



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 09, 2012 AT MAYNE ISLAND SCHOOL**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Lisa Halstead	Director of Instruction
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jack Braak	GITA President
	Jim Moulton	CUPE President
	Donna Kirkpatrick	GIPVPA Representative
Regrets:	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative
	Lauren Utter	GISS Student Representative
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 05 09, be adopted with the following additions:

- 7 (a) Velo Village
- 7 (b) Early Childhood Education
- 9 (c) Drake Road

CARRIED 35/12

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 04 11, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 36/12

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Fun Fair day end of May; swimming lessons with additional field trips; gr. 4-5 district track meet; school photographer; parent child Mother Goose program, birth to 6 years; gr. 5 going to Victoria; gr. 4-5 travelled to Pender for basketball and experienced playing basketball while in wheel chairs

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Swimming lessons; 'Galleries in the School' visits; May 30 – Hug a Tree presentation

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

Annual sports day with Phoenix, Mayne and Saturna; parents organizing after school events; sailing with Mayne and Phoenix; Cinco de Mayo festivities, great fundraiser; younger class – 12 duck eggs have been placed in incubator, students will log progress; older class – made green coloured sugar

crystal designs; developing 100 random acts of kindness; 4 triangle problems and students were to figure out the rule to make a total of 14 possible configurations

- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Food in cafeteria is wonderful; GISPA production, 'Haroun' at ArtSpring May 15-17; Connecting Generations open house; student writers meeting once a week; report cards out; soccer – sr. girls came second; scrabble tournament; teacher Dean Crouse organizing trip to Europe in 2013
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Strong Start twice a week; music with Ptarmigan; ski trip; book sale coming up; self regulation program for parents; lots of pod activities; May 16 – OI middle years students meeting at Mayne; sports day; appreciation tea; grad for gr. 8's on June 26
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Hot lunch program every Tuesday by PAC, menu changes weekly (\$2.50); Earth Week; trip to Ocean Discovery Centre in Sidney; playground finished
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
Quebec student exchange was great success; gr. 7's going on conservancy trip; FI program very popular for next year; Spring Fling cancelled; PAC organizing talent contest; intramurals going on; gr. 8's – project based focus; staff working on adjusting timetable, focus is on personalized learning
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Gary Allan and his wolf dog, Tundra, presented; Island Pathways visited and spoke of importance of helmets when bike riding; author visits for the month of May; Rocks and Rings – teaches students about curling; Holly Artsen and Kevin Wright returning to sing with students
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
Rodeo and sports day; taco night at café – great event, sold out, whole learning experience for students regards running a restaurant – planning, ordering, cooking, accounting, cleaning up, also involved SEEC students; camping trip to Cabbage Island
- ***Windsor House School***
Trustee Middleditch went for tour of school; everyone is very busy and very active; democratic processes; students are very honoured in the school; judicial council – workshop at planning day; students run the JC program at WH – take complaints and come to resolutions through a very democratic process

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **Letter from Minister George Abbott Regards Bill 36 (the *School Amendment Act, 2012*)**

A letter received from Minister of Education George Abbott informing all Board Chairs that the Act:

1. Eliminates the standard school calendar, which will provide boards of education with greater autonomy to offer more creative scheduling options that better meet the needs of their students. The Ministry of Education will continue to set a minimum number of instructional hours.
2. Extends the ability to take a mix of online and traditional school courses to students in K through Grade 9.
3. Clarifies boards may charge fees relating to the direct costs of providing an International Baccalaureate (IB) program if they exceed the cost of providing a standard education program.

More information on the Act can be viewed at: http://www.leg.bc.ca/39th4th/1st_read/gov36-1.htm.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) Velo Village

Trustee Pingle informed Board members June 21 to 23, 2012 are the dates set for Velo Village celebrations on Salt Spring Island. As part of these celebrations Salt Spring Island is hosting an international cycling conference on Friday, June 22.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education accepts the Salish Sea Statements: Cycling and Rural Mobility and will write a letter of support for the Salish Sea Statements and the Velo Village Conference, June 22, 2012.

CARRIED 37/12

The Salish Sea Statements: Cycling and Rural Mobility can be viewed at:
<http://velovillage.ca/conference/sss-crm/>.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education agrees to pay the registration fee of \$75 each for one student and one staff member and offer time off work for the staff member to participate in the Velo Village Conference on Friday, June 22, 2012.

CARRIED 38/12

(b) Early Childhood Education

Trustee Pingle presented the motion regards Early Childhood Education.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education supports the development of early childhood education by encouraging the provincial government to assign responsibility and targeted funding for all early childhood programs to the Ministry of Education as a first step towards creating a public system of integrated early care and learning and committing to work with our community, the province and other stakeholders to create universal access to early care and learning in our district.

CARRIED 39/12

Upon passing this motion Trustee Pingle requests a letter stating the Board's resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Health, the Minister for Children & Family Development and the BCSTA to forward to all school boards.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Education Links Report

The last meeting of the Education Links committee was held April 17, 2012. Highlights were:

- Planning for district planning day to be held on Friday, May 4
- Updates from Kathryn Akehurst regards the May 5 Early Learning Tour on Salt Spring Island and corresponding Ready, Set, Learn activities on Outer Islands
- Discussion regard the meeting of all LDP programs in the district to create better connections
- Discussion regard Ms Halstead's consultation work on the Outer Islands middle years program

(b) Bill 36, the *School Amendment Act, 2012*

Mr. Hopkins prepared a detailed report of Bill 36, with reference to the provisions of the Act regards the sections involved and when the changes will take effect. The implications for the School District #64 Board include:

1. There is no longer a standard school calendar and now each Board must develop its own calendar for each school year following a regulated consultation process. The calendar may be developed for up to three years at one time.
2. The Ministry of Education will continue to set a minimum number of instructional hours.
3. If a Board chooses to replicate a standard school calendar from the past, they still must go through a consultation process before it can take effect.

4. The Board must continue to take into account local CUPE and GITA contract provisions when considering any changes to the school calendar.

More information on the Act can be viewed at: http://www.leg.bc.ca/39th4th/1st_read/gov36-1.htm.

(c) Staffing Update

The staffing process has gone smoothly. Most GITA positions have been filled by assignment, conversations with teachers who are surplus to need with recall have taken place. The next step is to fill vacancies through the recall process if qualifications are met. At the end of this process any positions remaining unfilled will be posted.

There are no layoffs within the Educational Assistants (EA). EA Selection Day will be held June 5. Choosing of positions will be based on seniority and qualifications. There will likely be more EA hours added in the fall, which will be filled through the posting process.

(d) Connecting Generations Video

This video is about the Connecting Generations project on Salt Spring Island, BC. It was made in 2012 by the Growing Innovations program, a part of the Eleanor Rix professorship of Rural Teacher Education at the University of British Columbia (www.ruralteachers.com) in conjunction with the Ministry of Education. The video features short interview clips with Superintendent Jeff Hopkins; Sarah Hook Nilsson, project founder and leader; Ahava Shira, project facilitator; Scott Chamney, project assistant and youth leader; GISS teachers and community members who are project participants.

It can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2hV3KhLk9g&feature=youtu.be>. More information about the district project can be viewed at: <http://www.sd64.bc.ca/connecting.html>.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Financial Report

The monthly expenditure report as at April 30, 2012, indicates that with 0.8333 of the year completed, 0.8049 of the budget has been expended. We are 2.84% below budget at this time. Teacher sickness costs on a monthly basis continue to be double those of the previous year.

(b) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126415

Mr. Scotvold presented Capital Project Bylaw No. 126415 regards the 2012 Annual Facility Grant for School District #64 (Gulf Islands), which specifies a maximum expenditure of \$363,299.

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read Capital Project Bylaw No. 126415 in one sitting.

CARRIED 40/12

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126415 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 41/12

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126415 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 42/12

It was moved and seconded that Capital Project Bylaw No. 126415 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 43/12

(c) Drake Road

Chair McKenzie and Mr. Scotvold signed agreements today to sign over 3 ½ acres of the Drake Road property to the CRD for an affordable housing project the district began working on approximately eight years ago. The next step is to meet with CRD to discuss, plan and implement the consultation process.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **Policy Committee**

- (i) **Notices of Motion – Policy 650, *Learning Design Partners (LDP)* (revision), and Policy 675, *Scholarships* (new)**

These two policies will be now be sent out as Notices of Motion and will be brought forward to the June 13 Board meeting for approval.

- (ii) **Procedure 960, *Outdoor Recreational Areas* (revision)**

Trustee Pingle presented the revised procedure.

It was moved and seconded the Board of Education approves Procedure 960, *Outdoor Recreational Areas* as revised.

CARRIED 44/12

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

12. **QUESTION PERIOD**

13. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Committee Day – May 23, 2012 at the School Board Office
(b) Regular Board Meeting – June 13, 2012 at the School Board Office

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

CARRIED 45/12

Date: June 13, 2012

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer