The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held at the Saanich School Board Office, 2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton, B.C., on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES
Chair: ................................... Victoria Martin
Vice Chair: ......................... Barbara Menzies
Trustee: ............................. Nancy Borden
Trustee: .........................Timothy Dunford
Trustee: ............................. Wayne Hunter
Trustee: ............................. Elsie McMurphy
Trustee: .................................. Jason Price
Superintendent of Schools: ................................... Keven Elder
Secretary-Treasurer:................................................ Jason Reid
Assistant Superintendent: ........................................ Scott Stinson
Assistant Superintendent: ........................................ Mark Fraser
Representative, COPACS: ....................................... James Taylor
Representative, CUPE: ........................................ Dean Coates (regrets)
Representative, STA: .......................................... Mark Skanks (regrets)
Representative, SAA: ........................................ Mary Lynn Heron (regrets)
Interim Director of Facilities:................................. Kim Milburn

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Martin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Introduction
Chair Martin welcomed members of the management team and partner group representatives to the regular board meeting and acknowledged the territory of the WSANEC people from time immemorial. Representing COPACS – James Taylor.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(i) Consideration of Late Items
No items.

(ii) Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

(iii) Report on In-Camera Meeting
Chair Martin reported that prior to the Regular Meeting; the Board held an “In Camera” Meeting and discussed personnel issues, business affairs and facilities.
Rise and Report from Reconvened February 10, 2016 In Camera Meeting
• Report on Employee Health and Wellness
• TTOC Orientation and School Protocols
• Boulders Project
3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(i) Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016

Chair Martin asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2016.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES
T That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

No items.

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

(a) Presentations and Delegations:

No items.

(b) Questions:

No items.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Good evening everyone.

In the past month we had our first non-instructional day focused on the new curriculum. I had the pleasure of being at the Secondary Schools venue for the keynote speakers. There were also planning days for our elementary and middle schools. A tremendous amount of work by the Planning Group went into planning these days. Many thanks to our teachers, admin and Board office staff who planned and implemented the first of these two days.

We are well into our Budget Planning Process having had our Second Budget Advisory Committee Meeting.

Last evening, as many of you are aware, was our Public Budget Meeting. This was very well attended. It was an opportunity for our community to receive background information on the School District’s historical and current financial situation; and to be briefed on the current funding context.
6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR CONTINUED

This past month two of our trustees attended the Vancouver Island School Trustees’ Association Branch meeting in Cowichan. One outcome from this meeting was a request that the Minister of Education attend a meeting with all the Vancouver Island Board Chairs to focus on the issue of under-funding.

The Bayside Middle School roof and the PAC and parents advocacy with the Minister has been in the media this past month.

Vice Chair Mc Murphy was one of the presenters for the Beacon Hearts of the Community Award. The youth Award winner was one of our Stelly's students – Katrina Jones.

This is the last Board Meeting prior to the Spring Closure and Spring Break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our staff, families and students of the Saanich School District a time off enjoying the warmth of the evolving Spring and time relaxing with those you love.

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

(i) Superintendent Elder provided the following Superintendent’s Report:

Updates on Capital and Budget

These past few weeks have seen a great deal of action around capital and budget issues. Secretary Treasurer Reid and Budget Advisory Committee Chair Dunford are shepherding us as a district and community through deliberations that will see to the Board passing its 2016/17 budget in May, and we are grateful to everyone who is participating in that process. The Board is also in receipt tonight of its final amended budget for 2015/16. Capital planning continues in earnest as evidenced by a number of important and clear reports from Interim Director of Facilities Kim Milburn. Of those capital planning issues none has been more high profile or urgent than the need for a replacement of the Bayside roof, and as of the writing of this report we continue in our work with the Ministry to identify funding for that project. We are grateful to the Bayside parents for their advocacy and to the staff and students for their patience.

Welcome and Thanks

We are pleased this month to welcome our new Manager of Transportation Eric Fischer and our new Director of Facilities Chuck Morris. Both come with considerable experience and very high recommendations and we look forward to welcoming them into their new roles. We also offer profound appreciation to Interim Manager Dennis Powell and Interim Director Kim Milburn as they transition out through an overlapping period of mentorship and orientation for our new colleagues.
7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CONTINUED

Syrian Refugees (from Assistant Superintendent Stinson)

The Intercultural Association (ICA) of Greater Victoria recently applied to the federal government to be recognized as a Government Assisted Refugee (GAR) settlement site. They were successful in this application, which means that a portion of the 25,000 refugees committed to be resettled in Canada by the federal government will be arriving in Victoria.

At a recent meeting of community agencies, including the three lower Island school districts, information was provided about the status of arriving refugees. ICA has been contracted by the Federal government to resettle 290 GARs. This is in addition to a number of Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs), which could push the total number of 700. The government’s target to have the 25,000 refugees in Canada by the end of February means that refugees will be arriving at reception centres in Montreal and Toronto no later than Monday, February 29. Once they have been provided with Federal health care registration and other government documentation they will arrive in Victoria. Initially, refugees will be housed in local hotels (yet to be determined). These temporary housing locations may last between two and six weeks with the average experienced in Vancouver being approximately 30 days.

Of these 290 refugees, we do not know how many will be of school age, but the estimate is approximately 150. We are currently working with Sooke and Victoria school districts, to determine opportunities to support these potential students while they are in temporary housing. As we support the temporary housing situation we will be providing information and support to families in accessing our schools as they find permanent housing.

There are still a number of unknowns that will be resolved over the next short while as we continue to work in partnership with ICA, the Red Cross and our neighbouring school districts. We will ensure initial educational supports are in place as well as supported transitions into longer term educational opportunities within our schools.

Parkland Marine Fair and Open House (from Assistant Superintendent Fraser)

On February 25, Parkland hosted a Marine Fair which highlighted the numerous employment and training opportunities in the marine industry. Over twenty-five local businesses, training centres, post-secondary institutions, and provincial and federal employers set up booths in the gym and talked to students from all of our secondary schools from 8:30 to 3:00 pm. Over 1000 students from School District 63, Victoria, and from Saltspring Island participated in the event. The displays were interactive and informative and the presenters commented how engaged, polite and respectful all of our students were throughout the day.

The Parkland staff and students who hosted the day, led by Colleen McNamee, are to be congratulated for creating a very powerful and positive event. We want to thank all of the presenters who volunteered their time to support this event. The support they provide to Parkland is very much appreciated.
7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CONTINUED

It was a very busy day for the Parkland staff as that same evening the school hosted an Open House for community members and parents. Staff members in all areas of the school had student work on display, the jazz band performed, members of the judo academy demonstrated some of the skills they are learning, a former Parkland graduate from Tseycum was featured carving a welcome pole in the foyer, and guests were treated to chili and fried bread at the cafeteria. In the gym there was a spirit game which had the senior girls playing the senior boys and a half time show highlighted the Sidney and Deep Cove basketball players.

FSA Marking Session (from Assistant Superintendent Fraser)

On February 21 and 22 fourteen elementary and middle school teachers marked this year’s Saanich FSA exams. Collectively these educators have over 100 years of FSA marking experience. For many years, Jean Bowman brilliantly organized and ran the district marking sessions. When Jean decided to retire in June 2015 she left very big shoes to fill and fortunately Philip Jungen offered to take on this role, then did so admirably.

Cross-District Exploration of New Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (from Assistant Superintendent Fraser)

On March 4, 2016 representatives from Vancouver Island school districts were scheduled to meet to discuss the ways in which each school district can meet the Ministry of Education’s program to redesign how we report on student learning. The goals are to provide a provincial context for district development of student learning frameworks and to give district teams a chance to share with and learn from each other in an effort to help inform local discussions and planning efforts.

Some of the key questions:
- What’s working in your district that you want to build into your framework for enhancing student learning?
- What opportunities and challenges do you see in building your new framework?
- What actions can you take to build on these opportunities and address these challenges?
- What are the most effective ways to report on the success of Aboriginal students? Students in care? Students with special (unique) needs? What evidence will we need? What will we do with this information? What groups of learners in our district should we pay special attention to?
- How can we build a system-wide culture of responsiveness across Vancouver Island Region Districts and local education partners to deepen our commitment to a shared responsibility for student learning?
- How can we continue to build on our successful system of networks in the island region?

(ii) Briefing Note Re: Project 2020 Vision Forum Summary

(iii) Briefing Note Re: Projects by Zone

Chair appointed Trustees representatives to the projects.
8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

KELSET
- An afternoon Success Club is up and running at KELSET! This club supports a variety of learners from grades 1-5 two days a week after school. Following a small snack and body break, students work with a variety of support staff, teachers and administration to increase their literacy and numeracy.
- KELSET is participating in a Food Drive for the local Sidney Foodbank. Each donation earns a heart on our wall of kindness. The KELSET beliefs assembly on February 24th was based around what kindness is and how it begins with you. It also recognizes the members of our school community that contribute in a positive way.

