CARRIED

7.2 22/23 Financial Statements Approval – Cendra Beaton

Trustee Beaton provided an overview of the financial statements to the Board of Education.

148. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ebony Logins

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 22/23 financial statements as presented at the Audit Committee meeting of September 20, 2023.

CARRIED

7.3 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD62-02 – Harold Cull

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

149. MOVED Allison Watson/Christine Lervold

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 CPSD62-02 at its meeting of September 26, 2023.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)



150. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Christine Lervold
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 CPSP62-02.
CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

- 8.1 Education-Policy Committee Meeting of September 12, 2023 – Allison Watson
Trustee Watson provided an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of September 12, 2023, to the Board of Education.

151. MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct the Governance Committee to review Administration Regulation A-340 for the purpose of updating context and language.
CARRIED

152. MOVED Allison Watson/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations B-335 “Communicating Student Learning and Reporting”.
CARRIED

153. 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 September 12, 2023.
CARRIED

- 8.2 Adoption of Policy & Regulations – Paul Block
Paul Block spoke with regards to the revised Policy B-133 “Online Learning”.

154. MOVED Allison Watson/Christine Lervold
Given that the required period for Notice of Motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt revised Policy B-133 “Online Learning”
CARRIED

9. **STUDENTS**



9.1 Ukraine Student Visit – Scott Stinson

As a result of the war in the Ukraine, several humanitarian missions have been organized and carried out from volunteers in the Westshore. The volunteer group has extended an offer to four secondary students to come to SD62 this school year. This opportunity would have the students attend EMCS for two weeks and a program at Bamfield for one week with their student host. The cost to the Board of Education would be approximately \$2,000. A fulsome discussion of the subject occurred; the Board of Education extended an invitation to the volunteer group to provide additional information at the next Public Board Meeting on October 24, 2023.

10. FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

10.1 22/23 Strategic Plan Annual Report – Scott Stinson

Staff provided an overview of the 22/23 Strategic Plan Annual Report and an overall rating of the progress the District has made.

155. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Christine Lervold
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 22/23 Strategic Plan Annual Report as presented.
CARRIED

10.2 22/23 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Report to the Ministry - Paul Block

Staff provided an overview and highlights of the FESL Report to the Board of Education.

156. MOVED Amanda Dowhy/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to provide a report to the Board of Education on the Foundation Skill Assessment (FSA), its relation to the Ministry of Education and district reporting requirements.
CARRIED

157. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Christine Lervold
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 22/23 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report and submit it to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.
CARRIED

10.3 23/24 Board Work Plan – Amanda Dowhy



Annually the Board of Education reviews and sets its calendar and work plan for the school year.

158. **MOVED** Christine Lervold/Allison Watson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the 23/24 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule and the 23/24 Board of Education Work Plan as presented.
CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent provided the Board of Education an update on Learning, Engagement and Growth. He touched on the positive school start-up, the changes to the District in 2024, the BC Rights Code and the Board's obligation to ensure that when students attend our schools that they feel a sense of safety, belonging and acceptance. The School District continues to grow; for September 2023 enrolment is likely to be over 12, 811 headcount and 12,941 FTE, showing a year-to-year growth of 5.6%.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30 - 1701 Submission
September 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day
October 2 - Closed
October 5 – World Educators Day
October 13/14 – VISTA Meeting
October 19 - BCSTA Advocacy Day
October 20/21 - BCSTA Provincial Council

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 9:05 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer

