



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)**  
**ARTSPRING, SALT SPRING ISLAND**  
**June 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**

<b>Present:</b>	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	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
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative
<b>Regrets:</b>	Larry Melious	CUPE President
	Deborah Nostdal	GITA President
	--	GIPVPA Representative

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. This meeting takes place at ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island, due to the rotating teachers' strike occurring in School District 64 this afternoon and picketing at the School Board Office.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 06 11, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 54/14

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 05 14, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 55/14

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**(a) Mark Kilner, GISS Culinary Program**

Chef Mark Kilner spoke to Board members about his desire to expand the culinary program at GISS. Mr. Kilner's priority is to install an aquaponics system in the greenhouse before the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year. This system will work symbiotically with the hydroponics system currently running in the greenhouse. Mr. Kilner estimates the cost for the aquaponics design will be approximately \$2,000, funds that he already has. He will likely use tilapia, fed with organic pellets. Their by-products when broken down will be utilized by the plants as nutrients.

In the future he also would like to add a fruit orchard on the south wall of the school gym, set up a chicken coup beside the garden and buy a food cart to sell garden produce in the summer months.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the development of an aquaponics system before the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year as outlined in the report submitted and funded by the culinary program.

CARRIED 56/14

(b) **Lynda Laushway, SWOVA**

SWOVA Executive Director, Lynda Laushway and adult facilitator Kevin Vowles spoke to Board members about the success of the Respectful Relationships (R+R) program, offered through a series of 12 workshops each year to students in grades, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and now in it's 14<sup>th</sup> year and the new pilot program, Peace Kids, which introduces R+R education into elementary schools (grades 4, 5 and 6). Mr. Vowles shared that elementary students were very enthusiastic about the Peace Kids program offered this year. He feels it is a great program that leads into R+R in grade 7, which can be a very hard year emotionally for students.

Ms. Laushway spoke to the costs of running the programs – \$100,000 per year for R+R and \$650 per workshop for Peace Kids. She stated Peace Kids may not run next year due to lack of funding. The district contributes \$6,000 to R+R and Ms. Laushway would welcome any additional funding for next year if possible. Chair McKenzie stated this request would likely come forward at the September Board meeting when enrollment numbers are known.

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***  
Jump Rope for Heart Monday; conservancy trip to Duck Creek; garden program; gr. 4 & 5 track and field at Portlock Park; bottle drive, raising money for school in Cambodia; plans to develop natural playground; some celebrations not going ahead due to teachers' strike; annual class lock-in with Ms. Anderson Thursday night
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***  
Field trips; class play *Alice and Wonderland* tomorrow; PAC looking for more support for next year
- ***Galiano Community School***  
PAC meeting cancelled due to teachers' strike; sports day cancelled; world cup soccer, 4 countries represented; library club having much fun, shelving books, older kids helping younger kids, made cards for volunteers
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***  
Music program tonight and tomorrow; grad was great; next year's gr. 9s visited the school yesterday; the current PAC wants to revive the committee and increase interest, very small numbers at present
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***  
Bike rodeo next Tuesday, but might not happen due to teachers' job action; sports day was a great sharing day; secondary class reading books about the holocaust of WWII; grad planned for June 24, parents planning potluck; GICEL program in July on Mayne Island
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***  
Boating and kayaking this week for grade 8 class; transition for gr. 8s at GISS yesterday; year-end trip Friday
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***  
Garden doing well, parents will maintain during summer months; chickens hatched in class and housed in 'world class' coop that was donated, lots of learning opportunities for students; explorations successful – archery, art, swimming, beach trips; volunteer thank you tea; June 15 Hullabaloo party; conservancy trip planned
- ***Salt Spring Island Middle School***  
French student exchange went well; science fair, students presented projects; Spring Fling took place, 60's theme, lots of fun; music concerts successful, also involved dancers, drama students; gr. 8 trip to Camp Homewood took place; grad ceremony coming up; track and field, PAC provided hotdogs, fruit drinks and tomatoes
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***  
Book Fair; great parent involvement on PAC; with funds raised, PAC made decision to buy team T-shirts for all students to wear at events; outdoor gallery at Hastings House, students will walk through gallery June 18; conservancy programs; swimming; SIMS band will walk to SSE tomorrow

to perform a concert for all students; students travelling to Maracaibo on June 24 for year-end celebration; Fun Day June 23

➤ ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***

5 ducklings and 3 chicks have hatched; lots of visitors; working on connecting with homeschoolers at Phoenix Elementary; students went to Mayne Island Sports Day; networking for next year with Mayne School

**SEEC** – 150 km bike trip over 3 days, spent first night at Jeff Hopkins' school in Victoria; have full semester for fall and almost full for spring, entering eighth year

➤ ***Windsor House School***

Have had to cancel some trips due to teachers' job action; still have 5-10 visitors a day inquiring about program; Fun Day tomorrow; visited SEEC students on Saturna; finishing off the year and prepping for exams; trip to Alice Lake

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**(a) Audit Committee**

The main purpose of the committee is to identify and bring forward for discussion any concerns before the audit takes place. The committee will meet early in July and this year's audit will take place the last week of July. Chair May McKenzie and Trustee Pete Williams are members of this committee.

**(b) GISS Graduation**

Graduation ceremonies were held Saturday, June 7. This year \$101,250 was given to students in the form of scholarships and bursaries. There were twelve district scholarships presented this year.

**(c) Board Meeting Schedule for 2014/2015**

The draft meeting schedule was sent out to all partner groups last month. This is now the final copy and will be sent out again to all partner groups and displayed on the district website.

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

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

Superintendent Halstead presented Board members with the preliminary results of the Outer Islands Middle Years (OIMY) survey. Jessica Willows and Shannon Johnston worked on the survey and the results to several key questions were tabulated through survey monkey. There were 72 respondents. Of these 51 are current (41) or past (10) OIMY students. The information from this survey will be used for future planning for the OIMY program. Following a more in-depth review of the survey, Ms. Halstead will present a proposal for next year's OIMY program.

**(b) Education LINKS Report**

No meeting held on May 22 due to ongoing teachers' job action.

**(c) Staffing Update**

Eleven postings closed yesterday. Hopefully all teachers affected by layoff and recall will be in a position by the end of June.

Educational Assistant Selection was Thursday, June 5 and all continuing EAs are in positions for next year. There are also three EA positions to be posted.

**(d) School Fees for 2014/2015**

Ms. Halstead explained the fee schedule for the district elementary schools, Saltspring Island Middle School and Gulf Islands Secondary School for the 2014/2015 school year, which have been approved by the School Planning Council (SPC) at each school. Each school deals with hardship issues so no

student will miss out. This is done in a quiet, confidential way. No student would be denied if financial hardship was an issue.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the School Fees schedule for the 2014/2015 school year as presented.

CARRIED 57/14

**(e) Codes of Conduct**

As per government legislation, the Code of Conduct reports, that have been approved by the SPC at each school, must be reported to the Board of Education each school year. These reports also deal with violence prevention. Each school reviews their Code of Conduct annually.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education accepts the Code of Conduct reports as presented.

CARRIED 58/14

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

**(a) Monthly Expenditure Report**

The monthly expenditure report, as at May 30, 2014, indicates that with 0.9167 of the year completed, 0.9247 of the budget has been expended. We are 0.8% over budget at this time. Mr. Scotvold stated there would likely be a small deficit at the end of the school year in the area of 1 to 1 ½ % (a deficit in the order of \$150,000 to \$200,000).

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair McKenzie presented long service awards to:

Bonnie MacGillivray and Susanne Middleditch for 18 years each  
Pete Williams for 9 years  
Rob Pingle for 6 years

Chair McKenzie was presented with a long service award for 21 years.

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Committee Day Meeting – June 25, 2014 – meeting and location to be determined
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – September 10, 2014 at the School Board Office

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED 59/14

Date: September 10, 2014

May McKenzie  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold  
Secretary Treasurer