Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
School Board Office
2025 10 08

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
	Adrian Pendergast	District Principal
	Marc Wright	Information Technology Manager
	Shauna Klem	Executive Assistant
Guests:	Andrew McPhee	GITA President
	Angela Thomas	CUPE President
Absent:	DPAC Representative	
	GIPVPA Representative	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair 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, SENĆOŦEN and Lummi 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 10 08 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 09 10 be approved as presented.

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4. IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES

The Summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting for 2025 09 10 was adopted as presented by consensus.

The Summary of the Special In-Camera Meeting for 2025 10 01 was adopted as presented by consensus.

5. DELEGATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

a. **VISTA update** **K D B U**

Chairperson Chaya Katrensky reported on the VISTA conference in Campbell River held October 3 – 4. The event featured presentations on anti-ablism and disability justice, land-based learning and inclusive education.

b. **Board Chair Call with Minister Beare** **K D B U**

Chair Katrensky reported on the Board Chairs' call with Minister Beare. Key topics included: legislative changes regarding childcare on school property, the $5.4 million Ministry investment to develop more inclusive and representative teacher training programs, and the introduction of a new centralized hub under the Ministry of Citizen Services.

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. The IEC has adopted a Terms of Reference and is requesting that the Board approve full involvement of an IEC member in the hiring process for School District 64 Superintendent and Indigenous Education Principal. The next IEC meeting will be held on November 3, 2025.

Moved and Seconded that the Board approve full involvement of a member of the Indigenous Education Council in the Superintendent and Indigenous Education Principal hiring process.

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b. **School Plans 2025/2026** **K D B U**

School learning plans will be posted on school websites in the coming week. Once posted, links will be shared with Trustees.

c. **Strategic Plan Review** **K D B U**

The annual review of the Gulf Island School District Strategic Direction was provided to the Board. Progress is evaluated using the SD64 Work Plan Cycle, which operationalizes the 2024-2028 Strategic

Direction. Superintendent Jensen emphasized the extensive work undertaken to support Policy Renovation, with a focus on updating policies that promote diversity, equity and inclusion. The development of the Indigenous Education Council has been a meaningful experience, and the district recognizes the importance of continuing this work to support all students with guidance from the IEC. The district reports a 100% six-year completion rate for Indigenous students in 2023/2024. Additional highlights included department plans, the Blueprint of Action to ensure equity of experiences and opportunities for all students, Early Learning, Feeding Futures, technology innovation and services, environmental sustainability, respectful communication, and governance planning, alignment and coherence.

d. **Enrolment Update K B**
District Principal Adrian Pendergast provided an enrolment update showing district enrolment as of September 30. It was noted that enrolment is currently 44 FTE above what was projected by schools in the spring for a total September 2025 enrolment of 1,448 FTE.

e. **Staffing Update K B**
District Principal Pendergast reported that the district has successfully filled GITA and CUPE positions for the school year.

Adrian Pendergast left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

f. **Anti-racism Survey Review K D B U**
Associate Superintendent Boe Beardsmore presented the results of the Annual Anti-Racism survey completed by school staff in June 2025. The district has made significant progress in several key areas, including recognizing the importance of anti-racism education, individual anti-racism learning journeys, and individual comfort levels in engaging in discussions with students on anti-racism and ethnocultural diversity. The survey revealed that not all staff members are aware of the Anti-Racism resources available to them. In response, the district will be exploring ways to better support schools in utilizing Anti-Racism resources and tools.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

a. **Monthly Financial Report D**
The Board reviewed the Monthly Operating Expenditure Report for September which shows expenses are slightly below expected budget levels by 0.69%.

b. **Program Review Phase 3 - GISPA K D**
Phase 3 of the Educational Program Review Timeline is a review of Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts. Secretary Treasurer Guy provided an overview of the timeline of this review and the criteria that will be used to evaluate the program. There will be a dedicated email, engagement@sd64.org, created to receive public feedback to be considered for the report.

c. **Fall Transportation Update** **D**

Secretary-Treasurer Jesse Guy reported that nine bus routes are currently operating, and every student who registered for bus transportation has been assigned a seat. Early registration enabled the district to make adjustments that better accommodate all students. To support cost saving measures, the district has prioritized assigning electric buses to the longest routes.

d. **64GO PAC** **B** **D**

The Board received correspondence requesting approval to establish a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for the 64GO program.

Moved and seconded that the Board approve the establishment of the School District 64 (Gulf Islands) 64GO (06499172) Parent Advisory Council (PAC) providing the PAC will function within the guidelines established by the School Act section 8.

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10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Committee of the Whole**

The Board received the 2025 09 24 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary by consensus.

b. **Education Committee –** no report

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

d. **Policy Committee**

The Board received the 2025 09 24 Policy Committee Meeting Summary by consensus**.**

i. *Policy 5.65 Naming of Facilities*

Notice of Motion was presented to adopt the new Policy 5.65 Naming of Facilities. The draft policy will be circulated for feedback. Feedback and adoption will be considered by the Board at the November 19, 2025 meeting in public.

ii. *Policy 1.21 Role of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson*

The policy was amended to replace “shall” with “may” in relation to the Vice-Chairs responsibility to attend agenda setting meetings.

Moved and seconded that the Board approves amendment to Policy 1.21 Role of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

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iii. *Policy 1.22 Trustee Remuneration*
Housekeeping amendments were made to update trustee remuneration amounts to reflect the Canadian Consumer Price Index. Guideline 4 was added to require review of the policy in the last full year of a board's elected term.

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

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Moved and seconded that, effective November 1, 2026, the Board approves changes to trustee annual remuneration allocations as follows: an amount shall be reallocated from the Vice-Chair's annual remuneration allocation to the Chair's annual remuneration allocation, resulting in the Chair's annual remuneration being 17% greater than that of the Vice-Chair.

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Beyond November 1, 2026, unless otherwise amended, trustee remuneration shall continue to be adjusted annually to reflect the Canadian Consumer Price Index established in July of each year (as per Policy 1.22).

iv. *Policy 2.30 Anti Racism*
Notice of Motion was presented to amend Policy 2.30 Anti-Racism clause 4.4, removing "in May". The policy will be circulated for feedback. Feedback and adoption will be considered by the Board at the November 19, 2025 meeting in public.

Adrian Pendergast returned to the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

a. BCPSEA
Trustee Greg Lucas attended a recent BCPSEA meeting focused on bargaining. During the meeting, recommendations were provided regarding communication with the public and media. Trustee Lucas noted that the upcoming BCPSEA symposium is on November 6 and 7, 2025.

b. Provincial Council – no report

c. Health and Safely – no new report

d. Other – no report

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

a. Regular Board Meeting – November 19, 2025 at School Board Office
b. Education and Policy Committee – December 10, 2025 on-line

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 2:24 p.m.

CARRIED 70/25

Date: ______________________________ ______________________________
Chairperson

Certified Correct: ______________________________
Secretary Treasurer