



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
February 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Lisa Halstead	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
	Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
Shelly Johnson	GIPVPA Representative	
Larry Melious	CUPE President	
Deborah Nostdal	GITA President	
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative	
Jenny McLean	Guest	
Regrets:	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	--	DPAC Representative
	--	GISS Student 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 2014 02 12, be adopted with the following additions:

- 4 (a) Jenny McLean
- 6 (a) Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC

CARRIED 06/14

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 01 22, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 07/14

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Jenny McLean

Jenny McLean, a Salt Spring Island resident and parent, shared her views with Board members about Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission's (SSITC) proposed plan to develop a pathway on the north side of Rainbow Road from the corner of Rainbow Road and Fulford Ganges Road up past GISS to the Salt Spring Pool and the possibility of land acquisition from the school district. She feels the proposed land acquisition could involve the loss of land at the district office and parking lot, the bus area at GISS and the GISS playing field and she is not in favour of this proposal.

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***
No report. Trustee Byers absent.

- **Fulford Community Elementary School**
PAC meeting; *Skittle and Read-In Day* on Friday; PAC setting aside money for playground, and technology needs, looking at iPads for students, consulting with parents and staff; dance coming up in May; goal is to have a garden
- **Galiano Community School**
No report. Trustee MacGillivray absent.
- **Gulf Islands Secondary School**
GISS won the Grand Green Prize of \$1,500 to implement its green school strategy; exam week is over, new semester started, report cards out; Spirit Week – whole school events, lots of sporting events between grades; sexual health fair Feb. 14; play titled “Dissolve” at ArtSpring on Feb. 18, about date rape; PAC meeting coming up; course selection for next year; parent information evening Feb. 24; students are busy and happy
- **Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**
Hot lunch program; primary class going to Imax and Ocean Discovery Centre, doing word sort in class; secondary class finishing up on research project on individual countries; PAC moved their regularly scheduled meeting to accommodate meeting with Chair McKenzie, Superintendent Halstead and Secretary Treasurer Rod Scotvold last week to talk about cross boundary requests and water taxi transportation; flea market; Jump Rope for Heart; after school soccer
- **Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School**
Superintendent Halstead and Secretary Treasurer Rod Scotvold attended PAC meeting yesterday regarding cross boundary requests and water taxi transportation, meeting went well; K registration started this week; internet safety workshop today; swimming, skating field trips; Feb. 20, Winter Carnival, a fundraiser for PAC; Feb. 26, Nia Williams coming to talk to Gr. 8s regarding transition to GISS; another community meeting on Feb. 26
- **Phoenix Elementary School**
Intermediate class working on shadow puppets; collaboration with OI schools; participating in Zumba dancing on Friday, followed by potluck and theatre performance; appeal out for clean plastic bottles for a project; literacy support initiative
- **Saltspring Island Middle School**
No report. Trustee Byers absent.
- **Salt Spring Elementary School**
Reading blitz month with lots of different events around reading; Spirit group wants to have a dance on Friday, Whitney Walker, music teacher, will put music together; drummer Milton Randall visiting school tomorrow; teacher Gail Bryn Jones exploring ways to bring “virtues” into the school; working on grant application to be able to invite eco-mentors into the school; basketball starting; PAC fundraising for kiln shed
- **Saturna Elementary School/SEEC**
No report. Trustee Middleditch absent.
- **Windsor House School**
No report. Trustee Middleditch absent.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC**

A letter and certificate of appreciation received from the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC recognizing School District #64 (Gulf Islands)’s “support for the \$10 A Day Child Care Plan in BC otherwise known as the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning”.

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **Supreme Court – Justice Griffin Decision**

On January 27, 2014 Justice Susan Griffin of the BC Supreme Court (BCSC) issued her decision with regard to Bill 27, the *Education Services Collective Agreement Act*, and Bill 28, the *Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act*. These bills address class size and composition. This decision reverts language back to the 2001 Collective Agreement language and is being reviewed by BCPSEA.

Bill 22, *Education Improvement Act*, was government's response to the 2011 BC Supreme Court decision striking down parts of Education Services Collective Agreement Act (Bill No. 27) and the Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act (Bill No. 28) enacted in 2002. Most of its provisions came into effect July 1, 2012.

The provincial government will appeal the January 27 BC Supreme Court decision in the matter relating to class size and composition legislation. Senior Administration is looking at what has to occur at the district level to comply with Justice Griffin's decision.

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

(a) **Learning in School District #64**

The annual District Retreat will be held Friday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the GISS gym. The event is titled *Transforming Curriculum & Assessment: Where Blue Sky Meets the Earth*. The focus will be on transforming curriculum and assessment with regard to information and curriculum drafts on the Ministry's website available at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>. "The redesign of curriculum and assessment focuses on the competencies that are vital to personal and social success, life-long learning, and to the changing workplace." The core competencies are: thinking, communication and personal and social and are in continua. Assessment of competencies, aligning curriculum and assessment, formative and summative assessment will also be explored at the retreat.

(b) **Education LINKS Report**

The last meeting was held on January 23. Highlights included:

- Math Collaborative Inquiry – 30 educators from Gr. 4 to 12, first session on January 23. Next session is February 20 at Mayne School. Modeled on Changing Results for Young Readers (CR4YR). Four sessions planned for this year. Great feedback from the first session.
- District Retreat planning

(c) **Draft 2014/2015 School Calendar**

Ms. Halstead shared templates of the 2014/2015 school calendar with the Educational Leadership Team (ELT) and members of the Ed. LINKS group and asked for their input. Following discussion and consideration of feedback, the revised template of the 2014/2015 4-day instructional week calendar will now be posted on the district website. Letters to all district employees and parents will be distributed. An informational notice will be placed in the Driftwood and Island Tides newspapers and on the Salt Spring Exchange. Input and comments can be made through the district website at <http://sd64.bc.ca/calendar-input>. The template will come forward to the March 12 Board meeting for consideration for the 2014/2015 school year. March 31 is the deadline for the district to submit their 2014/2015 school calendar to the Ministry.

(d) **BAA Courses**

Two locally developed courses for GISS Physical Education students have been submitted for Board Authority / Approval: Fitness and Strength Training and Team Sports Specialist. These courses have been reviewed and are fully compliant with the requirements of all regulatory bodies.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the locally developed course Fitness and Strength Training as presented.

CARRIED 08/14

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the locally developed course Team Sports Specialist as presented.

CARRIED 09/14

(e) Cross Boundary Form – Procedure Amendment

A new form has been implemented for cross boundary requests. Ms. Halstead and Mr. Scotvold have visited the schools on Mayne, Galiano and Pender Islands to speak with members of the PAC groups with regards to clarifying cross boundary requests and water taxi transportation expectations, implementation of the new cross boundary request form, and Kindergarten registration. Procedures 530, *Attendance Areas – K to 8* and 700, *Water Taxi Service*, will be reviewed and revised.

(f) Review Registration – 2014/2015 School Year

Kindergarten registration is February 11 to 14 at all schools.

(g) Career Programs Review – May 2014

Ms. Halstead will meet with Maggie Allison and Dr. Larry Espe of the Industry Training Authority to review programs and discuss how the district can plan a versatile future for its students.

(h) District Retreat – March 7th

The annual District Retreat will be held Friday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the GISS gym. The event is titled *Transforming Curriculum & Assessment: Where Blue Sky Meets the Earth*. Coffee and muffins in the morning, a bag lunch and water taxi transportation are provided. The retreat is held on a non-instructional day to broaden the invitation for participation to all who would like to attend. Ms. Halstead has invited Principals, Vice Principals and district staff to lead discussions/present at the retreat. The invitation will be extended to all district employees and representatives from the partner groups, students and community members. Ms. Halstead would also like to incorporate a performance(s) from the performing arts students. Ms. Halstead will report back to the Board at the March meeting.

(i) Student Information Systems

Ms. Halstead shared with Board members that the district has selected MyEducationBC to replace BCeSIS as the student information system. A message has been sent to all district employees to communicate this information. Implementation planning has commenced and details will be distributed later this spring. Chair McKenzie and Superintendent Halstead will provide written official notice to CUPE and GITA Presidents with regard to contract language around the timeframe for technology change and meeting the training and support obligations.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report, as at January 31, 2014, indicates that with 0.5833 of the year completed, 0.5516 of the budget has been expended. We are 3.17% below budget at this time. He stated there would likely be a small deficit at the end of the year.

(b) Amended Annual Budget 2013/2014

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 2013. The 2014 amended budget will be submitted reflecting an operating deficit for the year of \$227,963. This will be offset by carry forward surplus funds of the same amount from the previous fiscal year resulting in a nil balance for the 2014/2015 year.

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.

The Amended Budget Bylaw, read by Secretary Treasurer Rod Scotvold is as follows:

It was moved and seconded that there is unanimous approval to read the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2013/2014 in one sitting.

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2013/2014 in the amount of \$23,067,281 be read a first time and approved.

CARRIED 11/14

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2013/2014 in the amount of \$23,067,281 be read a second time and approved.

CARRIED 12/14

It was moved and seconded that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2013/2014 in the amount of \$23,067,281 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 13/14

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day Meeting – February 26, 2014 at the School Board Office
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – March 12, 2014 at Fernwood Elementary School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

CARRIED 14/14

Date: March 12, 2014

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer