



MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
LIVE MS Teams Event
March 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Bob Beckett, Vice-Chair
 Bob Phillips Margot Swinburnson
 Allison Watson 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

GUESTS:

SECRETARY: Kristina Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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

47. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the agenda of
 March 15, 2022 as presented.
 CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Call for amendments to minutes

48. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Margot Swinburnson
 That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) adopt the minutes of
 the February 22, 2022 meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Board Chair Update

The Board of Education joins the Prime Minister and Allied Nations in deploring Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Board of Education stands with Ukraine, its people, and the Ukrainian Canadian community in Canada.

The Board Chair spoke of the recent changes from the Public Health Officer to COVID-19 guidelines, the need to resume in person Board and Committee meetings, the recent Trustee/Student Forum, and wished all staff, students and the community a safe and restful Spring Break.

5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Take a Hike Program – Jim Lamond

Jim Lamond, District Principal Pathways and Choice provided a presentation to the Board of Education on the Take a Hike Program which will begin in September 2022. Take a Hike is a full-time mental health and well-being program empowering vulnerable youth to unlock their full potential and achieve success. Partnering with SD 62, Take a Hike uses the outdoors and adventure to engage youth in experiential learning, intentional clinical counselling, and community.

49. MOVED Bob Phillips/Allison Watson

The Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) acknowledge and endorse the implementation of the Take a Hike program in the 2022/2023 school year.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence:

a. Letter from the Sooke Teachers' Association, dated February 28, 2022 RE: Sooke District K-12 Teachers Stress Adaption and Thriving Study: Response.

50. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the letter from the Sooke Teachers' Association, dated February 28, 2022 RE: Sooke District K12 Teachers Stress Adaption and Thriving Study: Response and direct the Superintendent to convey the Board's position to the researchers.

CARRIED

The Board Chair indicated that he was disappointed in the tone and content of the letter, and that the Board of Education and the District Leadership Team do not share the same sentiment. The Board of Education thanked those who were involved in the study and looks forward to working with Royal Roads University again in the future.

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

STA – Rita Zeni

Rita Zeni thanked the Board of Education for its opening remarks. She indicated that her membership have increasing concerns regarding student violence in schools, the management of student behaviours, and the lack of appropriate safety plans, which are leading to staff feeling unsupported and unsafe at work. She referred to the Schools' Codes of Conduct that do not specifically list consequences to bad behaviour, and took exception to the removal of the old language.

CUPE – Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard acknowledged the District staff, and students for their hard work this school year and hoped that everyone would have a restful Spring Break. She noted that Facilities staff would be working throughout the Spring Break and thanked them. In addition, she noted the change to public health orders, and asked the Board of Education to reconsider its vaccine procedure.

PVP – Donna Sagodi

Donna Sagodi indicated that staff and students are looking forward to Spring Break. Royal Bay Secondary School held its first live theatre production in two years with the premiere of Pippin. Belmont Secondary School students participated in the South Island Skills Canada Regional Championship which included electrical wiring, welding and hairdressing. Several students received medal placements. Millstream Elementary School's gardening program is underway, Ruth King Elementary School's skipping program has begun, and a Crystal View student placed first in Langford and South Island Remembrance Day Poster Contest.

SPEAC – Melissa Da Silva

Melissa Da Silva indicated that the next SPEAC meeting will occur on April 20, 2022. SPEAC continues to host learning sessions for parents and families, with the next session on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion occurring on April 11, 2022. Further topics for learning sessions include Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI). SPEAC encouraged families to participate in the District's Thought Exchange on Transportation, and wished all staff, students and families a relaxing Spring Break.

7. FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

7.1 Report on the Resources Committee – Meeting held on March 8, 2022

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

51. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 22/23 school fees as presented at the March 8, 2022 Resources Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

52. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the current transportation safety fee of \$25/rider and a late registration fee of \$100/family for the 22/23 school year.

CARRIED

53. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Dianna Seaton**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 22/23 academy fees as presented at the March 8, 2022 Resources Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

54. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Allison Watson**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed Summer 2022 Program Fees and the 23/24 International Student Program Fees as presented at the March 8, 2022 Resources Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

55. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Margot Swinburnson**

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve in principle the District's Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for the 22/23 fiscal year as submitted to the Resources Committee on March 8, 2022.

CARRIED

56. **MOVED Bob Beckett/Bob Phillips**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the report from the Resources Committee meeting of March 8, 2022.
CARRIED

7.2 Ministry of Education Budget Instructions Fiscal Year 22/23 – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview on the direction from the Ministry of Education regarding budget 22/23, and its funding formula for the District based on enrolment estimates. It was noted that there were no changes to the grant or formula, or transportation allowances, even as gas prices increase, and the District continues to grow.

8. EDUCATION PROGRAM

8.1 Report on the Education Policy Committee – Meeting held on March 1, 2022

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

57. **MOVED Allison Watson/Margot Swinburnson**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the 2022-23 School Codes of Conduct as presented at the March 1, 2022 Education-Policy Meeting.
CARRIED

58. **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 March 1, 2022.
CARRIED

8.2 School Calendars for 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 – Scott Stinson

Stephanie Hedley-Smith provided an overview to the Board of Education.

59. **MOVED Allison Watson/Dianna Seaton**
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the three-year school calendar for 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25.
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 February 23, 2022

Dianna Seaton provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Na'tsa'maht Education Committee Meeting. Highlights included a new Royal Roads University Westshore Initiative, which will help support students transition from high school to university, a presentation from Darren Russell and Karen DeCicco on the SD 62 new schools, and the upcoming Na'tsa'maht Enhancement Agreement Consultation Process.

10.3 BCSTA Climate Change Survey – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview on the BCSTA Climate Change Survey and provided some specific District details regarding usage.

60. **MOVED** Bob Phillips/Dianna Seaton
That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to complete the BCSTA Climate Action Survey by April 8, 2022.
CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Superintendent's Report – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an update to the Board of Education on the upcoming secondary graduation celebrations, commencements and proms, in addition recognizing the Director of Human Resources, Dan Haley, for his efforts in the Local Bargaining process which just concluded with the Sooke Teachers' Association and will begin with CUPE 459. In addition, he congratulated SD 62 students who were featured in the Principals and Vice-Principals delegation made by Donna Sagodi.

12. PERSONNEL

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

21 March – 1 April 2022 - Spring Break
4 April 2022 – Return to School
5 April 2022 – Education-Policy Committee Meeting
12 April 2022 – Resources Committee Meeting
26 April 2022 – Public Board Meeting

14. FUTURE ITEMS

15. QUESTION PERIOD

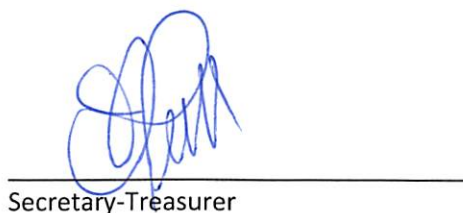
Members of the public have the opportunity to ask questions related to agenda items. All media questions can be directed to the Manager, Communications for follow-up and response.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Certified Correct:


Chairperson of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer