

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
April 30, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

**STAFF:** Paul Block, Superintendent  
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer  
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent  
D’Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent  
David Strange, Associate Superintendent  
Fred Hibbs, Executive Director, HR  
Steve Tonnesen, Manager, IT Operations

**REGRETS:** Farzaan Nusserwanji, Executive Director, IT

**SECRETARY:** Kristina Ross

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the Board Chair. A motion to recess was called at 8:47 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 8:57 p.m.

**2. AGENDA**

**2.1 Call for amendments and additional items**

49. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Allison Watson  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting agenda of April 30, 2024, as amended.  
**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**

50. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Russ Chipps  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the public meeting minutes of March 12, 2024, as amended.  
**CARRIED**

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUCEMENTS**

**4.1 Board Chair Update – Amanda Dowhy**

On April 8<sup>th</sup> the Board Chair, and Superintendent, met with the District of Sooke to speak about their safety concerns along Highway 14 in Sooke. Highlights included different messaging around speed zones, and pedestrian crossings. Congratulations from the Board of Education to the newly elected STA Executive; President Rita Zeni, 1<sup>st</sup> President Christina Kempenaar, and 2<sup>nd</sup> President, Amanda Culver.

**5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 5.1 School Trip to Baltimore MA, October 31-November 4, 2024 – Lucas MacNeil**  
Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.
- 5.2 School Trip to Portland OR, November 15-November 17, 2024 – Lucas MacNeil**  
Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.
- 5.3 School Trip to Seattle WA, December 6-Dec 8, 2024 – Lucas MacNeil**  
Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.
- 5.4 School Trip to Portland OR, March 14-March 16, 2025 – Lucas MacNeil**  
Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.
- 5.5 School Trip to Huntington Beach CA, January 24-January 29, 2025 – Lucas MacNeil**  
Staff provided an overview of the school trip to the Board of Education.
- 5.6 School Trip to Sisters OR, May 2-May 5, 2025 – Lucas MacNeil**
- 5.7 School Trip to Denver CO, June 12-June 16, 2025 – Lucas MacNeil**  
Staff provided an overview of lacrosse trips to the Board of Education.



51.     MOVED Cendra Beaton/Russ Chipps  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School Lacrosse trips as outlined in 5.1 to 5.7, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.  
CARRIED
- 5.8     School Trip to Tokyo, Japan, Spring 2025 – John McIntosh  
Staff provided an overview of the trip to the Board of Education.
52.     MOVED Allison Watson/Cendra Beaton  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Royal Bay Secondary School Trip to Tokyo, Japan, Spring 2025, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.  
CARRIED
- 5.9     Student Trip to Thailand & Cambodia, March 17-25, 2025 – Yvonne Clark  
Staff provided an overview of the trip to the Board of Education.
53.     MOVED Christine Lervold/Allison Watson  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Spencer Middle School Trip to Thailand & Cambodia, March 17-25, 2025, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's office.  
CARRIED
- 5.10    Student Trip to Spain, Spring 2025 – Tiffany Evans  
Staff provided an overview of the trip to the Board of Education.
54.     MOVED Trudy Spiller/Ebony Logins  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Belmont Secondary School Trip to Spain, Spring 2025, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent's Office.  
CARRIED
6.     **CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS**
- 6.1     Correspondence
- a.    Email from Justine C, dated April 1, 2024, RE: Build Seamless Before & After School Childcare



55. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Russ Chipps  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the email from Justine C, dated April 1, 2024, RE: Build Seamless Before & After School Childcare.  
CARRIED

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

STA – Christina Kempenaar

The STA held its AGM on May 24<sup>th</sup> where it hosted 100 teachers. May 17, 2024 was a PRO D Day featuring keynote speaker Qwustenuxun Williams, and had over 20 workshops to choose from. The STA encourages all to take part. Spring staffing has begun. The STA thanked Nora Reid, Strategic HR Manager, for the information she provided prior to the postings, it seems to have answered most members questions.

CUPE 459 – Amber Leonard

CUPE 459 shared reflections on two calls to Action (25,26) from the National Truth and Reconciliation Report. The National Day of Mourning, held on April 26, is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, suffered injury or illness on the job or in a work-related tragedy. Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, is observed on May 3rd. Spencer Middle School and Ruth King Elementary School students will be marching down Goldstream Avenue to Savory Elementary School to mark this day.

PVP – Tanya Phillips

Tanya Phillips provided the Board of Education an update on activities around the District. Highlights included: a Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education Lahal Bone Game Tournament, three community dinners, the multicultural family night, the Youth Work in Trades Awards, and students from around the District attended the Career Fair hosted at School District 61.

Lastly, she thanked the Facilities Team for looking after the 1000 hectares of grounds and fields.

SPEAC – Nevada Kaludjer

SPEAC thanked the Board of Education for allowing its participation at the Education Committee of the Whole meeting where it was able to comment on the potential budget cuts. It is looking forward to further discussion at tonight's meeting. SPEAC is



looking for nominations to join the Executive Team and upcoming events include the SPEAC AGM on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and the SPEAC PAC Summit

## 7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

### 7.1 Resources Committee Meeting of April 16, 2024 – Christine Lervold

Trustee Lervold provided an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting of April 16, 2024, to the Board of Education.

56. MOVED Christine Lervold/Cendra Beaton  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw 2024/25-CPSD62-01 at its meeting of April 30, 2024.  
CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

57. MOVED Christine Lervold/Ebony Logins  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first, second and third readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw 2024/25-CPSD62-01.  
CARRIED

58. MOVED Christine Lervold/Russ Chipps  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of April 16, 2024.  
CARRIED

### 7.2 Education Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 23, 2024 – Harold Cull

The Board Chair provided an overview of the Education Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 23, 2024.

59. MOVED Ebony Logins/Trudy Spiller  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education Committee of the Whole meeting of April 23, 2024.  
CARRIED

### 7.3 2024/25 Annual Budget Bylaw – Harold Cull

The Board debated the budget plan submitted by the Executive based on responses from our partner groups and staff. The Board directed staff to add back in counsellors and ECEs and to bring back the revised budget documents to the May meeting.



60. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Christine Lervold  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give first reading to the 2024/25 Annual Budget Bylaw, specifying a total of \$221,481,692.  
CARRIED

**8. EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**8.1 Education-Policy Committee Meeting of April 9, 2024 – Cendra Beaton**

Trustee Beaton provided an overview of the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of April 9, 2024, to the Board of Education.

61. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations C-114 “Sanctuary Schools”.  
CARRIED

62. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller  
That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations F-329 “Records Management”.  
CARRIED

63. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Trudy Spiller  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of April 9, 2024.  
CARRIED

**8.2 Adoption of Policy and Regulations – Paul Block**

Staff provided an overview of the adoption of policy and regulation process. STA comment taken into consideration.

64. **MOVED** Cendra Beaton/Russ Chipps  
Given that the required period for Notice of Motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt draft revised Policy and Regulations C-211 “Challenge and Equivalency”.  
CARRIED

**9. STUDENTS**

**10. FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

**10.1 Na'tsa'maht Education Council Meeting of April 24, 2024 – Russ Chipps**



Trustee Chipps provided an overview of the new meeting format of the Na'tsa'maht Education Council meeting. Part one of the meeting was open to all current council members and stakeholders, while part two of the meeting was open to only the local land-based first nation rightsholders as per recently passed Bill 40 legislation.

#### 10.2 Trustee Liaison Reports – Board of Education

- Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (VFCYJC) – Christine Lervold
  - Mission of this committee is to facilitate connections between municipal and First Nations governments, school districts, service providers, and the broader community in order to educate and advocate on the challenges facing youth and families who may come into contact with the justice system. More information about this committee, including agendas and minutes are available via [www.victoriafamilycourt.ca](http://www.victoriafamilycourt.ca). At the meeting held April 25, various committee reports were provided, including an update regarding the upcoming Open House to be held at City of Victoria Municipal Hall, May 22 from 3-6pm which members of the public, agencies and trustees are invited to attend. On behalf of SD62, an update was provided regarding partnership underway with the Foundry, our budget timeline and the various school-based, district and wrap around supports for mental health and wellness, which was noted as interest for a future agenda item.
  
- BCSTA Annual General Meeting – Christine Lervold
  - Was held on April 18-21 attended by Trustees Lervold, Watson, Beaton and Spiller, Superintendent Paul Block and Secretary-Treasurer Harold Cull. Theme for this year's AGM was "Dream Big, Lead Strong". 2 days of presentations related to strategic planning, Digital literacy/AI, Board Governance, business continuity, emergency planning, funding, budgets and the opportunities and challenges related to sustained periods of change and growth. Day 3 included ~40 motions ranging from advocating for additional funding for early learning, remote communities, accessibility, student voice, changes to Elections BC Act and the motion approved by SD62 Board and presented by Trustee Watson was successfully carried (i.e., That the BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Childcare, to develop a



framework for assessing and measuring the impacts of climate change on student outcomes to support timely and improved decision-making, policies and planning at a local and provincial level).

- French Advisory Committee (FAC)– Cendra Beaton
  - The FAC met earlier in the month to review the District’s waitlist for French Immersion. A survey was sent out to K-4 families for a possible 2026 addition to the French Immersion Program.

**11. ADMINISTRATION**

**11.1 Board of Education 90 Day Work Plan – Amanda Dowhy**

The Board Chair provided an overview of the work plan to the Board of Education.

**12. PERSONNEL**

**12.1 Superintendent’s Report – Paul Block**

The Superintendent provided the Board of Education an update on Learning, Engagement and Growth. SD 62 grade 4 students attended the local Fire Expo which provided various workshops for them to participate in. Wishart Elementary School hosted its Literacy Week in which they invited various members of the community to speak to students. Invitees included: several UVIC student athletes, a nurse practitioner, doctor, and a DJ from 91.3 “The Zone”. The Superintendent acknowledged the Manager of Strategic Communications, Kristen McGillivray, and noted that from March 2-April 26<sup>th</sup> the District had 41 media engagements, 1 more in comparison to the Surrey School District in the same timeframe. It was noted that SD 62 has a student population of 13,250 whereas, SD 36 has 81,838 students.

**13. UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 7-Education-Policy Committee Meeting

May 7-National Youth Health Day

May 14-Resources Committee Meeting

May 15-SPEAC AGM

May 16-SPEAC PAC Summit

May 17-Non-Instructional Day

May 20-Victoria Day

May 28-Public Board Meeting

**14. FUTURE ITEMS**

**15. QUESTION PERIOD**





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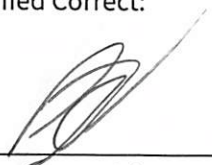
15. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Members of the public can 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, Strategic Communications for response following the meeting.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**


The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Certified Correct:



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Chairperson of the Board



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Secretary-Treasurer