Claremont
- The Grad Class of 2016 showed their "Graditude" to celebrate our fearless janitor, Balwinder Shonki. The grads presented Bal with a large sticky note heart in the student lounge. They wrote personal notes expressing thanks and love for everything she does for them and the school.
- Congratulations to the Senior Girls’ Basketball Team for placing 2nd on the Island. They now will compete in the BC Championships.

Lochside
- In recognition of Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day, the staff and students at Lochside have focused on kindness. First there was a visit from author Michael Bortolotto, who talked to students about the importance of friendship and kindness. He shared his story, "The Truth about Apples and Pineapples," with all students in small groups and led a discussion about feelings, belonging and friendship. Then Vice-Principal Joan O'Leary and the Lochside Kindness Committee planned a school-wide "Kind Hearts" Campaign. Students were able to recognize each other for all the kind and wonderful things they were doing for each other. The response from the students, staff and parents was fantastic.

Keating
- The parent run program Build our Kids Success, a rigorous physical activity program is underway. Every morning from 8-8:30 children are prepared for a day of learning by gaining appreciation of the benefits of exercise and healthy choices. This program, in conjunction with our morning KIDFIT program has shown many benefits and teachers are seeing children better able to remain focused, alert, calm, and engaged, as a result of their participation in these programs.
- Lecture en cadeau is also in progress. This is a teacher run Buddy reading program where French Immersion Students from Keating are paired with Stelly's students. The program is based on Faye Brownlie's work that tells us that emergent readers, especially those who are struggling, quite simply need to read more and should be supported in learning to read for joy. The meaningful connections between secondary and elementary school students, through Lecture en cadeau, helps foster this joy of reading and creates an opportunity for students to have more reading time with proficient readers.
8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES CONTINUED

Parkland

- A Marine Fair was held on February 25th which highlighted the numerous employment and training opportunities in the marine industry. Over twenty-five local businesses, training centres, post-secondary institutions, and provincial and federal employers set up booths in the gym and talked to students from all of our secondary schools.

Stelly's

- Congratulations to Grade 12 student Katrina Jones for winning the Beacon Community Services Hearts of the Community Award. Katrina was honoured with a $1000 scholarship for her outstanding volunteer contributions with the local 4H local youth development group as well as a number of volunteer groups at the school.
- On February 11th Stelly's opened the doors to the community for the 4th Annual Showcase. Stelly's staff did an outstanding job engaging with parents and students who visited that evening showing them hands on activities in all departments including science experiments, math challenges, art projects and tasty treats from the kitchen. The leadership students did a wonderful job making the new students feel welcome!
- The Social Justice 12 class completed a successful book launch entitled "The Story Continues, These Strong Elders". Over a number of weeks this grade 12 class sat down listened and heard what some of our WSANEC Elders had to say about their lives growing up in the area. Students then turned these words into poems and with the assistance of poet/author Wendy Morton, published a book.
- Stelly's Outdoor Pursuits 12 class is preparing for another trek to Mt. Albert Edward on Vancouver Island in late April. This trip will be uniquely different from other years, as the focus for this team of grade 12 students and staff will be to guide Ottalie to the summit of Mt. Albert Edward. Ottalie is a grade 12 student at Stelly's who has grown up with cerebral palsy. For Ottalie to want to be part of this trek will teach all those involved about the value of community and being included despite her condition and any barriers that will be encountered.

Sidney

- The Food Forest project will be a large scale school-wide collaborative felted mural project depicting the wonderfully supported school gardens that are being used as an outdoor learning and play space. The themes of connection and collaboration will be used as a basis for this project as both the act of creating this piece and the natural elements it's based upon rely strongly on these ideas. Growing Young Farmers, a non-profit society, is currently doing a feasibility study on a proposed 'food forest' on our school property which will act as a space for community plots, food sharing, teaching gardens and more. This is an exciting new venture for our school to celebrate. In addition, a representative from the local First Nations is supporting the school to create a traditional garden. Our felted “Food Forest” will include elements of the gardens, local natural habitats and animals, and local flowers and plants. The students will work with local artist Renee Sala to develop a large image for the mural, and will create each and every piece of hand-made felt put together to create the final piece to be displayed proudly in the school as a legacy to this innovative idea of a school and community garden. All of our students will be participating in this felting project and have the opportunity to work with Growing Young Farmers.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

(i) 2016/17 Local Calendar

Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
That the Board approve the local calendar as presented by the Assistant Superintendent.

CARRIED.

(ii) 2016/17 Curriculum Implementation

Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
That the Board write to the Ministry to request that they consider providing necessary funding to support part time teachers and TTOCs who wish to attend the Curriculum Implementation date in 2016/17.

Amendment

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY Seconded by TRUSTEE DUNFORD
That the motion be amended to read
That the Board write to the Ministry to request that they consider providing necessary funding to support part time teachers and TTOCs who wish to attend the Curriculum Implementation dates in 2016 and 2017.

CARRIED

Amended Motion

That the Board write to the Ministry to request that they consider providing necessary funding to support part time teachers and TTOCs who wish to attend the Curriculum Implementation dates in 2016 and 2017.

Question was called on the motion as amended and declared

CARRIED.

Amendment to Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES
That the board meeting agenda be amended to include a motion that the Board express appreciation to the STA and all the attendees at the curriculum implementation day in February.

DEFEATED.
9.  EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE CONTINUED

   (i)  Receipt of Report

   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD                Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
   That the Education Directions Committee report for the committee meeting held March 1, 2016 be approved.

   CARRIED.

10.  FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

   (i)  2015/16 Amended Annual Budget

   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD                Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
   That the Board approve the 2015/16 Amended Annual Operating Budget as presented.

   CARRIED.

   (ii)  Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16

   a)    First Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16

   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD                Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
   That the Board approve the first reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16 in the total amount of $85,222,157.

   CARRIED.

   b)    Second Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16

   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD                Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
   That the Board approve the second reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16 in the total amount of $85,222,157.

   CARRIED.

   (c)   Motion to Read for a Third Time

   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD                Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
   That the Board approve the reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16 in the total amount of $85,222,157 at this Board Meeting for a third time.

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE CONTINUED

(ii) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16 Continued
   
   (d) Third Reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16
   
   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
   That the Board approve the third reading, pass and adopt the Amended Annual Budget
   Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/16 in the total amount of $85,222,157.
   
   CARRIED.

(iii) Letter from The Society for the Community Arts Theatre at Stelly’s
   
   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES
   That further discussion and decisions regarding the funding of Phase II of the SCATS feasibility
   study be deferred until the results of Phase I are considered by the Board, in the context of district-
   wide equity.
   
   CARRIED.

(iv) Letter to Ministers of Finance and Education from BCSTA, BCSSA, BCASBO and BCPVPA
   
   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
   That the letter dated February 22, 2016 from BCSTA, BCSSA, BCASBO and BCPVPA to the Ministers
   of Finance and Education be:
   (a) referred to the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)
   (b) presented for information at the March 8th Public Budget Meeting; and
   (c) brought to the Board by Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee for discussion.
   
   CARRIED.

(v) Bayside Middle School Roof Water Damage Report
   
   Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
   That staff continue to pursue with the Ministry the replacement of the Bayside School roof, to be
   funded with Ministry routine capital funding, the application of Ministry restricted proceeds from
   the sale of McTavish and from commitment of $400,000 of School District 63 AFG funding.
   
   CARRIED.

(vi) Domestic Water Quality Testing
   
   Moved by TRUSTEE PRICE Seconded by TRUSTEE HUNTER
   That the Board ask the Director of Facilities to study the cost of the purchase and installation of
   lead filtration for water fountains at School District 63 schools that have tests that record over the
   Canadian drinking water standards recommendations.
   
   CARRIED.
10. FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE CONTINUED

(vii) Receipt of Report

Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
That the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee report for the committee meeting held March 1, 2016 be received.

CARRIED.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES

No report.

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

No report.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Correspondence to the Board – March 3, 2016

Moved by TRUSTEE MENZIES Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY
That the correspondence package dated March 3, 2016 be received.

CARRIED.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

(i) James Taylor asked if the Board heard back from Minister of Education regarding the meeting with Minister of Education. Chair Martin responded.

(ii) Trustee McMurphy asked that the Board express appreciation to the STA and the organizers presenters and facilitators at the February Curriculum Implementation Day.

15. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

(i) BCSTA Update

Trustee Borden gave an update next Provincial Council meeting is April 17, 2016.
Trustee Price asked that the Chair write a letter to parents regarding informed consent and advising of possible risks of water quality. Chair Martin responded.

16. FOR INFORMATION

No items.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD  Seconded by TRUSTEE BORDEN
That the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting is to be held on April 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.