



<b>Present:</b>	Chaya Katrensky	Chairperson
	Deborah Luporini	Vice Chairperson
	Tisha Boulter	Trustee
	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee
	Gregory Lucas	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Jill Jensen	Superintendent of Schools
	Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer
	Lori Deacon	Director of Corporate Services
	Anna Szul	Executive Assistant
<b>Guests:</b>	Ian Mitchell	GITA President
	Angela Thomas	CUPE President
	Ryan Massey	Principal, Gulf Islands Secondary School
	Ray Colleran	Teacher, Gulf Islands Secondary School
	Katherine Hazen	DPAC Representative (online)
<b>Regrets:</b>	Boe Beardsmore	Associate Superintendent
	Lyall Ruehlen	Director of Instruction
	Adrian Pendergast	GIPVPA Chair

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Katrensky. Chair Katrensky spoke to the privilege and gratitude for living on the sacred traditional territory of the Coast Salish communities, specifically the Hul'qumi'num and SENĆOŦEN speaking peoples – huy tseep q'u.

Chair Katrensky 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**

The agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2024 11 13 was adopted as presented.

CARRIED 103/24

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2024 09 11 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 104/24



Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2024 10 10 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 105/24

**4. IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

Moved and seconded that the Summary of the Regular In-Camera Summary for 2024 09 11 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 106/24

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**(a) Board Elections Summary**

The Board conducted its annual elections for the positions of Board Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, BCSTA, BCPSEA, and Indigenous Education Committee Representatives (and alternate representatives).

Board Chairperson	Chaya Katrensky
Vice Chairperson	Deborah Luporini
BCSTA Provincial Council	Deborah Luporini
BCSTA Alternative	Jeannine Georgeson
BCPSEA Representative	Greg Lucas
BCPSEA Alternate	Jeannine Georgeson
Indigenous Education Committee	Jeannine Georgeson & Deborah Luporini

**(b) Commitment to Trustee Code of Conduct**

Trustees reaffirmed their commitment to the Trustee Code of Conduct as declared in Board Policy 1.30 Trustee Code of Conduct.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**(a) BAA Course Approval Ray**

GISS teacher Ray Colleran and principal Ryan Massey presented a draft BAA course for the Board's consideration. Ray Colleran spoke to the development of the course framework for Renaissance Studies 12 and his passion and experience in the subject area.

Jill Jensen spoke to the potential of this course to look critically at the literature that is presented in the curriculum and to analyze what cultural information is missing.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves Board/Authority Authorized Course: Renaissance Studies 12.

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(b) **District Staffing and Enrollment**

Jill Jensen presented the summary of district enrolment. Based on the September 1701 enrolment report to the Ministry, the student Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for the 2024/2025 school year is 1469.

Ray Colleran Left the meeting at 1:25 pm.

**9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

(a) **Monthly Financial Report**

Jesse Guy presented the monthly operating expense report indicating expenses are currently within budget. She noted that expenses are slightly above expected budget levels by 1.8%.

(b) **Gulf Islands International Program Staff Report**

Jesse Guy presented the staff report on the Gulf Islands International Program. A recommendation was presented to continue with the program and monitor the financial impact year to year to ensure direct program costs, including recruitment and travel, do not exceed the annual program revenue.

Trustees discussed the overall benefits to the district and community, ongoing enrolment and homestay challenges, and different ways to meet diversity goals.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education cease the operations of the Gulf Islands International Program effective June 30, 2025.

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(c) **District Transportation Update**

Jesse Guy presented a comparison of what SD64 provides for bus transportation compared to neighbouring school districts, noting that every district requires annual registration. Gulf Islands bus registration takes place in May and efforts are made to accommodate as many late applications as possible. She stressed the importance of good communication to families to ensure students are registered on time and explained that a "use it or lose it" model may be necessary to address the increasing number of casual and courtesy riders.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **Committee of the Whole**

The Board received the 2024 10 30 Committee of the Whole Summary by consensus.

(b) **Education Committee**

The Board received the 2024 06 12 and 2024 09 25 Education Committee Summaries by consensus.

(c) **Finance, Audit & Facilities Committee**

No report.



(d) **Policy Committee**

The Board received the 2024 09 25 and 2024 10 30 Policy Committee Summaries by consensus.

i. Policy 2.10 Inclusive and Respectful Environments

Moved and seconded that the Board move this item to the January meeting to consider the feedback received after the package was disseminated.

CARRIED 109/24

ii. Policy 2.20 Sexual Identity, Gender Diversity, and Gender Expression

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education move this to the January meeting to consider the feedback received after the package was disseminated.

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iii. Policy 3.50 Curricular, Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved and seconded that the Board adopts Policy 3.50 Curricular, Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities.

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Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Policy/Procedure 407 Student Supervision, Policy /Procedure 412 Student Travel: Educational Field Trips, and form 412-1 Volunteer Drivers Application.

CARRIED 112/24

iv. Policy 3.10 Indigenous Education

A Notice of Motion was presented to adopt Policy 3.10 Indigenous Education. The draft policy will be circulated for feedback. The Board will consider feedback and adoption at the January 15, 2025 meeting in public. Once adopted, the Board will repeal Policy 530 Aboriginal Education

v. Policy 3.20 Catchment Areas

A Notice of Motion was presented to adopt Policy 3.20 Catchment Areas. The draft policy will be circulated for feedback. The Board will consider feedback and adoption at the January 15, 2025 meeting in public. Once adopted, the Board will repeal Policy 525 Residential Catchment Areas.

vi. Policy 3.30 Fee Paying Students

In light of the Board's decision to cease operations of Gulf Islands International Program at the end of this year, this policy will need to be revised accordingly. Staff will amend the policy and present it at a following meeting for the Board's consideration.

vii. Policy 3.40 District Specialty Programs



This is a new policy. A Notice of Motion was presented to adopt Policy 3.40 District Specialty Programs. The draft policy will be circulated for feedback. The Board will consider feedback and adoption at the January 15, 2025 meeting in public.

viii. Policy 500 Planning for Learning

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Policy 500 Planning for Learning.

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ix. Policy 512 Independent Directed Study and Board Authorized Courses

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Policy 512 Independent Directed Study and Board Authorized Courses.

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x. Policy 520 Learning Services

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Policy 520 Learning Services.

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xi. Policy 575 School Calendar, school calendar regulation

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Policy 575 School Calendar.

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xii. Policy and Procedure 430 Student Records

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Policy and Procedure 430 Student Records.

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xiii. Policy 420 Student Interviews by Outside Agencies

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Policy and Procedure 420 Student Interviews by Outside Agencies.

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xiv. Policy and Procedure 5400 Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Policy and Procedure 5400 Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards. Staff will develop an Administrative Practice to guide district processes.

CARRIED 119/24

xv. Procedure 300 Health and Safety



Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Procedure 300 Health and Safety in favour of an Administrative Practice.

CARRIED 120/24

- xvi. Policy and Procedure 400 Student Behaviour and Discipline  
Trustees discussed whether the policy should be retained by the Board.

Jill Jensen left the meeting at 2:40 pm

Moved and seconded that the Board repeal Procedure 400 Student Behaviour and Discipline in favour of an Administrative Practice, and sends Policy 400 Student Behaviour back to the policy committee for further consideration.

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- xvii. Procedure 420 Student Interviews by Outside Agencies

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Procedure 420 Student Interviews by Outside Agencies in favour of an Administrative Practice.

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- xviii. Procedure 525 Residential Catchment Areas and Form 525-1

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Procedure 525 Residential Catchment Areas and Form 525-1 in favour of an Administrative Practice.

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- xix. Procedure 5350 International Education

Moved and seconded that the Board repeals Procedure 5350 International Education.

CARRIED 124/24

## **11. TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

Vice Chair Luporini met with Mayne Island School vice-principal Down and district principal Pendergast. The focus this year has been on inquiry-based learning with a shift towards increasing engagement around what is happening at the school. Students are taking interest and an inquiry-based approach in ownership of what is happening in their school.

Trustee Georgeson stated there are a lot of activities are taking place at Galiano School: sharing Indigenous language, Apple Fest, hosting the Board. Two microscopes have been purchased for the school to let kid interested in outdoor learning.

Trustees Luporini and Georgeson left the meeting at 3:00 pm



Trustee Lucas spoke to the many things he's learning by visiting the school. At PAC meeting, principal Landahl shares the school's focus on student agency and self regulation. The Pender School newsletter highlighted the big ideas "What are you learning? What does that mean for you? What's the next step?". The variety, caliber and quality of programming is impressive and includes soccer for grades 1-4, disc golf for grades 5 and up, games club, a film making workshop, and a gender and sexual alliance group. So much is going on.

Trustee Macdonald spoke about the new mural at Fulford by Cowichan Coast Salish artist Charlene Johnny. The big focus at the school is on social emotional learning.

Trustee Pingle reported that 18 people have been attending the Fernwood PAC meetings and have a lot of interest in the strategic plan. There is a sense of renewal and welcome at the school. He heard that the school land may have been donated by the Sampsons, a Penelakut family, and expressed his curiosity about the role local First Nations have played in our district and how we can honour that dedication to the education of our students.

Trustee Boulter attended the compassionate systems awareness training with some of the senior administration team and is inspired by the deeper learning work taking place in the district. She attended the SSE PAC, had a tour of the school and noted all of the changes taking place, especially connected to the KNOW and BE of the strategic plan. Principal Dearden is bringing in Hul'q'umi'num language teaching, with Cheryl Ruff. Anti-racism training is happening at every staff meeting and the school is sending a teacher away for more curriculum around antiracism. A huge school goal right now is zones of regulation, shared language for staff, and frameworks to help kids learn to self-regulate. She met with GISS principal Massey, tying their discussion on deeper learning to the strategic focus on the ethic of learning.

Chair Katrensky attended the fall VISTA conference in Port Alberni. The conference started off with an incredible presentation from UVIC anthropologist Dr. Andrea Walsh who is working on an inspiring project about residential school survivors' art. She reported on Provincial council, where trustees received an update from the climate action working group around governance responsibilities, funding, leadership and collaboration, and advocacy as well as best practices and climate action plans. There will be elections at the BCSTA AGM and there was discussion regarding motion 9 non-voting student voice. At Saturna School, she met with principal Landahl and vice-principal Borosa the day after the US elections and heard from students as to what they think makes a good leader. Answers included: thinking about others, not being centre stage, and meeting other peoples needs.

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **13. QUESTION PERIOD**

## **14. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Regular Board Meeting – January 15, at the School Board Office
- (b) Education & Policy Committees – November 27, 2024



**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved to adjourn at 3:18 p.m.

CARRIED 125/24

Date: January 29, 2025

Chaya Katrensky  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Jesse Guy  
Secretary Treasurer