

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
June 27, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

TRUSTEES: Amanda Dowhy, Interim Board Chair Cendra Beaton
Ravi Parmar Trudy Spiller

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

REGRETS: Russ Chipps
Ebony Logins
Allison Watson

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**
The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Interim Board Chair. Amanda Dowhy acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

2. **AGENDA**
 - 2.1 Call for amendments and additional items
 114. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Ravi Parmar
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of June 27, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

3. **MINUTES**



3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

115. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of May 23, 2023, as presented.
CARRIED

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4.1 Board Chair Update – Amanda Dowhy

The Interim Board Chair noted that SD 62 graduates had received \$145,390 in government bursary and scholarship funds, bringing the total amount from all sources to \$1.5 million. She thanked Joan Axford for her service to the District, on the Audit Committee as her term comes to a close, and welcomed the new committee member George Ambeault. The Board recognized CUPE's 60th Anniversary and thanked its members for their service to the District. SD 62 will participate in the Pride 2023 Parade occurring in Victoria on July 9th. The District stands with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and is disheartened to see vandalism directed at this group in the community.

5. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 Student Trip to Seattle, Washington – September 2, 2023 – Cam Smith

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

116. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Trudy Spiller
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Belmont Secondary School trip to Seattle, Washington, September 2, 2023, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.
CARRIED

5.2 Student Trip to Santa Barbara, CA – October 20-23, 2023 – Ray Barkwill

5.3 Student Trip to Round Rock, TX – November 10-13, 2023 – Ray Barkwill

5.4 Student Trip to Palm Springs, CA – January 12-15, 2024 – Ray Barkwill

5.5 Student Trip to Irvine, CA – January 26-29, 2024 – Ray Barkwill

5.6 Student Trip to Sisters, OR – May 3-6, 2024 – Ray Barkwill

Staff provided an overview of the women's lacrosse trips to the Board of Education.

117. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Cendra Beaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve all Royal Bay Secondary School lacrosse trips as presented at the at the Public Board



meeting of June 27, 2023, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.

CARRIED

5.7 Exchange School Relationship Application – Mike Huck

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

118. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the sister School relationship and proposed student exchange from March 2-30, 2024, for Royal Bay Secondary students to travel to Lycée Marie Phila École in Carpentras – Avignon, France as presented at the Public Board Meeting of June 27, 2023, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's office.

CARRIED

5.8 District Literacy Program – Denise Wehner

Denise Wehner provided an overview of the District K-12 Literacy Program to the Board of Education. She focused the presentation on the core components of reading instruction and looked forward to priorities that the curriculum team will be focussing on in School Year 2023/24.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Correspondence

No correspondence.

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson spoke about the need to recognize National Indigenous Month and Pride Month throughout the year, rather than just on the day or month of acknowledgement. This action, in her opinion, would mean more to our students and staff and provide true inclusivity in the District.

The Board of Education will receive a letter from a group of Ruth King Elementary School members outlining their concerns surrounding space at the school.

Jennifer Anderson read a portion of this letter to the Board and asked for more funding to address these shortages.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard



Amber Leonard focussed her delegation comments on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action. Call to Action #6 calls upon the Government of Canada to remove section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Call to Action #7 calls upon the federal government to develop with Indigenous groups a joint strategy to eliminate education and employment gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

Call to Action #8 calls on the federal government to eliminate the discrepancy in federal education funding for First Nations children being educated on reserves and those First Nation children being educated off reserves.

Amber Leonard thanked CUPE 459 members in advance for their work over the summer to prepare our schools for the upcoming school year.

PVP – Karen DeCicco

Karen DeCicco provided a video to the Board of Education, with members of the PVP speaking to their favorite moments of the year in each of their schools. She thanked the Board of Education and the Executive Team for their support, collaboration and spoke about the deep connection to our students and community.

SPEAC

No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Resources Committee – Meeting of June 13, 2023 – Cendra Beaton

Trustee Beaton provided an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting to the Board of Education.

119. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve a temporary decrease of the unrestricted operating surplus to an amount of 1% of the operating budget as at June 30, 2023 with any residual surplus to be restricted for space mitigation costs.

CARRIED

120. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller



That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) write a letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care requesting the Ministry to fully fund temporary accommodation such as portables for growing districts in order to preserve operating funding for the educational purposes for which it was intended.

CARRIED

121. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Feeding Futures report as presented at the June 13, 2023 Resources Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

122. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of June 13, 2023.

CARRIED

7.2 24/25 Major Capital Plan – Harold Cull

Staff provided an overview of the 24/25 Capital Plan to the Board of Education.

123. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ravi Parmar

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 24/25 Major Capital Plan submission as presented to the Board of Education on June 27, 2023.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

8.1 Education-Policy Committee – Meeting of June 6, 2023 – Cendra Beaton

Trustee Beaton provided an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting to the Board of Education.

124. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy B-133 “Online Learning”.

CARRIED

125. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ravi Parmar



That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the 2023-24 Operational Plan as presented at the Education-Policy Committee meeting of June 6, 2023.

CARRIED

126. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Ravi Parmar

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of June 6, 2023.

CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of Policy and Regulations – Scott Stinson

Staff provided an overview of the applicable policies and regulations to the Board of Education.

127. MOVED Trudy Spiller/Cendra Beaton

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 and Regulation B-330 “Learning Assessment”.

CARRIED

128. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Cendra Beaton

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 and Regulation D-330 “Governance of FOIPPA”.

CARRIED

8.3 Amendment to Policy and Regulation C-329 “Field Trips” – Cendra Beaton

Trustee Beaton spoke with regards to her proposed amendment to Policy and Regulation C-329 “Field Trips”.

129. MOVED Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to revise the Policy and Regulation C-329, Field Trips to ensure that students of all gender identities have equitable opportunities for inclusion and participation with accommodation that prioritize their emotional and physical safety.

CARRIED

8.4 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FSEL) Targets – Paul Block



SD 62 has completed the second year of data collection and input required by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The Executive continues to build coherence and alignment between the Strategic Plan and the data generated for the FESL Report.

9. **STUDENTS**

10. **FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

10.1 Board Work Plan 90 Day Outlook – Amanda Dowhy

The Interim Board Chair provided the Board of Education with a review of the next 90-day work plan.

10.2 NA'TSA'MAHT Enhancement Agreement Final Report – Paul Block

Staff provided a summary of the NA'TSA'MAHT Enhancement Agreement Final Report to the Board of Education.

130. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the NA'TSA'MAHT Enhancement Agreement Final Report (NEAR) as presented.

CARRIED

11. **ADMINISTRATION**

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent provided an update on Learning, Engagement and Growth to the Board of Education. He indicated that he had been meeting with the Leadership Team to assess their goals and reflections of the past year, that School Plan Reviews were ongoing, and that several events had occurred: the land blessing at the Hulitan Child Care site, SPEAC Volunteer Recognition, and the District Retirement and Long Service Recognition. The Superintendent acknowledged the Board for its first end-of-school year and Trustee Parmar for his recent election as MLA for Langford/Juan de Fuca and thanked him for his service to the District.

12. **PERSONNEL**

13. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 27 – Multicultural Day

June 29– Joint Meeting with the District of Sooke

June 29 – Last Day of School

June 30 – Non-Instructional Day

July 4 – Meeting with Staff and Mayor of Colwood



July 9 – Victoria Pride Parade

14. **FUTURE ITEMS**

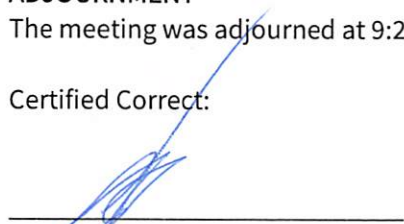
15. **QUESTION PERIOD**

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 9:24 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer

