



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)**  
**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**  
**January 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

<b>Present:</b>	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Robert Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Shelley Lawson	Trustee
	Anna Herlitz	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
<b>Regrets:</b>	John Wakefield	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee

**1. SPECIAL MEETING**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education agrees to hold a Special Public meeting.

CARRIED 07/15

**2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Ms. Halstead presented her report on student achievement that is to be submitted to the Ministry by January 31. She stated the goals can be commented on and indicated that the district is working towards gathering more conclusive evidence of student achievement. As a result of the labour dispute in June and September 2014, there were no Grade 9 report cards at all last year and only check lists for other grades therefore using this data as a comparator to past years is not a strong indicator of student achievement.

Ms. Halstead stated that many parents withhold their children from writing the FSAs and there were two schools last year where no students wrote. As a result, the data is skewed and the district's completion rate is 70% compared to the provincial average of 83%. Writing of FSAs is not optional but required; however many parents believe they do have the option for their children not to write. The Principal contacts each parent who indicates their child will not write FSAs. Principals will mark the FSAs on Friday, February 20.

The district has been "self-correcting" graduation completion rates each year due to the fact International students are included in the Ministry's report. This has been an ongoing conversation with the Ministry. Ms. Halstead requested Judy Smith, Principal of Special Projects to become involved with Ministry personnel regarding this long-standing issue. As a result, this year we received data corrected at the Ministry level and their data matches that of the district.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement for 2014/2015 as presented.

CARRIED 08/15

**3. COMMITTEE STRUCTURES**

The organization and committees Board structure list was updated with several changes due to the number of new trustees on the Board as of November 2014. The revised version will be distributed to trustees and senior administration.

**4. IN-CAMERA MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2015**

A suggestion was made to move the In-Camera discussion of the Hearth Program to the Public minutes. As it was a preliminary discussion that involves property and staffing, Ms. Halstead recommended the minutes of this discussion remain In-Camera at this time. It was agreed to have it remain as is.

**5. VISTA**

School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) will host the fall VISTA Conference on the evening of October 2 and all day Saturday, October 3, 2015. The event will be held at the Harbour House Hotel. Further discussion, and information on the proposed agenda will be forthcoming.

**6. LYNDA LAUSHWAY**

Lynda Laushway, Executive Director and one of the founders of SWOVA, has announced her retirement after 23 years as director. The district entered into partnership with SWOVA in 2000, which began with the Respectful Relationships program, followed by the Pass It On program and Peace Kids.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

CARRIED 09/15

Date: February 11, 2015

May McKenzie  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold  
Secretary Treasurer