



Present:	Chaya Katrensky Deborah Luporini Gregory Lucas Tisha Boulter Nancy Macdonald Rob Pingle Jeannine Georgeson Jill Jensen Jesse Guy Lori Deacon Boe Beardsmore Adrian Pendergast Marc Wright Shauna Klem	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Director of Corporate Services Associate Superintendent District Principal Information Technology Manager Executive Assistant
Guests:	Andrew McPhee Katherine Hazen Shelly Johnson	GITA President DPAC Representative GIPVP Representative
Absent:	Angela Thomas	CUPE President

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Katrensky. Chair Katrensky 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 09 10 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 06 11 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 58/25



4. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

The Summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting for 2025 06 11 was adopted as presented by consensus.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

a. **Board Annual Work Plan D B**

The Board received the 2025/2026 Annual Work Plan. The document highlights obligations from the Ministry and BCSTA, as well as policy timelines and serves as a framework to guide the Board's strategic priorities.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. **IEC Update K D B U**

A summary of the September 8, 2025 Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Meeting, at Quw'utsun' Heritage Center, was presented. Quw'utsun, Penelakut, Lyackson, Halalt and the WSANEC school board have appointed representatives to the IEC. The Terms of Reference were approved at the meeting. Quw'utsun' Education Director Roxanne Harris was elected Chair and Malahat Chief Gordon Harry was elected Vice-Chair. The IEC appointed a working group to update the expiring Enhancement Agreement. The next IEC meeting will be held on November 3, 2025.

b. **2025 Enhancing Student Learning Report K D B U**

Superintendent Jensen presented the draft Enhancing Student Learning Report (ESLR) for the Board's approval. The report is an annual review that highlights the district's approach to planning, evaluation and growth. Jill Jensen emphasized that students remain central to the plan and the district's intention is to have students who are both educated citizens and well human beings. She noted that the Ministry data is delayed, while the district data is from last school year. School District 64 continues to be top-ranking within the province. The district's 6-year completion rates remain at 100%. One area identified as requiring more attention is student wellbeing. Superintendent Jensen shared examples of how wellbeing is being addressed in our schools.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the 2025 Enhancing Student Learning Report for School District 64 (Gulf Islands).

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9. **SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

a. **Audit Report D**



The Board received a clean audit opinion from the external audit team. No issues of note were found during KPMG's audit of the district's 2024/2025 Financial Statements.

b. 2024/2025 Audited Financial Statement D

Secretary Treasurer Guy presented the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2025.

Moved and seconded that Board of Education approve the 2024/2025 School District 64 (Gulf Islands) Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2025.

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c. Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis Report D

Secretary-Treasurer Jesse Guy shared the 2024/2025 Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis report. Continuing into the 2025/2026 Annual Budget for 2025/2026, Funding Protection and all revenue sources have been fully utilized to support regular programming. The Accumulated Operating Surplus, which had grown following funding protection, is no longer increasing and it is being strategically allocated toward long-term investments in the district. The district has observed a decline in geographic based enrollment over the last few decades. This trend was a consideration in the reconfiguration model which allows the district to adjust enrolment by a few hundred students without impacting the current building organization.

The Accumulated Operating Surplus stands at \$2.7M, representing 11% of the year's operating expenses. The district plans to gradually reduce this surplus to approximately 5% (or \$1.3M) of annual operating revenue/expenses. This reflects a commitment to sustainability, prudent resource management, and strategic investments that enhance the learning environment.

d. Long Range Facilities Plan 2024/25 – 2033/35 D

The Long-Range Facilities Plan is designed to guide capital planning decisions, validate annual capital plan submissions to the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI), and provide high-level facilities information. It serves to generally support a long-term vision for management of school district buildings and properties. The Plan will be available on the district website for public access.

e. Draft 2026/2027 Five-Year Capital Plan – Minor Submission

Secretary-Treasurer Jesse Guy presented the Five-Year Capital Plan - Minor Submission for 2026/2027 school year. Planned projects include building upgrades at Saturna School, a roof upgrade at Gulf Islands Secondary School, an HVAC system update at Fulford School, hazardous materials abatement across the district, accessibility improvements at Mayne Island School, lighting upgrades at Galiano School and enhancements to the district's Food Program.

Moved and seconded that the 2026/2027 Five-Year Capital Plan, Minor Submission be approved.

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f. **Facilities – Summer Work Projects Update**

The Board reviewed a report outlining capital projects worked on over the summer including office and washroom renovations at SSE, EV charger installations at Galiano and Pender Islands schools, playground replacement and gym floor resurfacing at SSE, electric bus replacement, and kitchen and equipment upgrades at GISS and Pender School. Some projects are still in progress.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

b. **Education Committee** – no report

c. **Finance, Audit & Facilities Committee**

The Board received the 2025 06 25 Pre-Audit Meeting Summary by consensus.

d. **Policy Committee**

i. *Policy 2.90 Employee Conflict of Interest*

A Notice of Motion to adopt the policy was presented at the June 10, 2025 meeting in public and the policy was circulated for feedback. No feedback was received.

Moved and seconded that the Board adopt new policy 2.90 Employee Conflict of Interest.

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11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Gregory Lucas reported that BCPSEA has upcoming online courses and a Bargaining Update phone call scheduled. Trustee Lucas attended the District Health and Safety meeting, led by District Principal Dan Sparanese, which focused on the Ministry's requirement for schools to have AEDs and naloxone kits available on site.

Trustee Jeannine Georgeson presented at the Canadian School Boards Association conference in July, highlighting their work on ecocultural mapping.

Chair Chaya Katrensky participated in a BCSTA Board Chair call on September 4. Topics discussed included the Ministry's focus on student safety, new mandates regarding AEDs and naloxone kits in schools, board engagement with Indigenous Education Councils, the success of the Feeding Futures program, and efforts to expand childcare availability.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

13. **QUESTION PERIOD**

The chair received questions from delegates and the public.



14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- a. Regular Board Meeting – October 8, 2025 at School Board Office
- b. Policy and Committee of the Whole – September 24, 2025

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 2:29 p.m.

CARRIED 63/25

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer