



**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
September 27, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Bob Beckett
Wendy Hobbs Dianna Seaton
Margot Swinburnson (virtual) Allison Watson (virtual)

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

REGRETS: Bob Phillips

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board Chair. Ravi Parmar acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Call for amendments and additional items

108. **MOVED** Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of September 27, 2022 as presented.
CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

109. **MOVED** Wendy Hobbs/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of the June 28, 2022 meeting as presented.
CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update – Ravi Parmar

Board Chair, Ravi Parmar provided a statement on behalf of the Board of Education honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, commemorating the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and to honour those who were lost and the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve.

Further, the Board of Education welcomed its new executive members to the team, Mr. Fred Hibbs, Executive Director Human Resources, and Ms. Monica Braniff, Associate Superintendent.

4.2 Return to School Update – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided a presentation to the Board of Education on the start up of the school year. Highlights included the opening of PEXSISEN Elementary School, a scavenger hunt at Royal Bay Secondary School for its Grade 9 students, the Spencer Middle School PAC hosted BBQ, and District wide Terry Fox Runs this week.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Presentation by the B.C. Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food – Samantha Gambling

Samantha Gambling provided a presentation to the Board of Education on Healthy School Food. The Coalition for Healthy School Food is seeking public investment in a cost-shared universal healthy school food program for K-12 public schools, noting that access to nutritious and affordable food is fundamental to health and equity and children require nutritious foods for normal growth and learning. Further, Canada is currently one of the only industrialized countries without a national school food program.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

a. Letter from BCTF dated June 28, 2022 RE: BCTF Education Funding Brief 2023.

110. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education for School District No. 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from BCTF dated June 28, 2022 RE: BCTF Education Funding Brief 2023.

CARRIED

b. Letter from Neil Orlowsky dated August 22, 2022, RE: National Strategy for Combating Antisemitism in Education.

111. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Neil Orlowsky dated August 22, 2022, RE: National Strategy for Combating Antisemitism in Education.

CARRIED

c. Letter from Minister Whiteside dated August 29, 2022 RE: Student and Family Affordability Fund.

112. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from Minister Whiteside dated August 29, 2022 RE: Student and Family Affordability Fund.

CARRIED

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

STA – Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson indicated that the STA is currently meeting with the Executive Director of Human Resources weekly hoping to resolve joint issues. She suggested that its members felt the summer break period was too short, and concerns with failure to fill, classroom sizes and a cut in PRO D investment will impact teachers' mental health and wellbeing. She spoke briefly about the FSA testing, which the STA believes places additional stress on the teaching staff. Furthermore, she recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day.

CUPE – Lou Leslie

Lou Leslie thanked CUPE members for their hard work over the summer period and welcomed staff and students back to school. She provided an update on local bargaining between the Employer and CUPE 459. Further, she mentioned two new Letters of Understanding (LOU) that had been signed RE: Three Year Spring Break Agreement and the Na'tsa'maht Classroom Program Assistants Agreement. She acknowledged the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day and provided information on several local events that members may partake in.

PVP – Tess Vally

Tess Vally provided an update to the Board of Education on the Open House/BBQ/Meet the Teacher Night, the Terry Fox Run, the Tour de Rock and other events occurring across the District. Students are excited to participate in cross country, and intramural sports. The nature playground at Happy Valley Elementary has been installed. The PVP thanked STA and CUPE members and acknowledged their hard work over the summer and during school opening.

SPEAC – Jennie Nilsson

Jennie Nilsson indicated that SPEAC is hosting two Declared Trustee Candidate Information Sessions prior to the BC Election. The Langford Zone candidates are invited to Belmont Secondary School to speak to their qualifications on October 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., and the Milnes Landing Zone candidates are invited to attend an online session on October 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. All sessions are open to the public, and participation from SD 62 families is encouraged.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 21/22 Financial Statements Approval – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview of the 21/22 Financial Statements for the Board of Education.

113. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 21/22 financial statements as presented at the Audit Committee Meeting of September 20, 2022.

CARRIED

7.2 Resources Committee – Meeting of September 13, 2022 – Bob Beckett

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

114. MOVED Bob Beckett/Wendy Hobbs

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 23/24 Minor Capital Plan submission as presented to the Resources Committee on September 13, 2022.

CARRIED

115. MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee Meeting of September 13, 2022.

CARRIED

7.3 Partnership with City of Colwood and The Village Initiative – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview of the potential partnership with the City of Colwood and The Village Initiative.

116. MOVED Wendy Hobbs/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Agreement in Principle to partner with the City of Colwood and The Village Initiative on the South Colwood Elementary school project to better serve the needs of children, youth and families in our community.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education-Policy Committee – Meeting held on September 6, 2022

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

117. MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education for School District 62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations F-325 “Cyber Risk and Security” and that draft revisions come back to the Education-Policy Committee prior to a recommendation going to the Board of Education.

CARRIED

118. 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 September 6, 2022.

CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of Policy and Regulations – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an overview of the Policy and Regulations to be adopted.

119. MOVED Allison Watson/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 and Regulations D-121 “Animals on District Property and in Classrooms”.

CARRIED

120. MOVED Allison Watson/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-204 “Naming of Schools”.

CARRIED

121. MOVED Allison Watson/Bob Beckett

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 F-502 “School Catchment Areas and Student Placement”.

CARRIED

9. STUDENTS

9.1 Student and Family Affordability Fund – David Strange

On August 29, 2022 the Minister of Education and Child Care announced the introduction of the Student and Family

Affordability Fund; the District received an allocation of \$1,251,529. Associate Superintendent David Strange is leading the consultation process and development of a plan to support students and families. He is working with Indigenous partners, community service partners and local food security agencies, and other non-profits to maximize the effectiveness of the funding.

9.2 Enrolment Update – Paul Block

Paul Block provided an enrolment update to the Board of Education on the initial enrolment numbers and funding. To date there are 12,209 students registered in the District which is an increase of 548 students. Enrolment will be finalized in the next two weeks with a report rolling up to the Ministry of Education in October 2022. The Board of Education will need to monitor registration after September 30, 2022, as students registering after this date are unfunded, and the School District may need to reallocate its funding or use the financial reserve

10. FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE

10.1 2021-2022 Strategic Plan Annual Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on the 2021/2022 Strategic Plan Annual Report.

122. MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the 2021-2022 Strategic Plan Annual Report.

CARRIED

10.2 2021-2022 FESL Report to the Ministry – Paul Block

Paul Block provided a summary of the September 30, 2022 FESL Report to the Ministry of Education.

123. MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the 2021- 2022 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report and submit it to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

10.3 2022-2023 Board Work Plan Outline – Ravi Parmar

Trustee Parmar provided an update to the Board of Education on the work plan.

124. MOVED Ravi Parmar/Bob Beckett

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 2022- 2023 Board of Education Work Plan as presented at the September 27, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

10.4 2022-2023 Strategic Plan Year 2 Operational Plan – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update on the 2022/2023 Strategic Plan Year 2 Operational Plan to the Board of Education. He indicated that executive members had received their mandate letter outlining the work that would need to be completed this school year, directly impacting the operational plan and its strategic priorities.

11.1 Superintendent’s Report – Scott Stinson

The Superintendent reported that the Sooke School District signed its third Na'tsa'maht Enhancement Agreement with Pacheedaht First Nation, Sc'ianew First Nation, T'Sou-ke First Nation and Metis Nation of Greater Victoria. The working agreement has two goals, One Mind, and One Spirit. He thanked Mr. Bryan Johnson, Mr. Paul Block and the staff of the Indigenous Education Department for this incredible event and all their hard work on this Enhancement Agreement. Further, he spoke about the recent announcement regarding the opening of a Royal Roads University (RRU) Westshore Campus. The campus is a partnership between RRU,

the University of Victoria (UVIC), Camosun College and the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC). It will also include space for programming by School District 62 (Sooke).

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

14. FUTURE ITEMS

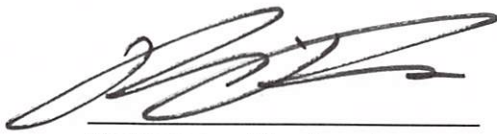
15. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public can ask questions related to agenda items. All media questions can be directed to the Manager, Strategic Communications for follow-up and response.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer