

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, September 01, 2020
7:00pm

A copy of the Public Board Meeting Agenda is available on the School District website at:
<http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca>

Alternatively, copies are available on request from Marlene.Leach@sd71.bc.ca.

Public Board Meetings are recorded and live streamed on the School District's YouTube channel.

1. Call to Order

The Board of Education acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt the September 01, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

3. Board Meeting Minutes

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Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt the August 20, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

4. Old Business

None

5. Report on In-Camera Meeting – September 01, 2020

- Other

6. Board Chair's Report

7. Presentations / Delegations

None

8. Education Committee Meeting

None

9. Strategic Direction

A. Superintendent

i. September School Restart Plan

B. Assistant Superintendent

None

C. Secretary-Treasurer

None

D. Human Resources

i. Retirements and Recognition

None

10. Board Standing Committee Reports

None

11. Board Business

A. Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education advocating for greater flexibility for districts in providing alternative learning options and opportunities for their students that include hybrid delivery options and that the Ministry provide full funding regardless of the students choice of delivery.

B. Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Ministry of Education postpone the September 30th, 1701 student count this year as a result of the pandemic until a process that is reflective of the actual student numbers in schools is developed.

C. Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education request that the policy committee review and suggest changes to Board Policy 4.15 Regular Board Meetings regarding the voting requirements for extending the length of Board meetings from requiring a unanimous acceptance vote to a majority in favour of extension and that the suggested changes be brought back for discussion and consideration.

12. Board Correspondence

None

13. Public Question Period

14. Adjournment

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 20, 2020
7:00pm

In Attendance VIA ZOOM MEETING:

Trustees

Ian Hargreaves, Board Chair
Tonia Frawley, Vice Chair
Janice Caton, Trustee
Kat Hawksby, Trustee
Sarah Jane Howe, Trustee
Sheila McDonnell, Trustee
Michelle Waite, Trustee

Staff

Tom Demeo, Superintendent of Schools
Nicole Bittante, Secretary-Treasurer
Geoff Manning, Assistant Superintendent
Candice Hilton, Director of Finance
Ian Heselgrave, Director of Operations
Esther Shatz, Director of Instruction (Student Services)
Allan Douglas, Director of Instructional Services K-12
Mary Lee, Communications Manager
Josh Porter, Director, Information Technology

1. Call to Order

Chair Ian Hargreaves called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Trustee Caton asked that her motion provided prior to the meeting be added to the agenda.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt August 20, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. Board Meeting Minutes

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Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt the June 23, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. Old Business

None

5. **Report on In-Camera Meeting – July 14, 2020**

- Other

6. **Board Chair’s Report**

Highlights:

- Questions asked during the Board meeting will be compiled to create a FAQ that will be shared on the District website under the COVID-19 banner button.
- The District strongly recommends reviewing the current information available on the District website and Ministry of Education website as these resources may answer many of the questions.
- On August 26, 2020 the Board of Education will release the return to school framework plan for Comox Valley Schools along with each individual school’s website reporting their plans.

7. **Presentations / Delegations**

None

8. **Education Committee Meeting**

None

9. **Strategic Direction**

A. Superintendent

i. September School Restart Plan

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education accept the Senior Leadership’s School District Restart Plan as verbally presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

B. Assistant Superintendent

None

C. Secretary-Treasurer

None

D. Human Resources

i. Retirements and Recognition

None

10. Board Standing Committee Reports

None

11. Board Business

A. Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education respect the decision of families and students who decide they cannot attend their neighborhood school or program of choice for the 2020-2021 school year due to the unprecedented global pandemic COVID-19 crisis that is currently impacting our world today and that their spot(s) will be held for them when they do return back to their neighborhood school or program of choice for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED

12. Board Correspondence

A. Correspondence: from **British Columbia Ferry Services Inc.** to **Chair Ian Hargreaves**

Ian Hargreaves, Board Chair
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B. Correspondence: from **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure** to **Chair Ian Hargreaves**

Ian Hargreaves, Board Chair
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13. Public Question Period

14. Meeting Adjourned – 9:00pm

Certified Correct:

Nicole Bittante, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer

Ian Hargreaves
Board Chair