



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
September 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Shelley Lawson	Trustee
	Anna Herlitz	Trustee
	John Wakefield	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 (via teleconference at 2:30 p.m., departed at 3:05 p.m.)
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Shelly Johnson	GIPVPA Representative
	Deborah Nostdal	GITA President
	Janet Hoag	K-5 Coordinator / Inquiry Teacher Leader
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative
	Jenny McLean	Parent
Regrets:	Larry Melious	CUPE President

Chair McKenzie acknowledged this meeting is taking place on the territory of the Coast Salish people. Welcome to everyone.

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 2015 09 23, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 78/15

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2015 06 10, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 79/15

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2015 06 24, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 80/15

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting Public Session held 2015 07 03 via teleconference, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 81/15

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Jenny McLean

Ms. McLean shared her enthusiasm about the upcoming 75th anniversary celebration at SSE planned for this year. She said her mother, herself and her children have all attended SSE and she would like to be involved in gathering stories for the celebration. She also wanted to share 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. She has heard that the path construction is "pending on the shoulders of the district transferring land". She feels the pathway project status is unsettled. Mr. Scotvold stated the district is in discussion with CRD, but we haven't entered into discussion about transfer of land. Only the license of occupation vehicle has been discussed.

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***
Pro D day on September 25 focuses on 'Physical Foundations' with district physiotherapist Judith Bradley; PAC spearheaded a creeks program project with 4 schools; CRD fall school interpretive programs on October 8
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***
Pro D on September 25 with 'Wild School' and place-based activities; creek studies with all classes; new staff on board
- ***Galiano Community School***
48 students enrolled, an increase of 11 from last year; new staff and returning staff; intermediate class working on 'Student Vote', learning about governance and the upcoming election; Trustee Lawson was invited to talk about her role as a trustee, she shared wordle of values, lots of conversation in regard to governance; PAC meeting was very well attended, current executive now have children who are older and they are mentoring new members
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Enrollment 592, a decrease of about 30 from last year; opening day well attended; 200 parents attended welcome parent night, the water taxis were scheduled to accommodate parents; PAC meeting last night, new executive elected, some ideas for parent workshops; Principal Ruehlen let grad students in at 6:30 a.m. the first morning so they could decorate (with a water theme focus) rather than engaging in grad pranks; new furniture in multi purpose room, very inviting
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Whole school meeting at the end of the first week, meeting of new staff, but now new staff is on a leave of absence for the year; primary class has substitute and students are working lots outside in the garden; primary position has been posted; Martin Blakesley filling in as principal, new principal, Margo Cullen begins October 13
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
PAC provided muffins and coffee first day; 25 students in gr. 4-8 nature program; great PAC meeting; Aboriginal artist Quentin Harris was in the school last week
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
PAC meeting with many parents and staff talking about what direction Phoenix School is moving in; staff wanting to build good relationships with parents, everyone on board to make it work
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
Community Week beginning of year, a chance to get to know other students in school; 'Tell me About Your Child' sessions with parents; meet the teachers dessert social; literacy workshop
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Lion's Club kind enough to donate \$15,000 towards an outdoor classroom space, replace the sandbox roof, final design will be built by Hans Hazenboom, design of 4 posts with additional roof that will mimic roof already in place, sandbox under roof and large concrete space; smooth start up, 188 students, focus on water, new staff fitting in well; meet the teacher night Sept. 30; documentary being filmed included some SSE students; Raffi's new CD features some SSE students from choir; 75th anniversary art project from Art Starts grant, led by Johanna Hoskins, every class will interview alumni from community and each student will paint a tile of their story, tiles to be mounted on wall, will take most of the year and will be unveiled for the 75th anniversary celebration
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
New principal and teacher; bonding and getting to know each other; lots of exploring, focusing on social responsibility; 25 students on island

SEEC

Day long hike over to shore house; designed and built rafts; networking to find out what “community” is, met with community members; teacher Dorianna Chessa’s theme for the month is “Where do I come from and how does this affect my way of thinking?”

➤ ***Windsor House School***

All about painting; bonding and building relationships through paint ball game; work party; acquired a 3D printer in tech program

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **Welcome Back**

Ms. McKenzie welcomed everyone present to the first Board meeting of the year. She also extended a welcome to two new district principals – Margo Cullen at Mayne Island Elementary / Jr. Secondary School and Bruce Inglis at Saturna Elementary School / SEEC.

(b) **Notice of Motion – Local School Calendar**

Trustee Pingle presented the following Notice of Motion:

It was moved that the Board of Education adopts a Local School Calendar for the 2016/2017 school year that reduces the number of days in session by approximately 25 to 30 resulting in a four-day school week. The instructional time from these days will be added to the remaining days of instruction. The resulting savings will allow the district to preserve programs and options for our students. The motion will be tabled at the regular Public Board meeting on March 9, 2016.

(c) **School Fees**

A reminder to everyone that a revised School Fees policy was adopted in May 2015 and the procedure is being reviewed and revised. The Board is committed to completing this procedure to make sure it is clear particularly around hardship issues.

(d) **VISTA**

School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) is hosting the VISTA Fall Conference October 2 and 3 on Salt Spring Island. To date there are 68 attendees. On November 5 and 6 the district is hosting the BCSSA Vancouver Island Chapter meeting.

