



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2010 AT FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Mike Krayenhoff	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Charles Hingston	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Sheila Miller	Director of Instruction
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jack Braak	GITA President
	Richard Bennett	GIPVPA Representative
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative
Connie Moulton	CUPE Representative	
Gail Sjuberg	Driftwood Representative	

Chair McKenzie extended a thank you to Principal Richard Bennett for hosting the Board today and welcomed him and Jack Braak, new GITA President to the first Board meeting of the 2010/2011 school year.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 09 08, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 55/10

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2010 06 09, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 56/10

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

No delegates.

5. TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS

- ***Fernwood Elementary School***
Enrollment has decreased to 91 students; good start-up
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***
Enrollment has increased by 12-15 students; everything went well on the first day
- ***Galiano Community School***
32 FTE students in 3 classes; students very excited; younger class, mounds of supplies; new family arrived on first day – 4 new students; Ks start next week; new staff and principal; looks very positive
- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Very busy first day; lots of students
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Enrollment has increased; busy first day; staff working on plans they were working on last year after district planning day; “pods” – students helping other students

- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
New principal; students from other districts and some homeschoolers have enrolled this year; successful start to the year
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
Primary full; intermediate class very busy; new principal and teacher; will be an exciting year
- ***Salt Spring Island Middle School***
New playground; really well organized parent group; lots of excitement with MY SEEC program; lots of positive energy
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Landscaping on hill at SSE is great, gorse and blackberry bushes have been removed; lots of positive energy
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
New head teacher and she has brought lots more resources; good start

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter from Jim Macdonald

Letter received from Jim Macdonald, Galiano resident, stating his concerns regarding the water taxi's use of Sturdies Bay as the pick up and drop off point for Galiano students attending GISS. He feels Montague Harbour is the safer harbour. However, there are more dangers if Montague Harbour is used. The harbour is very busy and can be very congested. The road down to the harbour is very steep and can be treacherous in fall and winter. Also, students would have to wait on an open, unprotected, unstable dock. Trustee MacGillivray stated that some years ago parents asked the route be changed from Montague to Sturdies as they felt there was less risk at Sturdies. Mr. Scotvold spoke to Jack Hughes of Gulf Islands Water Taxi. Mr. Hughes said the boats are very safe, have never had an accident in Active Pass and water taxi personnel are in constant communication.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone for the 2010/2011 school year. The district implemented full-day Kindergarten at the schools on the Outer Islands. The Ministry only funded half of the district's schools. Hopefully all our schools with Kindergarten students will be fully funded for the 2011/2012 school year. This is an opportunity for teachers on the Outer Islands to learn and share their experiences with their colleagues.

(b) Notice of Motion for Local School Calendar

It was moved that the Board of Education adopts a Local School Calendar for the 2011/2012 school year that reduces the number of instructional days 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 April 13, 2011.

It was moved and seconded that in order to give ample time for public input and discussion, be it resolved the Board of Education will consult with the community in accordance with the *School Act* and the School Calendar Regulation to seek input and feedback regarding the proposed Local School Calendar. Written submissions may be made to the Board throughout the school year until April 13, 2011. Additionally, time will be allotted for public input on each island community immediately following the Regular Public Board meeting held on each island. Proper notice will be given in each community as to the time and date of these meetings.

CARRIED 57/10

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Ministry of Education Update on 21st Century Learning

Mr. Hopkins was invited by the Ministry to attend several meetings over the summer to discuss what educational reform might look like and to share what School District #64 (Gulf Islands) is doing to make changes regarding how curriculum is delivered. The new language is "personalized learning" –

allowing students at an earlier age to design their learning path with help of parents and teachers as facilitators. Community members can also be heavily involved in learning. Creative problem solving and critical thinking are significant along with competency-based curriculum. Mr. Hopkins also presented at the BCSSA Summer Leadership Academy and spoke to Deputy Minister James Gorman's presentation, which addressed areas the Ministry of Education is working on to make changes from traditional teaching to 21st century learning teaching, what it means and how it will be accomplished. Presentations are available online at: <http://www.bcssa.org/sla.html>.

(b) Enrollment Update

Enrollment is up and down from school to school, but up overall. Our projected school age enrollment FTE was 1441 and we are now at approximately 1480. Our total FTE including adults and International students was projected at 1544 and is now at 1582. Enrollment at SIMS is greater than what was projected with a number of students coming from Crofton and 40 students enrolled in the Middle Years SEEC program.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

(a) Audited Financial Statements for 2009/2010

Secretary Treasurer Rod Scotvold presented and explained in detail the Audited Financial Statements for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year, year ended June 30, 2010. On behalf of the Board, Chair McKenzie thanked Mr. Scotvold, Connie Moulton and Glynis Finer for all their work on another successful audit. Ms Moulton extended a thank you to staff at all schools for efficient management of their school budgets.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the 2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED 58/10

(b) Summer Work Program

It was a very busy summer with a number of projects identified for completion. These included: new roofing at Galiano and Fernwood Schools, wall and floor coverings at SSE and SIMS, complete re-fitting of the Phoenix Secondary house, clearing of blackberry bushes and gorse from the embankment between SSE and SIMS, and the Board Office renovation. Thank you to Tom Graham and Dave Henshall and crews for all their hard work.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – September 22, 2010, location to be determined
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – October 13, 2010 at Galiano Community School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

CARRIED 59/10

Date Approved: October 13, 2010

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer