



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
7:00pm

In Attendance Via Virtual Zoom Meeting:

Trustees

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

Regrets: Mary Lee, Communications Manager

Recording Secretary: Marlene Leach

Staff

Tom Demeo, Superintendent of Schools
Brenda Hooker, 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
Josh Porter, Director, Information Technology

1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Sheila McDonnell called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt the November 24, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt the October 27, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. Old Business

None

5. Report on In-Camera Meeting – November 24, 2020

- Personnel
- Legal
- Other

6. Board Chair's Report

Highlights:

- Rising COVID-19 numbers a concern - every effort is being made to maintain education (is a priority and one that we support), important to have students in-school, provide support in other ways as needed, doing everything to keep them safe, following limitations and measures
- British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) annual conference is this weekend and will be online this year

7. Presentations / Delegations

- A. Compost Pick-Up Proposal for School District No. 71 – Video by Ella Oldaker and Nalan Gossen from Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School**
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8. Education Committee Meeting

No meeting in November

Next Education Committee Meeting:

TOPIC: NIDES Navigate
DATE: December 08, 2020
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: TBA

9. Strategic Direction

A. Superintendent

- COVID-19 Update – Verbal Update**
Board Information
- District News**
Board Information
- Early Learning – Briefing Note**
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B. Assistant Superintendent

None

C. Secretary-Treasurer

- i. **Introduction** – Verbal Update
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- ii. **Trustee By-Election** – Verbal Update
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D. Human Resources

- i. **Retirements and Recognition**
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10. Board Standing Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee Board Report – November 17, 2020

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive the Finance Committee Board Report as amended to correct the date of the meeting on the report.

CARRIED

B. Facilities Committee Board Report – November 17, 2020

- i. **SD71 Partnership with the Town of Comox for a Dog Park at Comox Elementary**

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to work with the Town of Comox staff to create an agreement for a dog park at Comox Elementary.

CARRIED

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive the Facilities Committee Board Report as presented.

CARRIED

C. Policy Committee Board Report – November 03, 2020

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive the Policy Committee Board Report as presented.

CARRIED

11. Board Business

None

12. Board Correspondence

A. Correspondence: from Tsolum River Restoration Society to The Board of Education – Towhee Creek near G.P. Vanier Secondary School

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B. Correspondence: from The Board of Education to Josie Osborne, MLA – Election as MLA for the Mid Island-Pacific Rim Constituency

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C. Correspondence: from The Board of Education to Ronna-Rae Leonard, MLA – Re-Election as MLA for the Courtenay-Comox Constituency

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13. Public Question Period

14. Meeting Adjourned – 8:50pm

Certified Correct:



Brenda Hooker, CPA, CGA
Secretary-Treasurer



Sheila McDonnell
Board Chair