



Present:	Tisha Boulter	Board Chair
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair
	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee
	Gregory Lucas	Trustee
	Deborah Luporini	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Jill Jensen	Superintendent of Schools/ Acting Secretary Treasurer
	Boe Beardsmore	Associate Superintendent
	Lyall Ruehlen	Director of Instruction
Lori Deacon	Director of Corporate Services	
Anna Szul	Executive Assistant	
Guests:	Dan Sparanese	District Principal
	Colin Whyte	Director of Operations
	Janice Shields	CUPE Representative
	Adrien Pendergast	GIPVPA Chair
	Katherine Hazen	DPAC Representative
Regrets:	Ian Mitchell	GITA President

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair Boulter. Trustee Georgeson gratefully acknowledged that we held this meeting on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish communities, specifically the Hul’qumi’num, and SENĆOŦEN speaking peoples – huy tseep q’u.

Chair Boulter read the opening statement: With the intention of holding a safe, caring, and orderly meeting for all we pledge: To do our best to maintain a respectful and inclusive working environment. We will hold this meeting to the highest standard of civility and appropriate conduct so that we may attend to our business effectively and productively.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2024 04 10 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 33/24

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2024 02 14 be



approved as presented.

CARRIED 34/24

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2024 03 04 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 35/24

4. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

The Board of Education received the Regular In-Camera Summary for 2024 02 14 by consensus.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

(a) **GISS Playing Fields**

Discussed at length in FAF.

(b) **District Meeting Safety Plan Recommendations**

Bylaw No. 2 Board Procedures, adopted on February 14, 2024, now includes language concerning meeting safety and civil conduct. Discussions highlighted the importance of site-specific safety plans due to variations in meeting locations within the district. The board is poised to consider meeting times and venues with a focus on accessibility and safety.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Letter from Christina Zacharuk RE: Underspent Indigenous Education funding 2022/23**

This is a standard letter sent following any request to defer targeted funds. Last year's unspent funds were carried forward into this year's amended budget.

7. **DELEGATIONS**

8. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Spring Vista Conference**

The Superintendent and Trustees participated in the spring VISTA conference in Parksville, providing a valuable team-building opportunity.

(b) **Strategic Plan Engagement Process**

The Board of Education is actively engaged in renewing its Strategic Plan. The Superintendent is leading efforts to gather input from students, district staff, and school-based staff about educational priorities and how to enhance and improve educational experiences. Results from this engagement will be discussed at the Board's April 24 In-Service. The district aims to have a draft ready for input from families and communities in May.



(c) **BCSTA AGM Motions**

Chair Boulter stated that the intention of sharing these motions is to make the work that Trustees are doing on a provincial level visible to the public.

(d) **Trustee In-Service**

Trustees will convene on April 24, 2024, for an in-service aimed at familiarizing themselves with our Trustee SharePoint and advancing discussions on strategic planning.

9. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

(a) **Staffing**

The Vice Principal position at the Saturna Ecological Education Centre (SEEC) has been posted with a closing date of April 22. Staff configuration for the 2024/25 school year is currently underway.

(b) **Aboriginal How Are We Doing Report (AHAWD)**

The Board received the AHAWD report, noting significant progress in the six-year completion rate, which increased by 39.2% from 56.6% in 2018/19 to 95.8% in 2022/23. Grade 4 FSA Literacy results indicate ongoing disparities, with Indigenous students scoring 20 points lower than non-Indigenous students. Public versions of the provincial and local 2022/23 AHAWD reports are available on the Student Success website.

(c) **Feeding Futures at SD64 – Dan Sparanese**

District Principal Dan Sparanese presented on Feeding Futures in SD64, covering how need is assessed, the evolution of school-specific programs, and future infrastructure and program development goals. The program aims to be barrier-free and reduce the stigma associated with food insecurity.

10. **SECRETARY TREASURER’S REPORT**

(a) **Monthly Financial Report**

The monthly operating expense report reveals that expenses are within 2.1% of the amended budget.

(b) **2024/25 Capital Plan Response Letter and Bylaw – 3 Readings**

Lori Deacon shared the CAPITAL BYLAW NO. 2024/25-CPSD64-01. The table below for the minor capital projects was approved. The table identifies School Enhancement Program (SEP), Food Infrastructure Program (FIP), Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP), Building Envelope Program (BEP), Playground Equipment Program (PEP), as well as the Bus Acquisition Program (BUS), if applicable.

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry	Next Steps & Timing
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Salt Spring Elementary	SEP - HVAC Upgrades	\$1,043,167	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2025.
Mayne Island School	CNCP - HVAC Upgrades	\$239,750	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2025.
Gulf Islands Secondary, Pender Islands Elem-Secondary, Salt Spring Elementary	FIP - Kitchen Equipment	\$9,500	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2025.
Galiano Community School	FIP - Kitchen Equipment and Upgrade	\$40,000	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2025.
Gulf Islands Secondary	FIP - Kitchen Equipment and Upgrade	\$40,000	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2025.

Moved and seconded that there be unanimous consent that Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25 -CPSD64-01 receive all three readings at this time.

CARRIED 36/24

Moved and seconded that the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25 -CPSD64-01 be read for the first time.

CARRIED 37/24

Moved and seconded that the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25 -CPSD64-01 be read for the second time.

CARRIED 38/24

Moved and seconded that the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25 -CPSD64-01 be read for the third time and approved.

CARRIED 39/24

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Committee of the Whole** – 2024 02 14 Summary received.

(b) **Education Committee** – no report

(c) **Finance, Audit, and Facilities Committee** – 2024 02 21 Summary received.

The Board initiated discussions regarding estimated Operating Grants for 2024/2025 and budget priorities. With a projected decline in projected enrolment, the district will receive an increase in Funding Protection next year; however, the district will continue to receive 1.5% less in comparable Operating Grants each year until funding aligns with actual enrolment. Additionally, the Board reviewed extensive information regarding the GISS playing fields but postponed further deliberations until the return of Jesse Guy, Secretary Treasurer. The district is also undergoing a



review of the Strategic Plan, with recognition of the need for an updated Long Range Facilities Plan.

- (d) **Policy Committee** – 2024 02 21 Summary received.
- i. Repeal Policies/Procedures 110 Ceremonial Protocols, 111 Representation at Board Meetings, and 115 Election of Board Positions.

Moved and seconded that The Board of Education Repeal Policies/Procedures 110 Ceremonial Protocols, 111 Representation at Board Meetings, and 115 Election of Board Positions.

CARRIED 40/24

- ii. Notice of Motion to adopt and circulate Draft Policy 1.40 Board Committees. Once adopted, repeal policy 120 Board Committees.
- iii. Notice of Motion to adopt and circulate Draft Policy 1.41 Board Liaison and Representation.
- iv. Notice of Motion to adopt and circulate Draft Policy 1.20 Board Authority, Role, and Responsibilities. Once adopted, repeal policy and procedure 105 Governance and Administration.
- v. Notice of Motion to adopt and circulate Draft Policy 1.21 Role of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- vi. Notice of Motion to adopt and circulation Draft Policy 1.22 Trustee Remuneration. Once adopted, repeal policy 6550 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses.

12. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Chair Boulter mentioned that March was relatively quiet, but April is packed with meetings. Additionally, GISS is gearing up for an Airband event.

Trustee Macdonald from SSE aims for their school to be recognized for hosting the most clubs, boasting twelve in total. They have various upcoming events, including a spring fling dance, an Earth Day workshop, and Multicultural Week. Notably, due to being an urban school, they are addressing the issue of litter by organizing weekly garbage pick-ups every Monday.

On behalf of the families of Mayne Island, Trustee Luporini extends gratitude to Colin Whyte for his support in the teacherage project and the replacement of the water system. Special commendation is also given to Jackie and her organization for their efforts.

Trustee Pingle participated in the Fernwood PAC meeting, where the need for sensory rooms was highlighted.



Given the existing surplus and prioritization of accessibility, Trustee Pingle is committed to advocating for investment in these spaces to provide crucial support for our most marginalized students.

Trustee Lucas extends congratulations to the Pender School PAC for their successful book contest, which raised \$7000. The winter festival was also a significant success. Furthermore, there are promising developments regarding a substantial infrastructure project, with \$0.5 million allocated to enhance safety for children's mobility from Danny Martin Park to the school. Notably, the community's fundraising efforts of \$0.5 million are being matched by the government.

Trustee Georgeson met with Kadek Okuda to address the question of the month, focusing on integrating Indigenous perspectives. Currently, efforts are underway to establish connections between Galiano School and the Penelakut Tribe, exploring avenues for online learning, language support, and cultural integration. Unity is a fundamental principle guiding our approach. Our outreach and networking initiatives continue to expand.

Trustee Katrensky passed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

14. QUESTION PERIOD

15. NEXT MEETING DATES

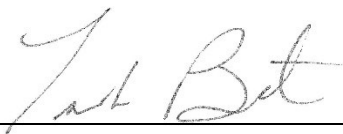
- (a) Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 2024
- (b) Policy Committee Meeting – April 24, 2024

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 2:58 p.m.

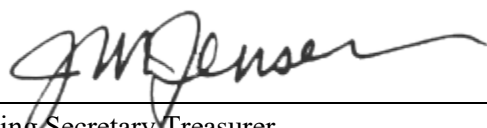
CARRIED 41/24

Date: May 8, 2024



Chairperson

Certified Correct:



Acting Secretary Treasurer