



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
February 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	Pete Williams	Vice Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Lisa Halstead	Director of Instruction
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jack Braak	GITA President
	Jim Moulton	CUPE President
	Richard Bennett	GIPVPA Representative
Lauren Utter	GISS Student Representative	
Dexter Nash	GISS Student Representative	
Indigo Porebska-Smith	GISS Student Representative	
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative	
Regrets:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Tania Aguila	DPAC 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 2013 02 13, be adopted with the addition of:

- 7(b) Climate Justice
- 10 (a) (ii) Notice of Motion – Policy 660

CARRIED 06/13

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2013 01 09, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 07/13

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4. **DELEGATIONS**

(a) **Maggie Allison and Richard Walker – Industry Engagement in Education**

Richard Walker is the CEO of the Walker Resource Group (<http://www.walkerresourcegroup.com/>), which specializes in getting “corporate investment, sponsorship and funding gifts for nonprofit organizations”. His group “has been involved in helping clients to generate more than \$400 million in investment, sponsorship and philanthropic gifts”. He would like to offer his skills to the district to raise money for trades and the apprenticeship program that presently are dependent on grants received from the government. Ms. Allison feels there is always the chance government grants will decrease or stop and she would like to look at other opportunities that might engage large industry corporations. Mr. Walker did state that there are huge corporations willing to donate if they agree with the product / vision. However, often they also want something significant in return for their assistance. This could mean attaching their name to a library, gym, or lab. Mr. Walker’s proposal will be considered.

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***
Family swim night; pirate pyjama and pizza day; K class donated \$100 prize money received for writing to SS conservancy; fundraising – wanting to adopt a spirit bear; basketball; gr. 2/3 class Artist in the Classroom – focus on trees; penny drive for 6 weeks
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***
Seaquaria – filled with sea creatures from local waters; PAC organizing a multi-cultural week, with big finale in gym; PAC planning a Spring dance and auction at Fulford Hall; positive behaviour support program between all students; Jump Rope for Heart, March 14
- ***Galiano Community School***
K-2 all about Chinese New Year; making “bangers”, little drums with knockers, and will walk around school on Chinese New Year; 2D and 3D shapes in math; in main hall, map of all the food banks across Canada with mission statements, students are amazed at how many hungry people there are in Canada and how much poverty, they want to raise awareness of both; new teacher in SLC, Brenda Lepine; Feb. 27 pink shirt day, anti bullying awareness
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Candy grams for Valentine's Day; basketball teams have made it to the finals; rowing team starting up; gr. 9's getting immunizations; Dorothy Price visiting every Tues. and Thurs. to offer free yoga classes; chess in the library every week; sexual health fair for gr. 11's; gay/straight alliance presentation attended by all grade 10's; PAC – spelling bee fundraiser; lots of administrative changes for next year
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
No report. Chair McKenzie absent.
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
Basketball – gr. 4/5 students coming Feb. 19 to Fernwood; OGIMY program on Pender right now; GISS counsellor Nia Williams will be visiting on Feb. 27 to talk to gr. 8's about transitioning to GISS
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Successful in attaining grants of \$800 and \$5,000; Artist in the Classroom theatre games, next is making clay birds; intermediate class – goal setting, individual work projects, self directed, everyone seems very committed; the installation of ceiling tiles have made a big difference in noise reduction
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
Gr. 8's, respectful relationship program; basketball intramurals; gr. 7's writing FSAs; Feb. 21 music concert; FI program – Medieval Fair last week; Martin Thorn spoke about his time in Bhutan; Hoops for Heart – run by senior basketball team to involve younger students; Improv group coming; literacy – students buddying with gr. 4/5 students; skiing field trip was very successful
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
February is reading blitz month; scrabble in library; every Wednesday have guest readers visit to read to students; cold turkey challenge – no screen time during February; Jump Rope for Heart, Feb. 26 skipping experts from Heart and Stroke Foundation will be visiting the school
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
2-day ski trip to Cypress was very successful; students finished independent research on oceans, and presented to peers; new research project on countries; buddy pairing with SEEC students
SEEC – 15 students; second annual symposium at UVic; second cabin almost finished
- ***Windsor House School***
Finished second conference week of the year to discuss each student's progress and independent plans; working on presenting “Charley and the Chocolate Factory” and “Grease”; new teacher offering outdoor orienteering course

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Local School Calendar**

Chair McKenzie informed everyone there is still an opportunity to provide input on the proposed 2013/2014 local school calendar. Information can be found at: <http://sd64.bc.ca/calendar-input/>.

(b) **Climate Justice**

Trustee Katharine Byers reported out on a meeting held in Vancouver last week. The committee will engage in contracting 2 or 3 teachers to work on climate justice materials and resources and to disseminate information out to communities.

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

(a) **Education Links Report**

Highlights of the January 15 meeting:

- Discussion about math instruction and math learning in district
- Looked at data and students are doing fine, but not reaching goals of deeper math concepts at higher grades
- Looked at curriculum for Gr. 10 pre-calculus and how much has to be taught during the year
- Agreed that Math has a place in our culture and may want to work on how it is perceived, how better to support students and teachers. Math curriculum has changed several times over the years
- Pro D this Friday, there is a workshop on K-12 Math teaching

(b) **Field Trip Request #74 (Fire Camp Program)**

An extended field trip request from Maggie Allison to send seven Grade 9-12 students to Pender Islands Fire Hall March 18-23, 2013 to participate in fire simulation, live fire training drills, physical training and coursework. Accommodation will be provided at Pender Fire Hall #1. This program has occurred for several years and is now a well-recognized program for dual credit at the post-secondary level.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extended field trip #74 for seven Grade 9-12 students to travel to Pender Islands Fire Hall March 18-23, 2013 to participate in the Fire Camp program.

CARRIED 08/13

(c) **Field Trip Request #76 (Police Camp)**

An extended field trip request from Maggie Allison to send two Grade 12 students to Police Camp at Albert Head Military Base in Metchosin April 7 to 14, 2012 to participate in the Police Camp program.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves extended field trip #76 for two Grade 12 students to travel to Albert Head Military Base in Metchosin April 7 to 14, 2012 to participate in the Police Camp program.

CARRIED 09/13

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

(a) **Monthly Expenditure Report**

The monthly expenditure report as at January 31, 2013, indicates that with 0.5833 of the year completed, 0.5236 of the budget has been expended. We are 5.97% below budget at this time.

(b) **Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2012/2013**

Manager of Finance Cindy Rodgers presented and spoke in detail to the changes in the Amended Annual Budget that have occurred since the Annual Budget was presented in June 2012. With the retirement of the Special Purpose Fund deficit, a surplus of \$277,000 is projected for the 2012/2013 school year. However, it is not a structural surplus, one that probably won't happen year after year. Part of this surplus comes from a one-time release of funds of \$162,000. This amount is part of holdback funds and may not be

repeated next year. There are expected increases in expenditures for next year that could amount to \$200,000. These additional expenditures include an increase to the teachers' pension rates, and increase in employment insurance rates, and changes in teachers' benefits.

This amended budget is to be submitted by the end of this month. Ms. Rodgers invites anyone to contact her if they have any questions or would like clarification on any points.

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2012/2013 in one sitting.

CARRIED 10/13

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2012/2013 in the amount of \$22,514,646 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 11/13

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2012/2013 in the amount of \$22,514,646 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 12/13

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2012/2013 in the amount of \$22,514,646 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 13/13

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Policy Committee

(i) Policy and Procedure #1035, District Procedure for Addressing Parent Concerns

Trustee Pingle, Chair of the Policy Committee, presented the revisions to Policy and Procedure #1035.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves revised Policy and Procedure #1035, *District Procedure for Addressing Parent Concerns*.

CARRIED 14/13

(ii) Notice of Motion – Policy 660, International Education

This policy is a Notice of Motion and will now be sent out to stakeholders and brought forward to the next Board meeting for approval.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – February 27, 2013 at the School Board Office
- (c) Regular Board Meeting – March 13, 2013 at Pender Islands School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED 15/13

Date: March 13, 2013

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer