



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS)
HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2011 AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

Present:	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Vice Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee (via teleconference at 9:00 a.m.)
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Jeff Hopkins	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Human Resources
	Lisa Halstead	Director of Instruction
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jack Braak	GITA President (1:00 p.m.)
Andy McNish	CUPE President (1:00 p.m.)	
Judy Raddysh	GIPVPA Representative (1:00 p.m.)	
Eva Olynyk	GISS Student Representative (1:00 p.m.)	
Lauren Utter	GISS Student Representative (1:00 p.m.)	
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative (1:00 p.m.)	
Regrets:	Pete Williams	Trustee (for 1:00 p.m. meeting)
	Shelley Lawson	DPAC Representative

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. for the swearing in of trustees and election of officers.

Secretary Treasurer, Rod Scotvold, read the Proclamation from the Chief Election Officer, Mr. Thomas F. Moore; the trustees were then sworn in by Mr. Scotvold.

Superintendent Jeff Hopkins took the chair and called for nominations, by ballot, for the position of Board Chairperson. He then distributed nomination ballots. May McKenzie was acclaimed and took the Chair.

The Chairperson called for nominations for Vice Chairperson and ballots were distributed. Those nominated were Katharine Byers and Bonnie MacGillivray. Katharine Byers withdrew her name. Bonnie MacGillivray was acclaimed as Vice Chairperson.

BCSTA Provincial Council Representative

Susanne Middleditch accepted as the BCSTA Provincial Council Representative.

BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate

Katharine Byers accepted as the BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate.

BCPSEA Representative

Pete Williams accepted as the BCPSEA Representative.

BCPSEA Alternate

Bonnie MacGillivray accepted as the BCPSEA Alternate.

VILRC Representative

Pete Williams accepted as the VILRC Representative.

VILRC Alternate

Bonnie MacGillivray accepted as the VILRC Alternate.

VILRC Staff Representatives

Rod Scotvold and Linda Underwood accepted as VILRC Staff Representatives.

It was moved and seconded that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED 75/11

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

CARRIED 76/11

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. McKenzie informed everyone that all trustees were sworn in this morning for a three-year term, she returns as Board Chairperson and Bonnie MacGillivray returns as Vice Chairperson. She also informed everyone of the provincial and alternate representatives for BCPSEA, BCSTA and VILRC. Chair McKenzie welcomed new trustees Katharine Byers and Kathy Page to the Board.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2011 12 07, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 77/11

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2011 11 09, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 78/11

3. BUSINESS ARISING

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Ron Pither and Wendy Gilson – Cuba Viva Can Organization

Mr. Pither is the owner of Varalaya Farm, an organic farm located on Mayne Island. He actively promotes sustainable farming and fair trade practices and was involved with the establishment of organic shade-grown coffee operations in Nicaragua (Ometepe coffee). He has been travelling to Cuba since the mid nineties and realizes “how Cuba significantly progresses in the sustainable provision of many human needs, including world class food, education and medical systems.” He has come today to share his passion and inform Board members of an upcoming essay contest available to students as young as 16 years of age; however if the winner is between 16-19 they must be accompanied by a designated chaperone on the trip. The winner will receive an all-inclusive round trip to Cuba March 3 to 18, 2012. The essay topic is, “*What sustainable activities do you expect to witness on the March trip that are transferrable to our Islands communities and that you would commit to help build capacity for specifically in Arts, Health, Education & Agri-Culture sectors?*” It must be 500 words and submitted to the Driftwood office or online to www.cubavivacan.org by Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

5. TRUSTEE’S SCHOOL REPORTS

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

No report. Katharine Byers will be the trustee representative for Fernwood Elementary School.

➤ ***Fulford Community Elementary School***

No report. Rob Pingle will be the trustee representative for Fulford Community Elementary School.

➤ ***Galiano Community School***

Food program up and running: mapping of all fruit trees on Galiano, Gr. 3-7 students conducted interviews with property owners who have orchards; Christmas concert being arranged by PAC, evening performance, rehearsals are beginning; Lisa Halstead visited school to discuss the middle years program, a survey was created by PAC members for input regards the program; students made huge batch of soup from garden vegetables and froze most of it; bee garden – left over money from fundraising so students have decided to plant an “all purple flower garden”

- ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***
Report from Eva and Lauren: group of students going to New York; HIV/Aids display on the sports field; student advocacy – will be talking to the principals and teachers soon; the EAGER group is hosting a banquet on Thursday; Sr. boys volleyball team went to provincials; grad photos; home room meeting soon about work zones; “Movember” – highest amount raised was \$200 by a student, \$180 raised by Mr. Crouse; spelling bee fundraiser coming up to raise money for sports teams. Kathy Page will be the trustee representative for Gulf Islands Secondary School.
- ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***
Island Mosaic from Pender is presenting a Christmas event at the school; bottle drive very successful; afternoon Christmas concert; Lisa Halstead visiting tomorrow to discuss middle years program; senior class going to attend Wizard of Oz in Vancouver
- ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***
No report. Trustee Williams absent.
- ***Phoenix Elementary School***
No report. Kathy Page will be the trustee representative for Phoenix Elementary School.
- ***Saltspring Island Middle School***
No report. Katharine Byers will be the trustee representative for Saltspring Island Middle School.
- ***Salt Spring Elementary School***
Afternoon performance for Christmas concert on Dec. 13; annual SSE Food Bank Drive is on; whole school caroling on Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. between Mouat’s and Old Salty
- ***Saturna Elementary School/SEEC***
25 students participating in Christmas concert this year; last day of swimming/skating/library time in Victoria; SEEC students are finishing their IDS projects; at Haggis Hallow – challenge with heating system, Richard is working on it, students have hot water bottles in the meantime
- ***Windsor House School***
No report. Susanne Middleditch will be the trustee representative for Windsor House School.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **Board Committees**

Board Committee structure will come forward to the January 2012 Board meeting for discussion.

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

(a) **Partnership with ONCCEE**

Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) (<http://www.oceannetworks.ca/index.html>) is a not-for-profit society created by the University of Victoria to build and sustain Canada's world leadership in ocean science and technology through the NEPTUNE Canada and VENUS ocean observatories. The cabled ocean observatories support a new generation of coastal and deep ocean research and offers educational possibilities and opportunities for all students. The district entered into a partnership with Ocean Networks Canada Centre for Enterprise and Engagement (ONCCEE), a branch of ONC, which will involve educational opportunities for students:

1. Students will spend time at UVic with ocean scientists – will begin late March 2012
2. Ocean scientists will visit SIMS and GISS to work with students and help them develop research projects (IDS)
3. Students can engage on the website for “digital fishers” – <http://digitalfishers.net> where they will play a real role in research

(b) **Bill 28 Update**

The changes to the *School Act* made by Bill 28, the Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act, “remain in effect until April 13, 2012 or until it is amended or replaced by constitutionally valid legislation prior to that date”. The legislation removed school organization issues such as class size and

composition “from the realm of the collective agreement into the realm of legislation. Class size was no longer something that could be the subject of collective bargaining; it was now defined by law and public policy”. Paul Straszak, President and CEO of PSEC, was appointed by government to coordinate the consultation process and has proposed the government and BCTF enter into good faith negotiations. BCPSEA will continue to monitor the process and keep districts informed; however government remains responsible for this process.

(c) Strike Update

Still in question is what can be bargained locally and what is bargained provincially; however progress is being made. Local bargaining at our district level will begin again in the New Year. No report cards this term; however there have been informal conversations between parents and teachers and students and teachers. Teachers will provide all marks for transcripts for students graduating and entering post-secondary institutions.

(d) Work by the Education Leadership Team (ELT) – Personalized Learning

The ELT has had in-depth discussions about what “personalized learning” means for our district and what the curriculum could look like. Topics for discussion included assessments, reporting, key competencies, nature-based work. The team will refine their plan for personalized learning and forward it to the Ministry. There is no date set by the Ministry regards when they will implement their plan on personalized learning.

(e) Minister Abbott’s Visit to Windsor House

Minister of Education, George Abbott will visit Windsor House School tomorrow afternoon. He has stated he would also like to visit Salt Spring Island in the Spring.

9. CORPORATE FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

(a) Monthly Expenditure Report

The monthly expenditure report indicates that with 0.3333 % of the year completed, 0.2671 % of the budget has been expended. We are 6.62 % below budget at this time. A present, we are experiencing the highest level of teacher sick time since the 2004/2005 school year and it is almost double of what the district experienced at this time last year.

(b) Signing Authority Changes

(i) Educational Trust Fund Account

For the Educational Trust Fund Account, “*For amounts up to and including 1,000.00*” will change to, “*For amounts up to and including \$7,500.00*”. Rob Pingle and Kathy Page volunteered to be signers for this account.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the changes to the signing authority for the Educational Trust Fund Account as presented in Appendix ‘A’.

CARRIED 79/11

Signing instructions as in Appendix A:

1. For amounts up to and including \$7,500.00:

Rodney Scotvold, Secretary Treasurer, or
Jeff Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer

with either

Linda Underwood, Director of Human Resources, or
Connie Moulton, Accountant

2. For amounts over \$7,500.00:

Rodney Scotvold, Secretary Treasurer, or
Jeff Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer

with either

May McKenzie, Board Chairperson, or
Rob Pingle, Trustee, or
Kathy Page, Trustee

(ii) Operating Bank Account

Rob Pingle and Kathy Page volunteered to be signers for this account.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the changes to the signing authority for the Operating Bank Account as presented in Appendix 'B'.

CARRIED 80/11

Signing instructions as in Appendix B:

1. For amounts up to and including \$7,500.00:

Rodney Scotvold, Secretary Treasurer, or
Jeff Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer

with either

Linda Underwood, Director of Human Resources, or
Connie Moulton, Accountant

Except for Receiver General, Payroll Deductions, Utilities and yearly contracts signed or approved by the Board or on behalf of the Board. (When signing authorities for amounts over \$7,500.00 will apply).

2. For amounts over \$7,500.00:

Rodney Scotvold, Secretary Treasurer, or
Jeff Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer

with either

May McKenzie, Board Chairperson, or
Rob Pingle, Trustee, or
Kathy Page, Trustee

(iii) School District No. 64 Project Account

Rob Pingle and Kathy Page volunteered to be signers for this account.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the changes to the signing authority for the School District No. 64 Project Account as presented in Appendix 'C'.

CARRIED 81/11

Signing instructions as in Appendix C:

1. For amounts up to and including \$7,500.00:

Rodney Scotvold, Secretary Treasurer, or
Jeff Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer

with either

Linda Underwood, Director of Human Resources, or
Connie Moulton, Accountant

2. For amounts over \$7,500.00:

Rodney Scotvold, Secretary Treasurer, or
Jeff Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer

with either

May McKenzie, Board Chairperson, or
Rob Pingle, Trustee, or
Kathy Page, Trustee

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Committee Day – December 14, 2011 – cancelled
- (b) Regular Board Meeting – January 11, 2012 at Gulf Islands Secondary School

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED 82/11

Date: January 11, 2012

May McKenzie
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold
Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSULTATION FOR 2012/2013

No discussion. (0 community members present).