



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
LIVE MS Teams Event  
November 23, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

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**TRUSTEES:** Ravi Parmar, Board Chair      Wendy Hobbs  
Bob Phillips                                      Margot Swinburnson  
Allison Watson                                  Dianna Seaton

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

**REGRETS:** Bob Beckett, Vice-Chair

**SECRETARY:** Kristina Ross

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the Board Chair and he acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

**2. AGENDA**

**2.1 Call for amendments and additional items**

150. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of November 23, 2021 as presented.  
CARRIED

**3. MINUTES**

**3.1 Call for amendments to minutes**

151. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting as presented.  
CARRIED

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#### 4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Board Chair spoke on the recent state of emergency declared in B.C., and the impacts to students, families and staff. He noted as part of the collective effort to minimize gas usage, the District has cancelled in person meetings that fall outside of the regular work location, and encouraged staff to carpool or ride share where possible, and eliminates all non-essential travel. He passed on his condolences to those who have lost loved ones, and suffered direct impacts from the climate emergency.

#### 5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

##### 6.1 Correspondence:

- a. Letter from the Citizens' Environment Network in Colwood RE: Royal Bay Elementary School Solar Power dated November 3, 2021.

152. MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from the Citizens' Environment Network in Colwood RE: Royal Bay Elementary School Solar Power dated November 3, 2021 and refer it to the Secretary-Treasurer.

CARRIED

- b. Letter from Climate Action West Shore Society RE: Climate Action Reboot, dated November 9, 2021.

153. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Climate Action West Shore Society RE: Climate Action Reboot, dated November 9, 2021.

CARRIED

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

###### STA – Rita Zeni

Rita Zeni acknowledged the current state of emergency in B.C. She shared with the Board of Education a letter from one of its members regarding the challenges she faces daily. Furthermore, she indicated that there are widespread signs of mental distress in classrooms.

###### CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard spoke to the need for more supports and staff in District classrooms, the CUPE PRO-D Day, and the recent nomination to represent CUPE 459 at the Provincial Bargaining Table. In addition, she spoke about CUPE's support of an integrated childcare system in the BC public school system.

###### PVP – Renee Hislop

Renee Hislop provided an update to the Board of Education on the many activities that have occurred in our schools including Remembrance Day, upcoming fine arts, dance, music and sporting events, and incidences of staff appreciation. Renee Hislop acknowledged the continued efforts of CUPE and STA staff, and thanked them for their ongoing support to PVP.

###### SPEAC – Melissa DaSilva

Melissa DaSilva thanked the District for its inclusion in the vaccine mandate discussions that staff recently had with its stakeholder groups. She acknowledged the relationship that SPEAC has with the Board of

Education and staff of the District. She spoke of a recent SPEAC meeting in which 9 PACs participated and outlined upcoming training targeting volunteer recruitment and succession planning.

**6.3 Other Delegation – Integrated Childcare– David Fleming**

CUPE National Representative David Fleming provided a presentation to the Board of Education on integrated childcare, and building a seamless model of before and after school care in B.C.'s public schools.

**7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

**7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on November 9, 2021**

The Board Chair provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Resources Committee Meeting.

**154. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Wendy Hobbs**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the list of one-time funding recommendations for the 21/22 fiscal year, totaling \$643,000, as presented at the November Resources Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

**155. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Margot Swinburnson**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of November 9, 2021.

CARRIED

**8. EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on November 2, 2021**

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

**156. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations B-118 "Social Media".

CARRIED

**157. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations E-530 "Use of Tobacco, Vapour Products and Cannabis".

CARRIED

**158. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy F-228 "Pest Management".

CARRIED

**159. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to develop a Request for Proposals for childcare provision at Pexsisen Elementary.

CARRIED

160. **MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Phillips**  
That the Board of Education of School District No. 62 (Sooke) direct staff to develop policy related to equity hiring practices. As a component to this work, explore opportunities to include a Human Rights Commissioner exemption to encourage the hiring of individuals who are otherwise disadvantaged. This includes persons characterized by a physical or mental disability or by a common race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, political belief, colour, ancestry, or place of origin.  
CARRIED
161. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**  
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Education-Policy Committee Meeting of November 2, 2021.  
CARRIED

## **9. STUDENTS**

### **10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE**

#### **10.1 Board Work Plan 90 Day Outlook – Ravi Parmar**

Ravi Parmar discussed the Board Work Plan 90 Day Outlook and the priorities of the Board.

#### **10.2 District Healthy Schools, Healthy People Committee Report – Margot Swinburnson**

Trustee Swinburnson provided the Board of Education an overview of the District Healthy Schools, Healthy People Meeting. Discussion topics included: Youth in Action Campaign, next steps concerning a Regional Suicide Prevention Strategy, and a Peer Assisted Crisis Team Pilot Program.

### **11. ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Superintendent acknowledged the professionalism and dedication of the staff, in addition to the written report included in the agenda package, in the district and recognized the recent efforts of our bus drivers. With the road closure of the Malahat Highway, three drivers who live north of closure, chose to stay in town at a local hotel so they could continue to provide bus service to our students.

### **12. PERSONNEL**

### **13. UPCOMING EVENTS**

Na'tsa'maht Education Council Meeting – November 24, 2021

Chanukah – November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup> 2021

Blessing Ceremony - December 1, 2021

BCSTA Trustee Academy – December 3-4, 2021

### **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 8:41 p.m.

Certified Correct:



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Chairperson of the Board



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Secretary-Treasurer