



Comox Valley Schools

A Community of Learners

INNOVATIVE • INQUISITIVE • INCLUSIVE

Board of Education

Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

7:00pm

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)
607 Cumberland Road, Courtenay, BC V9N 7G5
250-334-5500

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Vision

An inclusive learning community that embraces diversity, fosters relationships and empowers all learners to have a positive impact on the world.

Mission

To inspire engaged, compassionate, resilient lifelong learners and cultivate a collaborative community together.

We Value and Believe In

Trusting relationships based on respect, integrity and ethical behaviour

A commitment to Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples

Equity, inclusion, dignity, and acceptance for all

Global awareness and environmental stewardship

Innovation, creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking

Accountability and shared responsibility

Open and engaging communication

Celebration of learning

Strategic Priorities

Educational Excellence

Community Engagement

Organizational Stability & Environmental Stewardship

Physical Health & Mental Well-Being



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
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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
Cristi May Sacht, Trustee

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
Paul Berry, Director of Instruction (Health & Safety)
Josh Porter, Director of Information Technology

Recording Secretary:

Marlene Leach, Sr. Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Sheila McDonnell called the meeting to order at 7:02pm 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 March 16, 2021 Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt the February 23, 2021 Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. Old Business

None

5. Report on In-Camera Meeting – March 16, 2021

- Land/Property
- Other

6. Board Chair's Report

Highlights:

- Community to Community Forum, March 05, 2021, co-hosted by Chief and Council of the K'ómoks First Nation and the Comox Valley Regional District Board.

7. Presentations / Delegations

- A. Building Connections for Valley Families Project** – Live via Zoom, presentation by Kris Johnson, Building Connections for Valley Families Coordinator for the Comox Valley Early Years Collaborative, and Joanne Schroeder, Connections Steering Committee Member & Director of External Partnerships with HELP (UBC).
Board Information

8. Education Committee Meeting

No meeting in March

Next Education Committee Meeting:

TOPICS: Early Years Education, Foundations Skills Assessment (FSA)
DATE: April 13, 2021
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Zoom Meeting (live and recorded)

9. Strategic Direction

A. Superintendent

- i. District News**
- General
 - COVID-19 Update
 - Foundations Skills Assessment (FSA)
- Board Information

ii. **Huband Boundary Recommendation Update - Verbal Update**
Board Information

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education rescind the motion passed in February 2020 for September 2021, in that all current cross boundary students enrolled at Huband be allowed to remain there until they complete their elementary education and that Huband continue to remain closed to all new cross boundary transfer requests including siblings.

CARRIED

B. Assistant Superintendent

i. **School Calendars Update - Verbal Update**
Board Information

C. Secretary-Treasurer

i. **Preliminary Grant Funding Announcement - Verbal Update**
Board Information

D. Human Resources

i. **Retirements and Recognition**
Board Information

10. Board Standing Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee Board Report

No meeting in March

B. Policy – Ad Hoc Committee Board Report

No meeting in March

C. Facilities Committee Board Report

No meeting in March

11. Board Business

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

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education to consider enhancing mental health services and education for all K-12 students and to provide school districts with the necessary resources and funding to support the students and teachers.

CARRIED

B. Notice of Special Public Board Meeting

TOPICS: School Calendars
DATE: April 06, 2021
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

12. Board Correspondence

None

13. Public Question Period

14. Meeting Adjourned – 8:33pm

Board Approved on:
April 27, 2021

Certified Correct:



Brenda Hooker, CPA, CGA
Secretary-Treasurer



Sheila McDonnell
Board Chair