



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION  
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE  
2019 05 13

**Present:**

Rob Pingle	Chairperson
Shelley Lawson	Vice Chairperson (via teleconference)
Tisha Boulter	Trustee
Stefanie Denz	Trustee (via teleconference)
Janelle Lawson	Trustee (via teleconference)
Greg Lucas	Trustee
Chaya Katrensky	Trustee (via teleconference)
Scott Benwell	Superintendent of Schools
Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer
Linda Underwood	Acting Assistant Superintendent
Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Lori Deacon	Executive Assistant
Deb Nostdal	GITA President
Mark Kitteringham	Driftwood Representative

**Regrets:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Rob Pingle. He acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people – huy ch q'u.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2019 05 13 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 68/19

**2. BUSINESS ARISING**

**(a) Notice of Motion: Windsor House Closure**

Superintendent Benwell stated that, in agreement with the Secretary Treasurer, it is not viable for SD64 (Gulf Islands) to continue to take responsibility for a school outside our geographic boundaries and in the Metro Vancouver area.

It is the recommendation to the Board of Education for SD64 (Gulf Islands) that it approve the motion to close Windsor House School at the end of the 2018/2019 school year.

Chair Pingle asked trustees if anything new had been brought forward to address. He acknowledged the impact on parents and families, the feedback received to date, and the petition to keep Windsor House open that is being circulated. He stated the district's responsibility to serve students in the Gulf Islands.

Moved and seconded that, due to ongoing financial challenges of supporting and supervising Windsor House in the Metro Vancouver area, the Board of Education for School District No. 64 will close Windsor House School at the end of the 2018/2019 school year.

CARRIED 69/19

Unanimous

Staff will be following collective language during the school closure process and working with partner groups for the best transition and solution to reduce impact as best as possible.



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**3. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

CARRIED 70/19

Date: June 12, 2019

Rob Pingle  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Jesse Guy  
Secretary Treasurer



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**Regrets:**

Stefanie Denz	Trustee
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The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. **SPECIAL MEETING**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education agrees to hold a Special Public meeting, waiving the required 48-hour notice and to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED 71/19

2. **GISS SPROTS TRIP APPROVAL**

Four GISS students have qualified for the National Rowing Championships to St. Catharines.

Moved and seconded that the Board approve the Gulf Islands Secondary School sports trip to St. Catharines Ontario for four students, grades ten to twelve to attend the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships May 28, 2019 to June 2, 2019.

CARRIED 72/19

The vetting of accommodations will be brought to the Policy Committee for further discussion.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

CARRIED 73/19

Date: June 12, 2019

Rob Pingle  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Jesse Guy  
Secretary Treasurer