



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

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

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

ABSENT: Allison Watson

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Board Chair. Ravi Parmar acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

Disclosure to Public of Previous In Camera Minutes

At the January 25, 2022 In Camera Meeting matters relating to personnel, real property, individual students, parents and/or guardians, legal opinions, respecting the liability or interest of the Board, accident claims and other matters of Board liability were discussed.

Trustees Hobbs and Seaton declared a Conflict of Interest regarding an agenda item of the In Camera Meeting and did not participate in the discussion or decision.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

- 10. MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
 January 25, 2022 as presented.
 CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

11. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update

The Board Chair provided a statement in support of the Williams Lake First Nation, as preliminary findings found 93 potential burial sites on the grounds of the former residential school at St. Joseph's Mission. SD 62 continues to support First Nations as they pursue truth, healing and reconciliation.

The Board Chair thanked staff, students, and families for their continued patience and support following the Public Health Officer's December announcement regarding enhanced safety measures and delayed return to school in response to the Omicron variant.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Letter from Judy Roper, dated January 12, 2022, RE: Vaccination in Children 5-11

12. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Judy Roper, dated January 12, 2022, RE: Vaccination in Children 5-11.
CARRIED

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

STA – Rita Zeni

Rita Zeni provided the Board of Education an overview of responses it received from its membership when a recent survey was conducted on mental health, COVID response and safety measures in place at SD 62. STA has provided a copy of this report to the Superintendent, and will continue to be in communication with the Executive Team.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard indicated that Trish McNabb will join the Na'tsa'maht Education Committee as a CUPE representative and Trudy Court will join the Healthy School's Healthy People Working Group. CUPE Executive indicated that they look forward to the upcoming 22/23 budget discussions and support the local bargaining process.

PVP – Kendra Laidlaw, Jane Sinclair

Kendra Laidlaw and Jane Sinclair indicated that PVP are looking forward to Spring's warmer weather, increased daylight hours and the teachings of the land. They thanked the Leadership Team, their STA and CUPE colleagues for keeping our schools as safe as possible as we navigate through uncertain times. Educational, social and emotional growth of students continues in the District with Literacy Week being held in multiple schools.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

SPEAC has been in contact with PACs and parents throughout the District, all with questions related to the current safety measures, COVID exposures and absentee rates in schools. The SPEAC President referred those questions to the Superintendent, who provided the relevant information, noting that some items were out of the District's control (i.e. COVID exposure notifications, posting of circulation rates in schools). Communication between the District and its families continues to be crucial.

13. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) send a letter to the Minister of Education and the Public Health Officer outlining the concerns our partner groups have raised during the Public Meeting on January 25, 2022 regarding the effects of COVID-19 in our schools.
CARRIED

Canadian Parents for French – Billie-Jo Cavanaugh
No delegation.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on January 12, 2022

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

14. MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the 2021/22 Amended Budget Bylaw at its meeting of February 22, 2022.
CARRIED
15. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 22/23 budget principles, assertions and process as outlined at the January 12, 2022 Resources Committee Meeting.
CARRIED
16. MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of January 12, 2022.
CARRIED

7.2 Real Property Disposal Bylaw – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview to the Board of Education on the exchange of land with the City of Langford pertaining to the McCallum Road School site.

17. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Phillips
That the Board *Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2022-01*, specifying the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) authorize the disposal of a 0.782 ha/1.932 ac portion of its 7900 McCallum Road be given first reading. This disposal involves a land exchange of equal value with the City of Langford.
CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

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

18. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Introduction to Eco Literacy 10.
CARRIED
19. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve BAA course Eco Literacy 11.
CARRIED
20. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the SD 62 Climbing Academy at Belmont Secondary School to begin in September 2022.
CARRIED
21. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education Policy Committee meeting of January 4, 2022.
CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of Policy and Regulations – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an overview of the Policy and Regulations up for adoption.

22. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the new Policy and Regulations B-118 “Social Media”.
CARRIED
23. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the revised Policy and Regulations E-530 “Use of Tobacco, Vapour Products and Cannabis on School Board Premises”.
CARRIED
24. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the revised Policy F-228 “Pest Management”.
CARRIED
25. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson
Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt new Policy and Regulations C-317 “Police Requests for Student Interviews”.
CARRIED
26. MOVED Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton
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 C-350 "Appeals".

CARRIED

27. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Bob Phillips

Given that the required period for notice of motion has been served, that the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt new Policy and Regulations A-410 "Live Streaming Public Board and Standing Committee Meetings".

CARRIED

28. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson

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 Regulations C-329 "Field Trips".

CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 Board Work Plan 90 Day Outlook – Ravi Parmar

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

10.2 Na'tsa'maht Education Committee - Meeting held on December 15, 2021

Dianna Seaton provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Na'tsa'maht Education Committee Meeting, and highlighted two presentations from Mr. Wayne Kelly, District Vice-Principal Academies, and Ms. Cindy Andrew, Healthy Schools Consultant.

10.3 Trustee Remuneration – Dianna Seaton

Trustee Seaton provided an update to the Board of Education on the details of the trustee remuneration package.

29. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) increase the base rate of the annual trustee remuneration to \$19,500 effective July 1, 2022 and that a monthly expense allowance of \$75.00 be provided to each trustee effective March 1, 2022. These amounts will be adjusted on July 1st of each year based on the provincial consumer price index amount for the preceding year.

CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson acknowledged concerns heard from the partner groups during the delegations. He thanked staff, students, and the community for their continued patience, and support. He recognized the significant impact that this pandemic has had on the school community and its resources. He provided an update to the Board of Education on Kindergarten Registration, the upcoming placement of PVP and subsequent vacancies, the upcoming budget process, and the status of the Program Review.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

Bell Lets Talk Day – January 26, 2022

Natural Black History Month – February

Valentines Day February 14, 2022

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions.


16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer