



Present:	Chaya Katrensky Deborah Luporini Gregory Lucas Tisha Boulter Nancy Macdonald Rob Pingle Jill Jensen Jesse Guy Lori Deacon Boe Beardsmore Lyall Ruehlen	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Director of Corporate Services Associate Superintendent Director of Instruction
Guests:	Ian Mitchell Angela Thomas Adrian Pendergast Poppy, Maya, Jasmine, Finn, and Flora Ryan Massey	GITA President CUPE President GIPVPA Chair Student Representatives Principal, GISS
Regrets:	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Katrensky. Trustee Pringle spoke to the privilege and gratitude of living on the sacred traditional territory of the Coast Salish communities, specifically the Hul'qumi'num and SENCŌTEN 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 2025 02 26 was adopted as presented by consensus.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2025 01 29 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 18/25

4. IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES

The Summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting for 2025 01 29 was approved as presented by consensus.

The Summary of the Special In-Camera Meeting for 2025 02 18 was approved as presented by consensus.



5. DELEGATIONS

(a) GISS Student Council

Representatives of GISS student council presented on past accomplishments, current projects, and future goals and aspirations. This year, the council has worked to have sexual health education incorporated into the Career Education 12 curriculum, to find a new backdrop for the graduation ceremony, and initiated student interviews to help staff gain better insight into what the student body thinks about activities, academics, and resources. The Council would like to see increased engagement and grade diversity in student representation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(a) Board Performance Review

Chair Katrensky reported that the BCSTA is working to update evaluation modules for Boards of Education. The Board will undertake its own evaluation this spring once the first modules become available.

(b) Ministry Update

Chair Katrensky attended a provincial call to introduce Board Chairs with the Ministry of Infrastructure. The new Ministry will support public sector capital planning and is responsible for capital project services for the school district.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Indigenous Education Council Update

The District is working the WSÁNEĆ School Board on a draft Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Education Council, expected to begin in September.

(b) Strategic Direction – District Update

Jill Jensen highlighted the success of the February Professional Development Day and thanked the planning committee for their hard work. She shared an overview of the ongoing work taking place across the district including literacy initiatives, professional development for teachers, compassionate systems awareness and leadership, and the integration of positive mental health in promoting student and adult well-being. She touched on the significance of Pink Shirt Day as a day of kindness and acknowledged Quentin Harris for the original design he provided for shirts and classroom projects.

(c) Staffing

Staffing processes are underway for the next school year.

(d) Projected Enrolment

The District is projecting a slight decline in enrolment due to a large graduating class leaving this year and a comparatively smaller expected intake of Kindergarten students.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Financial Report



Jesse Guy presented the monthly operating expense report for December. Spending trends remain consistent with expenses slightly above expected annual budget levels by 1.54%. The amended budget will address this discrepancy.

(b) 2024-2025 Amended Annual Budget Approval

Jesse Guy presented the draft 2024/2025 Amended Annual Budget and the total budget bylaw amount of \$32,594,467 for the Board's consideration.

Unanimous consent that the 2024/2025 Amended Budget Bylaw receives all three readings at this time.

CARRIED 19/25

Chair Katrensky read the 2024/2025 Amended Budget Bylaw, prepared in accordance with the *School Act*.

Moved and seconded that the 2024/2025 Amended Budget Bylaw be read a first time and passed.

CARRIED 20/25

Moved and seconded that the 2024/2025 Amended Budget Bylaw be read a second time and passed.

CARRIED 21/25

Moved and seconded that the 2024/2025 Amended Budget Bylaw be read a third time, passed and approved.

CARRIED 22/25

(c) Student Transportation Registration Process

Jesse Guy reported on changes to bus registration that will be implemented this spring. Of note, the registration window will now be open from April 1 to April 30 and late registration will incur a \$75 late fee to help offset the administrative burden. Student ridership will be tracked and students who access the service less than twice a week may be given courtesy ridership status. The administrative practice AP T1 Student Bus Transportation Eligibility and Registration has been updated to reflect these changes. Registration will be available on the district website once the registration window opens April 1st. Students who ride the water taxi and connect to the bus on Pender are not required to register for the Pender bus. Water Taxi registration will remain with the transportation department for the 2025-2026 school year and parents are not required to register them.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Committee of the Whole

No Report

(b) Education Committee

No report

(c) Finance, Audit & Facilities Committee

The Board received the 2024 02 12 Finance, Audit, and Facilities Committee Summary by consensus.



(d) **Policy Committee**

The Board received 2025 02 12 Policy Committee Summary by consensus. Staff presented a policy brief to provide background to the day's policy agenda items.

i. *3.30 Fee Paying Students*

This policy was circulated for feedback January 30, 2025. No feedback was received.

Motion: That the Board adopts Policy 3.30 Fee-Paying Students.

CARRIED 23/25

Motion: That the Board repeals Policy 5350 International Education.

CARRIED 24/25

ii. *Policy 4.20 Student Physical Restraint and Seclusion in Emergency Circumstances*

Circulated for feedback January 30, 2025. No feedback received.

Motion: That the Board approves amendments and renumbering of Policy 4.20 Student Physical Restraint and Seclusion in Emergency Circumstances.

CARRIED 25/25

Motion: That the Board repeals Procedure 402 Student Physical Restraint and Seclusion in favour of an Administrative Practice.

CARRIED 26/25

iii. *4.30 Severe Allergic Reaction*

Definitions in the policy were updated to reflect definitions in the Anaphylaxis Protection Order M232/07.

Motion: That the Board approves amendments to Policy 4.30 Severe Allergic Reaction.

CARRIED 27/25

iv. *Policies and Procedures to be Repealed Outright*

A number of policies and procedures that offer little guidance and are recommended to be repealed as part of policy renovation. Policy 600 Financial Practice is covered in newer policies 5.10 and 5.11.

Motion: That the following Policies be repealed outright:

- Policy 600 Financial Practices (replaced by 5.10 and 5.11)
- Policy 615 Disposal of Equipment
- Policy 6200 Purchasing and Tendering
- Policy 6300 Retention /Destruction of Records
- Policy 6480 School Petty Cash Fund

CARRIED 28/25



11. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Boulter: enjoyed the school visit today at SSE. She spoke with Principal Massey about how restricting use of digital devices is working in schools and reported that teachers are asking for more support in getting students out of the hallways and into the classroom.

Trustee Lucas Pender: reported lots going on at Pender school - a basketball tournament, winter carnival, theatre performance, report cards coming soon, nature camp, and the installation of a bouldering wall. He attended BCPSEA AGM and is reflecting on the questions from VISTA regarding human relations issues and other issues that may be impacting schools.

Trustee Macdonald: enjoyed her visit to Fulford school. Social emotional learning has been a long-standing goal at the school and progress is visible in their restorative justice practices. Students are enjoying math and work with the numeracy coordinator is going well.

Trustee Pingle: attended the Fernwood PAC meeting. Basketball season has started and is a proactive way of connecting students through friendly competition. The school continues to work on creating more welcoming spaces for older students to congregate. He enjoyed the school's Lantern Festival and noted many new parents joining PAC, and long-time PAC parents are leaving as their students move on.

Trustee Luporini: reported a great turnout at the Mayne PAC meeting. She noted that the community is regularly involved and supporting the school, providing snacks and breakfast for students. She enjoys connecting each month with District Principal Pendergast to review district strategic goals and the school plan. She attended Provincial Council and highlighted BCSTA's messaging to the Ministry that firing of Victoria Board must be the exception. Extraordinary motions will be coming out shortly.

Chair Katrensky: met with Saturna administrators. The whole school travelled to the Salish Sea Aquarium and staff turned a grocery store visit into a math lesson. She noted that it had been five years since younger students have participated in a field trip off island. She is looking at a provincial pathway to BC Ferries to advocate for equitable access for students.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair received questions from delegates and the public.

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Regular Board Meeting – April 9, 2025 at the School Board Office
- (b) Policy Committee and Committee of the Whole Meetings – April 23, 2025

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

CARRIED 29/25



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
School Board Office
2025 02 26

Date: April 9, 2025

Deborah Luporini PP
Chairperson

Certified correct:

Jesse Guy
Secretary Treasurer