



Present:	Chaya Katrensky	Chairperson
	Deborah Luporini	Vice Chairperson
	Gregory Lucas	Trustee
	Tisha Boulter	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee
	Jill Jensen	Superintendent of Schools
	Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer
	Lori Deacon	Director of Corporate Services
	Boe Beardsmore	Associate Superintendent
	Lyall Ruehlen	Director of Instruction
	Marc Wright	Information Technology Manager
	Colin Whyte	Director Facilities & Transportation
	Shauna Klem	Executive Assistant
Guests:	Ian Mitchell	GITA President
	Angela Thomas	CUPE President
	Katherine Hazen	DPAC Representative
	Joel Palmer	Palmer Management Consulting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Chaya Katrensky. Trustee Boulter spoke to the privilege and gratitude of 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 2025 06 11 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 05 14 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 44/25



4. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

The Summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting for 2025 05 14 was adopted as presented by consensus.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

a. **MEETING BROADCASTING UPDATE** **D B**

Marc Wright presented options to improve broadcasting of Board and Committee meetings. He highlighted persistent technical difficulties with the Microsoft Teams platform and the significant time spent troubleshooting these issues.

Staff recommended transitioning broadcasts to YouTube Live, assigning a facilitator to manage the meeting broadcasts, and standardizing the presentation format as the most fiscally responsible solutions.

Chairperson Katrensky noted that the meeting structure for the upcoming year will help address some of the broadcasting issues as committee meetings will be conducted online.

Following discussion, it was agreed to proceed with the staff recommendation, as ongoing efforts to improve partner group participation and public engagement.

b. **LCC Meeting** **B**

Trustees Boulter, Luporini, Macdonald and Secretary Treasurer Jesse Guy attended the May 15, 2025 LCC public meeting. It was reported that several opportunities were identified for collaboration toward achieving shared goals. The District has a long-standing working relationship with CRD PARC and the LCC expressed a desire for the Joint Use Agreement Committee to be more active.

c. **Meeting with Minister Beare**

Chair Katrensky reported on the Board's conversation with Minister of Education and Child Care Lisa Beare. The Minister has been meeting with all school districts and this meeting provided an opportunity to advocate for funding, specifically around transportation. It was made clear that and additional funding will not be available.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. **Superintendents Report** **K D B U**

Superintendent Jensen shared an update highlighting the numerous benefits of place-based outdoor learning. She noted that Gulf Island Secondary School Environment Science program was recently



featured in the BC Teachers Federation Magazine. GISS Anatomy & Physiology students participated in three days of experiential learning at Xwaaqw'um for their final project. On Pender Islands, Kindergarten and Grade 1&2 classes have engaged in outdoor learning every Thursday, throughout the school year, finding the experience inspiring and enriching. The Saturna Ecological Education Centre (SEEC) continues to use its outdoor classroom to develop leadership skills, support scientific field research, and strengthen connections with community partners. Superintendent Jensen emphasized that these are only a sampling of the place-based outdoor learning happening across the District, demonstrating innovative ways the curriculum can be delivered through this approach.

Trustees and staff attended the Youth Apprenticeship Awards, where twelve apprentices from the 2024 GISS Grad class were awarded \$1000 each for completing the Youth Work in Trades program. The GISS scholarship ceremony was held on June 6, with Indigenous Graduation scheduled for June 13 and GISS Graduation taking place on June 14. Superintendent Jensen recognized the achievements of the students and expressed appreciation for the dedication and efforts of the staff.

b. **IEC update** **K D**

A summary of the May 23 Indigenous Council Meeting, at Quw'utsun' Heritage Center, was presented. Quw'utsun, Penelakut, Lyackson, Halalt and the WSANEC school board indicated that they would be appointing representatives to the IEC and it was agreed that representatives would be confirmed within the next two months. The draft Terms of Reference were reviewed, as well as the role of Indigenous Education Councils. Superintendent Jensen shared the Coast Salish Statement of Solidarity, which was discussed at the IEC meeting. The IEC has decided not to extend invitations to Metis representatives to join the council, at this time. The next meeting will be held on June 27, 2025, to formalize the IEC, complete the Terms of Reference and appoint a Chair and Vice Chair.

c. **School Fees** **D**

Superintendent Jensen presented the approved 2025/26 school fees schedule for each school. The fees will be posted on the district website.

9. **SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

a. **Monthly Financial Report** **D**

The monthly operating expense report reveals that expenses are within 0.91% of the amended budget.

b. **Draft 2025/2026 Annual Budget Bylaw** **D**

Secretary Treasurer Guy presented the draft 2025/2026 Annual Budget and the total budget bylaw amount of \$30,971,370 for the Board's consideration

Moved and seconded that the Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2025/26 be read for the second time and passed.

CARRIED 45/25



Moved and seconded that the Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2025/26 be read for the third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED 46/25

c. **Draft Long-Range Facilities Plan 2024/25-2033/34 D**

Joel Palmer, of Palmer Management Consulting, offered Trustees a comprehensive overview of the draft Long Range Facilities Plan. This plan, which is recommended to be updated every 3 to 5 years, typically covers a 10-year planning horizon. It incorporates considerations such as facility condition, enrolment forecasts, grade configurations, government and Ministry priorities and other relevant trends. Mr. Palmer noted that the District's building facilities are in very good condition relative to their age. An area of concern is the number of seismic upgrade projects that have not been approved for capital funding, and it was noted that Provincial funding priorities have placed emphasis on the construction of new buildings over the completion of seismic mitigation projects.

d. **Draft 2026/27 Five Year Capital Plan – Major Submission D**

The five year capital plan – major submission was presented requesting funding for Seismic Mitigation Program projects at schools on Mayne Island, Saturna Island, Galiano Island and Salt Spring Island.

Moved and Seconded that the Board approves the 2026/2027 Five-Year Capital Plan – Major Submission

CARRIED 47/25

e. **Carbon Neutral Report**

The Board received the 2024 Public Sector Organization Climate Change Accountability Report (PSO CCAR) which highlighted efforts to reduce consumption.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Committee of the Whole** – no report

b. **Education Committee**

The Board received the 2025 05 28 Education Meeting Summary by consensus

c. **Finance, Audit & Facilities Committee** – no report

d. **Policy Committee**

The Board received the 2025 05 28 Policy Meeting Summary by consensus.

i. *Policy 5.12 Annual Budget*



Moved and Seconded that the Board approves amendments and renumbering of Policy 5.12 Annual Budget (replacing Policy 605 Annual Budget).

CARRIED 48/25

Moved and Seconded that the Board repeals Policy 606 Budget Monitoring and Reporting.

CARRIED 49/25

ii. 5.20 Student Fees and Financial Hardship

Moved and Seconded that the Board approves adopted Policy 5.20 Student Fees and Financial Hardship.

CARRIED 50/25

Moved and Seconded that the Board repeals Policy 6700 Student Financial Assistance and Policy 6750 School Fees.

CARRIED 51/25

Through newly adopted policy 5.20 Student Fees and Financial Hardship, the Board has committed to supporting students with financial need to access their educational programs. Operationalizing the policy becomes the responsibility of staff.

Moved and seconded that payment of boarding assistance not exceed a budget of \$20 000 for the 2025/2026 school year, and the practice be discontinued in the 2026/2027 school year.

DEFEATED

iii. 5.30 Reimbursement of Expenses

Moved and Seconded that the Board approves amendments, renumbering and renaming of Policy 5.30 Expense Reimbursement (replacing Policy and Procedure 6500 Travel Expenses).

CARRIED 52/25

iv. 5.40 Donations and Gifts

Moved and Seconded that the Board approves amendments, renumbering and renaming of Policy 5.40 Donations and Gifts (replacing Policy and Procedure 630 Education Trust Fund)

CARRIED 53/25

v. 5.60 School Closure



Moved and Seconded that the Board approves amendments, renumbering and renaming of Policy 5.60 School Closure (replacing Policy and Procedure 635 Permanent School Closure)

CARRIED 54/25

vi. *1.22 Trustee Remuneration*

Moved and seconded that the Board approves amendments to Policy 1.22 Trustee Remuneration

CARRIED 55/25

vii. *2.90 Employee Conflict of Interest*

Notice of Motion was presented to adopt new Policy 2.90 Employee Conflict of Interest. The draft policy will be circulated for feedback. Board will consider feedback and approval and the September 10, 2025 public Board Meeting.

viii. *Policies and Procedure to be Repealed in Favour of Administrative Practices*

Moved and seconded that the following Policies and Procedures be repealed in favour of Administrative Practices:

- *Procedure 410 Student Transportation*
- *Procedure 615 Disposal of Equipment*
- *Procedure 6200 Purchasing and Tendering*
- *Procedure 6300 Retention/Destruction of Records*
- *Policy 6450 and Procedure 6450 School-Generated Funds*
- *Policy 6850 and Procedures 6850 Public Use of School Facilities/Joint Use, and forms 6850-1, 6850-2, 6850-3, 6850-4, and 6850-5*
- *Policy 6900 and Procedure 6900 Outdoor Play Areas*
- *Policy 203 and Procedure 203 Property Control Procedure*
- *Procedure 6750 School Fees*

CARRIED 56/25

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Macdonald attended Time Lord, Fulford School's year end play, and extended appreciation to Kate Richer for directing the production. The PAC hosted a parent information night focused on parenting with a growth mindset. Upcoming events at Fulford include a year-end student picnic and Grade 7 Graduation.

Trustee Lucas reported that Pender Islands School is actively working to increase PAC engagement. The upcoming year end events include Fun Day and Grade 9 Graduation & Dance.

Trustee Georgeson shared that Penelakut students visited Galiano on June 9, and Lions Club provided lunch for the group. Students are looking forward to Fun Day on May 23. Galiano School's older class is



taking the lead on establishing a gaga ball court at the school. Trustee Georgeson expressed that she is looking forward to the District-wide Indigenous People's Day celebration.

Vice Chair Luporini noted that Mayne Island students travelled to Galiano Island to join Penelakut Island students for a shared day of activities. Mayne Island students are preparing for their musical theatre production Digging Up Dessa. Additional year-end events include a visit to the Light Trap and an evening awards presentation.

Trustee Boulter emphasized the many graduation activities underway at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Trustee Boulter shared her participation in the Compassionate Systems leadership workshops which are being attended by 260 participants from around the world.

Trustee Pingle recounted his experience as a roadie for the GISPA production tour to Mayne and Pender Islands. He noted that 64GO is in the process of forming a PAC. Trustee Pingle commended the Fernwood School PAC for being a strong and engaged group of parents who value communication from the Board.

Chair Katrensky highlighted the variety of upcoming year-end activities and field trips at Saturna Island School. She also noted the recent Saturna Island Pride Parade, which brought together students of all ages and served as a reminder of inclusion and belonging in our communities.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

The chair received questions from delegates and the public.

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- a. Regular Board Meeting – Sept. 10, 2025
- b. Policy Committee and Committee of the Whole –Sept 24, 2025

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 3:01 p.m.

CARRIED 57/25

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer