



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)**  
**SALTSPRING ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**January 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**

<b>Present:</b>	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Rob Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Lisa Halstead	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance
Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant	
Deborah Nostdal	GITA President	
Larry Melious	CUPE President	
Shannon Shields	GIPVPA Representative	
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	--	DPAC Representative
	--	GISS Student Representative

Prior to beginning the meeting Chair McKenzie acknowledged we are on the territory of the Coast Salish people.

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

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2014 01 22, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 01/14

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2013 12 04, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 02/14

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2013 12 18, be approved as presented.

CARRIED 03/14

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4. **DELEGATIONS**

5. **TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL REPORTS**

➤ ***Fernwood Elementary School***

PAC meeting very enthusiastic, talked about working on garden Friday this week and next, planting for Mother's Day and other events; knitting club at lunch time; weaver Terri Bibby meeting with Gr. 1/2 class; Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons, lots of young children in ELF; Elder Jim Spencer visited school; students engaged with Connecting Generations program; FSAs have begun;

- swimming; support group to work on “sequencing” with younger students through game playing – Apples to Apples, Password
- ***Fulford Community Elementary School***  
Wonderful winter concert, fundraising for foodbank; Trent Arturbury – one-man show performed for students
  - ***Galiano Community School***  
Christmas concert was fantastic, hockey sweater adaptation; started “Mystery Reader”, for 4 days students are introduced to a mystery reader who sits in the classroom with an open book in front of their face, this is someone all students know, guess each day, mystery reader comes back on following Monday to be introduced to the class and read to them; Exploratories starting again; fund raising by PAC around Christmas, “toonies & trinkets”, raised \$300; bottle drive; Rainbow Loom craze going around Galiano – make friendship bracelets out of elastics on small loom; all teachers own an iPad now, huge accomplishment; water taxi and policies big item at present
  - ***Gulf Islands Secondary School***  
Exam week; second semester starts Feb. 3; sr. boys won basketball tournament; theatre performances were very good; greenhouse – 480 lettuce plants and 2,000 other plants planted, all is going extremely well; school council focusing on transitioning from gr. 8 to gr. 9 – developing REAL for gr. 9 students – study skills, coping with homework, how to use the study block; changes to staffing – Phoenix Place – Ian Mitchell going back to GISS, Charley Mayer and Amy Cousins going to Phoenix Place; sexual health; timetables are out for second semester; report cards go out Feb. 6
  - ***Mayne Elementary/Jr. Secondary School***  
Big potluck dinner before Christmas concert which was lots of fun; OIMY on Pender this month; hot lunch program; surprise baby shower for teacher Myriah Michaux; new teacher, Erika Verlinden, filling in for Ms. Michaux, invited all parents to a tea to meet her; PAC fundraising – flea market at school; Lion’s Club donated \$2,500 for playground project; field trips; Jump Rope for Heart in Feb.; soccer will start again on Tuesdays and Thursdays
  - ***Pender Islands Elem./Sec. School***  
Great Christmas concert, middle years band played all the music for the concert; Mr. Fraser holding open dialogue meetings for community to come and interact, bring suggestions and questions; boys’ and girls’ basketball, coach Tim Frick is fantastic; OIMY started last week on Pender; FSAs beginning this week; gr. 7/8 leadership course has begun; internet safety workshop coming up; tennis lessons; dance classes; swim club; Friday skating
  - ***Phoenix Elementary School***  
Gr. 3s visited residents at Greenwoods; teacher Jessica Reveley and baby Drew visited for Roots of Empathy; iPad days, use of chalk and slate boards; older students editing stories written on computer, recently learned about the use of commas
  - ***Saltspring Island Middle School***  
***Fiona, gr. 8 student from Pender reported*** – leadership program in gr. 8 has helped students and her personally; she organizes and facilitates the assembly on Mondays where all students meet in the gym to go over events of the week; Fiona is interested in theatre and acting and feels facilitating the assembly helps with public speaking and her confidence; other students assist with music and audio – helps them with tech and planning; peer tutoring – helping younger students, teaching and learning happens both ways; gr. 8s building leadership qualities and passing them along to younger students; Fiona sees positive changes in students; lots of teams this year – spirit team, dance assembly team. Fiona also coaches gr. 6/7 basketball team  
***Trustee Byers reported*** – last Thurs. of every month is Happy Feet day; basketball intramurals; 45 students fundraised \$600 for Heart and Stoke Foundation; social responsibility program; teacher Martin Thorn working with theatre and dance groups to put on play in March, will work with students on audio, lighting; gr. 8s heading to Quebec next week, then they will host students here in the future

*Vice Principal Shields reported* – students engaged with Connecting Generations with help of Coordinator Sarah Hook-Nilsson; Learning Services team is really coming to life at SIMS, great team effort and support for students; photography program coming up

➤ ***Salt Spring Elementary School***

Winter concert was a great affair, SSE has music specialist and she coordinated the band and choir performances for the whole concert this year, much appreciated by teachers, use of group singing and soloists; lots of excitement at the school; Pro D event was on “virtues”; skateboards popular and focus is on safety culture; Reading Blitz month in Feb.; percussionist Milton Randall is visiting the school Feb. 13

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

No report. Trustee Middleditch absent.

➤ ***Windsor House School***

Some trustees were able to visit in December, met parents, teachers, students. Principal Carrico had invited 35 extra children to come to winter concert because the families had inquired about attending kindergarten; a lively school, great visit

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

(a) **Upcoming Events**

Superintendent Halstead shared information on the upcoming events:

- Math Collaborative Inquiry Project – four sessions are planned, the first session is January 23; 30 district teachers who teach math (or related field) to students in grade 4-12 are attending; focus will be on “improving mathematical thinking through developing thinking skills across the curriculum”
- District Retreat is on March 7
- PBS workshops April 3 and 4. SD64 is hosting teams from our district and surrounding districts.
- As SD64 is hosting the PBS workshop we will receive a free workshop compliments of The Society for the Promotion of Social and Academic Success. The focus on Planning Day (May 9) is on collaboration and the key-note speaker for the morning session is available from the society to speak on the Power of Collaboration in the Support of Students
- April 4 is the DPAC parent retreat, which will focus on Aboriginal ways of learning

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

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

Ms. Halstead and Mr. Livingston presented a paper titled, “Using Inquiry to Transform and Expand a School District Paradigm to Embrace a Commitment that All Children Learn” at the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI,) 2014 Congress in Yogyakarta, Indonesia held January 2 to 7, 2014 (<http://www.icsei.net/index.php?id=1618>). Their paper in its entirety is #93 of 209 conference papers and can be viewed at: <http://www.icsei.net/?id=1656>. There were internationally known keynote speakers from 37 destinations around the world. They brought their own challenges and views on the field of school effectiveness and school improvement. Ms. Halstead shared a synopsis of their presentation with Board members.

(b) **Education LINKS Report**

The last meeting was held on December 16. Highlights included:

- Math as a continuum
- Math Collaborative Inquiry – 30 educators from Gr. 4 to 12, first session on January 23. Modeled on Changing Results for Young Readers (CR4YR). Four sessions planned for this year

**(c) Field Trip Request #97**

A field trip request was received from GISS teacher and volleyball coach Tony Mason asking for Board approval for the senior boys' and girls' volleyball teams to travel to Hawaii on an athletic/cultural extra-curricular trip to play volleyball and engage in cultural activities from October 2 to 13, 2014. Superintendent Halstead has approved this trip pending informed consent and itinerary.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves athletic/cultural extra-curricular trip field trip request (#97) for 26 students in Grades 10-12 to travel to Hawaii to play volleyball and engage in cultural activities from October 2 to 13, 2014.

CARRIED 04/14

**(d) 2014/2015 School Calendar Draft**

The 2014/2015 provincial exam dates have not been posted on the Ministry's website to date. Ms. Halstead will provide a copy of the draft calendar to members of the Ed LINKS committee on January 23 for their input particularly with regard to Pro D days. The draft calendar will come forward again to the February 12 Board meeting.

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

**(a) Monthly Expenditure Report**

The monthly expenditure report, as at December 31, 2013, indicates that with 0.5000 of the year completed, 0.4628 of the budget has been expended. We are 3.72% below budget at this time. The district will likely experience a break-even scenario at the end of the 2013/2014 school year.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Regular Board Meeting – February 12, 2014 at Salt Spring Elementary School
- (b) Committee Day – February 26, 2014 at the School Board Office

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

CARRIED 05/14

Date: February 12, 2014

May McKenzie  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold  
Secretary Treasurer