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

(a) **Learning in School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)**

Building Student Success: BC’s New Curriculum

Personalized learning is at the heart of the new curriculum and makes it easy for kids to engage, connect and succeed. Students will continue to learn the basics – reading, writing and arithmetic through real-world situations. Students will get hands-on experience in collaboration, critical thinking and communications – skills they’ll need to succeed in college, university, and the workforce.

To bring the personalized learning approach of the new curriculum into classrooms a 3-year transition plan will be phased in throughout the province. Teachers of Kindergarten through Grade 9 are the first groups to have the option to use the new plan this fall. Curriculum for Grades 10-12 will be in review this year with implementation next year. The focus will be on redesign; foundational skills will remain in the curriculum. The Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop for success in deep learning and life learning beyond school. Three core competencies were identified through provincial consultation: communication, thinking, and personal and social.

More information on BC's new curriculum can be found at the following links:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

Curriculum & Assessment Redesign

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/home>

Curriculum Redesign

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/rethinking-curriculum>

English Language Arts (New design)

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/english-language-arts/2>

Curriculum 10-12 First Drafts

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/10-12>

Assessment Redesign

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/redesigning-assessment>

Curriculum Tools

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/tools>

Curriculum Redesign (summary)

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/redesign.pdf>

(b) Staffing Update

The district has received Learning Improvement Funds (LIF) in two portions – one for GITA and one for CUPE. Nearing the end of consultation for teachers. In addition to the two Literacy Numeracy Behaviour support positions posted in the spring, positions have been added for math, library and counseling support and a new Inquiry Teacher Leader position has been added. Thank you to GITA President Deb Nostdal for her advocacy to improve conditions for all teachers. In the process of consulting with CUPE about Educational Assistant support. The deadline to report to the government is the end of October.

(c) Research Request

Inquiring District: Activating Learning – Changing Lives

Research study and request from Dr. Catherine McGregor, Associate Professor at the University of Victoria to “map the journeys of BC districts who are leading the transformation of learning through inquiry”. Ms. McGregor requests confirmation by September 30 that SD64 will participate in the inquiry data collection project. This is an opportunity to align with other districts with like-minded focus. Fourteen districts are participating – Burnaby, Delta, Nechako. Boundary, Arrow Lakes, West Vancouver, Vancouver Island North, Gulf Islands, Fraser Cascade, Coat Mountain, Comox Valley, Bulkley Valley, Richmond and Surrey. The contribution costs are \$2,000.00 for each participating district. Ms. Halstead recommends that district Senior Management become involved in this research with Board approval.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves district Senior Management become involved in this research project as presented.

CARRIED 82/15

(d) SWOVA

Martin Blakesley was chosen by SWOVA and the district to facilitate an independent review of the Respectful Relationships program (R+R). It will involve students, teachers, parents and community members and be completed before winter break. What programming will look like in the future at Gulf Islands Secondary will be determined after completion of the review. Peace Kids will be made available to Grade 5 teachers and Pass It On Girls will continue. SWOVA and Saltspring Island Middle School staffs are actively discussing scheduling, curriculum, and ways to continue the positive connection between the R+R Youth Team and middle years students during the 2015-16 school year.

The district will contribute money for the review. Last year \$6,000 was contributed to SWOVA. For this year it has been recommended that \$3,000 be paid to the reviewer and \$3,000 to SWOVA for current programming.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education agrees to pay \$3,000 to the reviewer of the SWOVA Respectful Relationships Program (R+R) and \$3,000 to SWOVA for current programming.

CARRIED 83/15

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Summer Work

Mr. Scotvold shared with Board members the numerous operations projects that took place during summer 2015 at Salt Spring Elementary, Saltspring Island Middle, Gulf Islands Secondary, Fernwood Elementary, Galiano and SEEC. The work included painting, seismic upgrading, replacement of floor coverings, refinishing gym floors, upgrading windows, ventilation and electrical systems and reseeding fields at GISS. Mr. Scotvold thanked Mr. Henshall and Mr. Graham and their crews for all their work in keeping district buildings and work areas safe and in great shape.

(b) 2014/2015 Financial Audit Statements

Mr. Scotvold said the audit was completed by KPMG at the end of July. It went well and he is very pleased with the results. He presented and explained in detail the revenue and expenditures of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2015. There is an operating surplus for the 2014/2015 school year of \$432,066, and with a carry forward surplus of \$816,949 from previous years, there is a total accumulated surplus of \$1,249,015 as of June 30, 2015. However, of this total surplus the following monies will be spent – \$459,737, which is restricted in nature, will be directed as follows in the 2015/2016 school year:

- \$50,000 to Windsor House School for building renovations
- \$100,000 for GISS fields
- \$60,000 to next Generational Network (NGN)
- \$189,332 to projected 2015/2016 deficit
- \$43,599 to school fees

The unrestricted surplus available for the 2015/2016 year amounts to \$789,278 and will help the Board address the continual downloading of costs by the Ministry and the additional costs resulting from exempt compensation increases.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education accepts the 2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements as at June 30, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED 84/15

(c) Gift of Stringed Instruments

Mr. Marsh Yawney and his wife made a donation to the district of over 90 stringed instruments which included mostly violins and three cellos. The district is very appreciative of this extremely generous donation. Chair McKenzie will send a thank you letter.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – No committee day in September
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – October 14, 2015 at Saturna Elementary School/SEEC

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

CARRIED 85/15

Date: October 14, 2015

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer