



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)**  
**GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**November 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**

<b>Present:</b>	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	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
	Dan Sparanese	GIPVPA Representative
Lauren Utter	GISS Student Representative	
Dexter Nash	GISS Student Representative	
Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative	
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 11 14, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 92/12

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 10 10, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 93/12

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2012 10 24, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 94/12

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4. **DELEGATIONS**

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

Book fair; all students participated in Remembrance Day ceremony; volleyball; music program, funded by PAC, for grades K to 3 has begun; pizza and hotdog days; students raised over \$1,000 for UNICEF

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

Remembrance Day ceremony; long-service certificates presented to staff members at whole school meeting; students visiting ArtSpring in November; Christmas craft fair coming up; reduce, reuse,

recycle Christmas gifts; fund raising through sales of the conservancy calendar; nature theme at school including water and the addition of seaquarium

- ***Galiano Community School***  
Mary Ohara and Trustee Bonnie MacGillivray visiting with classes today to share Mary's stories; fundraising; students are happy, active and engaged
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***  
*GISS Student Lauren Utter:* busy month, soccer provincials, volleyball intramurals; student council partnership with ArtSpring; 3 students participating in conference in Vancouver; Remembrance Day ceremony well attended; John Abbott visited and presented to students; Nov. 24 and 25 UBC seminar; Eton Head Master Tony Little visited and spent time speaking with students; students making earthquake kits to sell; trying to build greenhouse – part of global initiative; prostate cancer awareness; Syrian civil war awareness; noise survey  
*Trustee Page:* PAC – drumming workshop, fundraising; staff meeting – employee recognition of 15 staff members
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***  
Class biking to Bennett Bay; carved pumpkins in primary class on Halloween; took pumpkins to firehall for evening gathering and fireworks; went to GISS for Remembrance Day ceremony; Connecting Generations – 2 students and a community member talk about nuclear energy; PAC – bottle drive, 5 cords of wood for sale, wanting to fund a music program
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***  
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***  
Winter salad from garden; Remembrance Day ceremony; swimming; music – PAC has supported program, grant writing to keep it continuing
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***  
Halloween dance, lots of fun; school dance club after school; Remembrance Day ceremony; dodge ball competition, teachers vs. students, teachers won; swim and skate trip; UNICEF; PAC meeting, hot lunches coming
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***  
Halloween – gr. 5 class builds a spook house on stage every year; gr. 5's organized "Spirit" groups to build community within the school; gr. 4 and 5s playing volleyball against other schools; gr. 1 and 2s going out every Wednesday for nature walk; winter concert December 12
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***  
Halloween party very successful; Mr. Fraser took students on a 2-day field trip; IMAX and a trip up Sooke Road to Jericho Beach; Remembrance Day ceremony, students did poetry readings; Lions for Literacy – adults come and listen to students read; photographer helping with "hands on Saturna"  
*SEEC:* thank you turkey dinner for community; Kootenay principals visited SEEC; toured around SSI as well; hosted full-day workshop; gr. 10 science students from Victoria; Spring Leaves and LDP students visited; students presenting at conference this week in Vancouver with Principal Dunsmuir
- ***Windsor House School***  
150 students, 5 more than projected; professional growth initiative, coaching approach to education (John Williams)

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Honourary High School Diploma for Mary Ohara**

Trustee Bonnie MacGillivray presented Mrs. Ohara with an honorary high school diploma certificate at a surprise luncheon celebration and gathering of Board members, staff, students, friends and members of Mrs. Ohara's family. Her grandson, Reed Oishi, also presented her with the traditional gap and gown. Mr. Oishi contacted Galiano Trustee Bonnie MacGillivray in August regarding the

possibility of Mrs. Ohara receiving a high school diploma. Mrs. Ohara was born on Galiano in 1930 and moved with her family to Salt Spring Island when she was seven. In 1941 her family was sent to Vancouver for six months before they were interned at Lemon Creek, BC. In 1946 she and her family returned to Japan. School ended for Mrs. Ohara at age 15 and one of her principal regrets was not having received a high school diploma. She stated it had been a dream all of her life and one she thought would never happen.

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

(a) **Field Trip Request #29**

An extra-curricular field trip request (#29) from SIMS music teacher Wendy Milton to take approximately 50 students in Grades 6 to 8 to Seattle May 8 to 12, 2013 to attend concert performances and engage in tourist activities. Superintendent Hopkins has approved this trip pending informed consent and itinerary.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extra-curricular field trip #29 for approximately 50 students in Grades 6 to 8 to travel to Seattle May 8 to 12, 2013 to attend concert performances and engage in tourist activities.

CARRIED 95/12

(b) **Learning Improvement Fund**

Monies from this fund are provided to each district and School District #64 (Gulf Islands) will receive \$240,235. Class, school and district reviews have been completed in order to determine how to expend this money in the best possible way for students. Two temporary positions for District Literacy and Behaviour Support Teacher Leaders of 1.0 FTE each will be posted. These positions will continue to the end of June 2013 and the teacher leaders will provide regular, predictable visits to schools. A Within the Learning Improvement Funds, approximately \$30,000 has been allocated to enhance hours for current Educational Assistants.

(c) **Drake Road Update**

Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Scotvold and Trustee Pingle attended the first consultation meetings with partner groups, neighbours and school community regarding the Drake Road housing initiative. The meetings were well attended; participants asked well thought out questions. It was a constructive and positive process. The next meeting will likely be in January 2013. Janice Gauthier will continue working with the district and garnering new monies. There is no timeline as yet for when the building will begin.

(d) **Tony Little Visit**

Tony Little, Head Master of Eton, briefly visited the district on October 29. He will be working with John Abbott to create a documentary regarding the evolution of education: what education looks like now and where it is heading. He enjoyed his visits at GISS and SIMS, loved the positive feelings in the schools remarked on how happy students appeared to be in their schools and engaged in 'deep and rich' conversations with them. He stated there was not enough time to experience everything on this visit and he would love to return.

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

(a) **Monthly Expenditure Report**

The monthly expenditure report as at October 31, 2012, indicates that with 0.3333 of the year completed, 0.2581 of the budget has been expended. We are 7.52% below budget at this time.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **Policy Committee – Notices of Motion**

- (i) Policy #655, Sustainability (previously titled "Environment")
- (ii) Policy #725, Travel Expenses
- (iii) Procedure #725, Travel Expenses/Compensation for use of Private Vehicles

These will now go out as Notices of Motion and be brought forward to the December 5 meeting for approval.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Committee Day – November 28, 2012 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – December 05, 2013 at the School Board Office. There will likely be no Committee Day meeting in December to allow trustees to attend various school Christmas concerts.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

CARRIED 96/12

Date: December 5, 2012

May McKenzie  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold  
Secretary Treasurer