



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2010 IN THE SSS RESOURCE CENTRE**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Sheila Miller	Director of Instruction
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jack Braak	GITA President (1:10 p.m.)
	Lisa Halstead	GIPVPA Representative (1:10 p.m.)
	Eva Olynyk	GISS Student Representative (1:10 p.m.)
	Gail Sjuberg	Driftwood Representative (1:10 p.m.)
Regrets:	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Mike Krayenhoff	Trustee
	Charles Hingston	Trustee
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Andy McNish	CUPE President
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative

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. Bonnie MacGillivray was acclaimed.

BCSTA Provincial Council Representative

Susanne Middleditch accepted as the BCSTA Provincial Council Representative.

BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate

Charles Hingston will remain the BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate.

BCPSEA Representative

Pete Williams will remain the BCPSEA Provincial Council Representative.

BCPSEA Alternate

Mike Krayenhoff and Bonnie MacGillivray will remain the BCPSEA Alternates.

VILRC Representative

Pete Williams will remain the VILRC Representative.

VILRC Alternate

Mike Krayenhoff and Bonnie MacGillivray will remain the VILRC Alternates.

VILRC Staff Alternate Representative

Rod Scotvold was appointed as VILRC Staff Representative.

It was moved and seconded that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED 73/10

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

CARRIED 74/10

The meeting reconvened at 1:10 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 2010 12 01, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 75/10

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 11 10, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 76/10

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Garth Hendren

Mr. Hendren is unable to attend this meeting. He discussed with Chair McKenzie the possibility of the Board coming on side with the CRD regarding mail-in ballots to try to increase votership. He will reschedule a meeting with Board members.

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 coming up; school is busy
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Eva Olynyk – game of assassin – to promote awareness of Aids; Aids Awareness march today; Dec. 7, student forum; school newspaper coming out soon – article regarding acceptance; Mr. Nelson's home room selling baked goods all week to support child in Africa
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
African drum workshop; successful bottle drive and now a wood raffle; PAC doing inventory of things they've purchased over the years that are missing; Christmas activities coming up and students are busy; school broken up into "pods" (8) and each pod will do a Christmas activity
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
No report. Trustee Krayenhoff absent.
- ***Salt Spring Island Middle School***
Volleyball season finished – boys took second place in division and girls took first place; Tsunami basketball starting; Hoops for Heart – very successful, Grade 8's loved it, raised over \$800; PAC is very active; Odyssey of the Mind starting and Talent Show, April 16; band is busy planning for San Francisco trip in May; Spirit Assembly and Recognition Assembly last week in December; Sheila Miller commended the team of teachers who come together to talk about students at risk and what they can do to support them
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
PAC Community Dance Friday night, over 200 people attended, silent auction for staff and students, Uncle Jim's big band, choir opened up the night with 2 songs, great dinner; Dec. 8, Christmas concert – working around the Nutcracker theme, will take donations for food bank at the door
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Parents had bottle drive day after it snowed, collected \$650; will start gymnastic program in the New Year; just finished swimming; students will attend Storey Book Theatre on Pender; Christmas concert Dec. 16

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) Board Committees

Ms McKenzie informed everyone that Trustee Susanne Middleditch remains as the BCSTA Representative, Trustee Pete Williams remains the BCPSEA and VILRC Representative, and Secretary Treasurer Rod Scotvold was appointed the VILRC Staff Representative.

The following change has been made to the Board Committees as of January 2011:

- ▶ Rob Pingle has assumed the chair of the Policy Committee and Superintendent Jeff Hopkins has been added as a resource person for this committee.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Ed. Links Report

The last meeting of the Education Links committee was held November 16, 2010. Highlights included:

- ▶ Workshop with Kathleen Gregory to further develop portfolios for writing and reading assessments
- ▶ Personalized learning and the role this committee can play in communicating what is happening in the district. Will gather all information from the district retreats and planning days regarding work done on how learning can take place. All the work we're doing is not new; it's something we've been working on now for a long time. Parent meetings, staff meetings to share ideas and information.
- ▶ Talked about the district Wiki. Encouraging everyone to join the Wiki and share ideas. About 80 people are using it at present. Good way to put everything in one place.

(b) Field Trip #37

Field trip request from SIMS teacher, Naomi Mullins, to take 20 Grade 7 French Immersion students to Bamfield Marine Centre April 26 to 29, 2011.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves field trip #37 for 20 Grade 7 French Immersion students to travel to Bamfield Marine Centre April 26 to 29, 2011 to attend the Public Education Program.

CARRIED 77/10

(c) Superintendent's Report on Achievement

Mr. Hopkins received critical information last night that he has been waiting for from Victor Glickman regarding district Grade 10 and 12 exam results and FSA 2010 results and has not had the opportunity to review it yet. Victor Glickman is the founding director of *Edudata* Canada (<http://edudata.educ.ubc.ca/site/home/>), and a research associate at the UBC Faculty of Education. His report will be more complete and accurate with this new information. He will email it to Board members before the December 15 deadline.

Once again this year the district exam results have included International students and the graduation rate is shown as one of the lowest in the province. The inclusion of the International students skews the report as the students leave usually after one year and do not graduate with our district students. They are therefore shown as dropouts. Mr. Hopkins calculated the graduation rate with the help of GISS Principal Judy Raddysh and they determined it is around 93%, which is either the top or second highest graduation rate in the province. Mr. Hopkins will contact the Ministry again regarding the method of calculating grad rates and follow up with a press release to indicate the correct graduation rate with an explanation regarding the way they are calculated.

(d) Personalized Learning Update

Twenty-eight staff members, including principals, vice principals, senior administration, CUPE and GITA staff, attended the BCSSA Fall Conference in Victoria November 18 and 19, 2010, entitled, "*Personalized Learning in the 21st Century: from vision to action*". Mr. Hopkins was positive about the conference, but felt School District #64 staff members are further ahead in the conversation and understanding of personalized learning than the information presented. The group spent approximately 1½ hours together as a team for in-depth discussions and what's required to move forward to the next step. This item is on every agenda of the Education Leadership Team (ELT) meetings for discussion.

At GISS on Tuesday, December 7, there is a student lead forum and Mr. Hopkins has been invited to speak to the student body from 1:30 to 4:15 p.m. about many aspects of personalized learning using the “World Café” style. Peter Norman has been invited to facilitate discussion with staff members on the same topic from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. Some topics for student discussion will include: timetabling and time organization, learning within school walls, maintaining student to student connections, letter grades and post-secondary requirements, interdisciplinary learning, and developing student independence from K to 12. Similar discussion will take place with staff members and will also include staffing, classes and contractual implications. Invitations were also sent to the Ministry and six representatives will attend. Minister MacDiarmid may attend if time permits in her schedule.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

No report for this meeting.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Local Bargaining

GITA President Jack Braak informed Board members they will do local bargaining in 2011, which hasn’t been done in the past 18 years. There is present language that is obsolete and some that needs clarification and changing as they look at their current reality and define their present needs. They will seek language that offers flexibility with protection.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – No Committee Day meeting on December 15, 2010 unless there is an emergent issue.
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – January 12, 2011 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED 78/10

Date Approved: January 26, 2011

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2011/2012

No discussion. (0 community members present).