



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)  
HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 02, 2009 AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

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| <b>Present:</b> | May McKenzie        | Chairperson                     |
|                 | Bonnie MacGillivray | Vice Chairperson                |
|                 | Pete Williams       | Trustee (9:00 a.m. only)        |
|                 | Susanne Middleditch | Trustee                         |
|                 | Rob Pingle          | Trustee                         |
|                 | Mike Krayenhoff     | Trustee (9:00 a.m. only)        |
|                 | Jeff Hopkins        | Superintendent of Schools       |
|                 | Rod Scotvold        | Secretary Treasurer             |
|                 | Linda Underwood     | Director of Human Resources     |
|                 | Sheila Miller       | Director of Instruction         |
|                 |                     | Executive Assistant             |
|                 | John Nicolson       | GITA President (1:00 p.m.)      |
|                 | Lisa Halstead       | GIPVPA President (1:00 p.m.)    |
|                 | Shelley Lawson      | DPAC Representative (1:00 p.m.) |
| <b>Regrets:</b> | Charles Hingston    | Trustee                         |

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. for the election of officers.

Superintendent Jeff Hopkins took the chair and called for nominations, by ballot, for the position of **Board Chairperson**. He then distributed nomination ballots. May McKenzie was acclaimed and took the Chair.

The Chairperson called for nominations for **Vice Chairperson** and ballots were distributed. Those nominated were Bonnie MacGillivray and Mike Krayenhoff. Mike Krayenhoff declined the nomination. Bonnie MacGillivray accepted.

**BCSTA Provincial Council Representative**

Susanne Middleditch accepted as the BCSTA Provincial Council Representative.

**BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate**

Charles Hingston accepted as the BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate.

**BCPSEA Representative**

Pete Williams accepted as the BCPSEA Provincial Council Representative.

**BCPSEA Alternate**

Mike Krayenhoff and Bonnie MacGillivray accepted as the BCPSEA Alternates.

**VILRC Representative**

Pete Williams accepted as the VILRC Representative.

**VILRC Alternate**

Mike Krayenhoff and Bonnie MacGillivray accepted as the VILRC Alternates.

It was moved and seconded that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED 81/09

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

CARRIED 82/09

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. at which time Ms. McKenzie informed all present that she has returned as Board Chairperson and Bonnie MacGillivray accepted as Vice Chairperson.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2009 12 02, be adopted as amended with the following additions:

- 8 (e) Connecting Generations
- 9 (a) Update on SIMS Seismic Project

CARRIED 83/09

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2009 11 10, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 84/09

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4. **DELEGATIONS**

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***  
No report. Trustee Hingston absent.
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***  
No report. Trustee Hingston absent.
- ***Galiano Community School***  
Christmas concert forthcoming, students have written the plays, are helping to build the set, is to be held at the community hall, and will be well attended; Dec. 9 – Axis Theatre is coming to perform *King Arthur's Kitchen*; intermediate class doing garbage-less lunch challenge, concept of waste reduction; field trip to Hartland Land Fill in New Year; Food Forever program had last breakfast of the year, fed the whole school; 12 year old student, Jacob, was able to get Trustee MacGillivray online on her computer when everyone else had failed
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***  
No report. Trustee Krayenhoff absent.
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***  
Employee recognition last month; focusing in on all parents to find out what they would like to see around the school; students came to GISS to attend Remembrance Day ceremony; PAC fundraising for ski trip; feedback from some parents re: new report cards
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***  
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***  
No report. Trustee Krayenhoff absent.
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***  
Employee recognition – staff, students; dance coming up before Christmas; successful writers' festival; Remembrance Day assembly showcasing band and choir; Exploratories; Artist in the Classroom program
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***  
Holiday dinner and dance on weekend in SSE gym with Uncle Jim's Band, lots of community support with silent auction and food preparation, very successful fundraiser; earthquake drill last week; water theme in grades 4/5, improving creek running through the United Church meadow for salmon habitat; "Read In", students sign up for the book that they want to hear – teacher reads; caroling on Dec. 17 in front of Tree House

➤ **Saturna Elementary School/SEEC**

Victoria Real Estate Boards ran contest on *Going Green*; Saturna students were the only ones who submitted essays and they received \$1,500. Will buy 8 Netbooks, science books, and will pay for field trip to UBC; have a bus now for SEEC students; school play, *Scrungie* – environmental focus; students will be tapping maple trees as winter project

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Board Elections/Committees**

Ms. McKenzie informed all present that she has returned as Board Chairperson and Bonnie MacGillivray accepted as Vice Chairperson. The Board will review their committee structure at the January meeting.

(b) **Update on VISTA Activities**

The association did not hold spring and fall conferences this year mainly due to budgetary constraints of school districts. There was a half-day meeting held in November. The VISTA executive will connect with the Minister in the New Year to see if a meeting can be set up with the Minister and all Vancouver Island Association Board Chairs. The BCSTA AGM is being held this weekend – the focus will be on the lack of government funding.

8. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

(a) **Superintendent's Report on Achievement**

Superintendent Hopkins received last year's district data from the Ministry yesterday. To be in compliance with the *School Act*, Section 22, the Board is to receive his report before December 15 and by January 15 it is to be received by the Ministry and made public. He will assemble the information and send a preliminary report to the trustees as soon as possible so they have time to peruse the report and formulate any questions they may have before the December 15 deadline. The most inaccurate section of the district's data is the graduation completion rate percentages. The district is regarded as having a 65% completion rate. This is inaccurate due to the number of International students who leave GISS to graduate in their home country. These students are counted as "drop-outs". When these numbers are reconfigured, our completion rate goes up to 94%. The report will be brought forward to the January Board meeting.

(b) **Board/Authority Authorized Course (BAA) Approvals**

School boards/independent school authorities must authorize each BAA Course and ensure that it meets the BAA Course requirements set out in the document *Board/Authority Authorized Courses: Requirements and Procedures*. BAA courses are offered or developed to meet student needs and interests. When approved by the Board, they must then be reviewed by the Ministry. Four BAA courses will be brought forward for approval at the January Board meeting. The teachers at GISS would like to see the BAA courses come forward for approval in December or January of each year so students will have the information on these new courses before course selection begins in March. If the courses are approved, then students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 who take them can get course credit.

(c) **Education Links Report**

Last meeting was held on November 17, 2009. Highlights included discussion regarding:

- DART – reading assessment
- Cross-grades writes
- Lots of Math training
- LDP writing workshop for parents
- EAs now working with curriculum coordinators, reps from each school
- International education – Scott Bergstrom attended the meeting. Lots of brainstorming re: program and what direction it should take now – what to preserve, what to change

- Gifted program and what it may look like

**(d) Affordable Housing**

More information came forth from the government and Mr. Hopkins will submit the required documentation. The district will begin a much more public consultation process now that we are in a better position to talk about specifics.

**(e) Connecting Generations**

The district applied for and was successful in receiving grant money from the Salt Spring Island Foundation. We will now hire a coordinator to develop and implement the Connecting Generations pilot project the *Living Library*, a library of community/school resource people who can be “borrowed” in order to obtain information on their particular area of expertise.

**9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT**

**(a) Update on SIMS Seismic Project**

The SIMS seismic project is almost complete and the district will end the project with a surplus. The district has received permission from the Ministry to use a portion of the remaining surplus funds to remove overhead electrical lines that run past the skate park and reinstall them underground. Some of the surplus will also go toward getting the woodshop equipped and running.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Committee Day – December 16, 2009 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – January 13, 2010 at Saltspring Island Middle School

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

CARRIED 85/09

Date: January 13, 2010

May McKenzie  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold  
Secretary Treasurer

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**LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2010/2011**

No discussion. (1 community member present).