



<b>Present:</b>	<p>Chaya Katrensky Deborah Luporini Tisha Boulter Nancy Macdonald Rob Pingle Jill Jensen Jesse Guy Boe Beardsmore Adrian Pendergast Lori Deacon Marc Wright Shauna Klem</p>	<p>Chairperson Vice Chairperson Trustee Trustee Trustee Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Associate Superintendent Director of Instruction Director of Corporate Services Information Technology Manager Executive Assistant</p>
<b>Guests:</b>	<p>Jason Donaldson Ryan Massey Kalliope Abbott Asher Bryant Finn Bryant Kaelyn Dennis Catalina Finnie Reine Lecuyer Clara Palmer-Bazdresch Jasmine Panintuan</p>	<p>GISS Teacher GISS Principal GISS Student Council GISS Student Council</p>
<b>Absent:</b>	<p>Jeanine Georgeson Greg Lucas Angela Thomas Andrew McPhee Shelly Johnson</p>	<p>Trustee Trustee CUPE President GITA President GIPVPA Representative DPAC Representative</p>

**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 of living on the sacred traditional territory of the Coast Salish communities, specifically the Hul’qumi’num, and SENĆOTEN 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 2026 01 14 was adopted by consensus.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2025 11 12 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 1/26

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2025 11 12 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 2/26

4. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

Moved and seconded that the summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting held 2025 11 12 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 3/26

Moved and seconded that the summary of the Special In-Camera Meeting held 2025 12 10 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 4/26

5. **DELEGATIONS**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

a. **BCSTA Academy K D B U**

Chair Katrensky reported on the BCSTA Academy that trustees attended in November, highlighting a presentation on democracy starting in public schools.

b. **Committee Appointments K D B U**

Chair Katrensky summarized changes to Education, Finance, Audit & Facilities (FAF) and Policy Committee appointments. Trustee Boulter has assumed the position of Chair of the FAF Committee and joined the Policy Committee. Trustees Luporini and Macdonald have joined the FAF Committee.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. **Student Council K D B U**



A delegation of eight students from the Gulf Island Secondary School student council were welcomed to the meeting. Jasmine Panintuan and Kalliope Abbott, co-presidents of student council, shared the council's enthusiasm to contribute to Board meetings this school year.

b. **District Update K D B U**

Superintendent Jill Jensen presented the Professional Standards for BC Educators. Associate Superintendent Beardsmore provided a review of the SD64 Theory of Action and Equity Tool. The Equity Tool is unique to this district. Through the Theory of Action, SD64 is ensuring equity of experiences and opportunities for all students. The three elements (Frameworks, School-based Teams, and IPass) make the educational process and journey of each student visible. Fulford School has been selected to complete the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) assessment.

c. **BAA Course U D**

Superintendent Jensen spoke about the importance of the arts and arts education and provided a draft BAA course, Improv Theatre 11, for the Board's consideration.

GISS teacher Jason Donaldson, who drafted the BAA course framework, shared his love for teaching theatre arts. This course focuses on developing creativity, collaboration, and performance skills through the principles and practices of Improvisational Theatre. Students will engage in physical and vocal work, short and long-form improv, and reflective research to build confidence, adaptability, communication, and emotional intelligence. The course emphasizes ensemble building, storytelling, and responsiveness, closing with improvised performances and a final research presentation. Mr. Donaldson answered questions from trustees.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves Board/Authority Authorized Course: Improv Theatre 11.

CARRIED 5/26

Jason Donaldson left the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

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

The next IEC meeting will be held on February 2, 2026. Agenda items will include the Enhancement Agreement revision and a presentation on Anatomy and Physiology 12.

e. **Outer Island Programming B U D**

Changes to AP A5 Student Registration and Placement and AP T5 Student Transportation were shared. These updates allow for out of catchment students from Mayne and Galiano Island who are cross-boundary enrolled at Pender Islands School to access water taxi transportation, space permitting. The cross-boundary request deadline is February 15. Secretary Treasurer Guy clarified how projections for water taxi transportation numbers are made.



f. **New Administrative Practices D**

Newly published Administrative Practices G1 Organizational Structure, G2 Board Annual Workplan and L8 Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards were reviewed.

9. **SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

a. **Monthly Financial Report D**

Secretary Treasurer Guy shared the Monthly Operating Expenditure Report for December which shows expenses are slightly overbudget by 0.5%.

b. **Draft Amended Budget 2025/2026 D**

The 2025-2026 Annual Amended Budget Discussion was presented. The Amended Budget accounts for slightly higher student numbers, though revenue remains stable due to Funding Protection. Estimated wage increases and Labour Settlement Funding are not included, as provincial teacher and support staff bargaining is still ongoing. Similar to other districts across the province, budget pressures continue due to inflation in materials and supplies and three years of partially funded labour agreements, resulting in the need to find reductions. Secretary Treasurer Guy shared the draft Amended Annual Budget which shows a total budget bylaw amount of \$31,203,877.

c. **Educational Program Review, Phase 3 U D**

The Board received the GISPA report, submitted by district staff as part of the Phase 3 Educational Program Review. GISS will conduct a comprehensive review of its programming, including assessing current offerings, analyzing student participation, and facilitating a school-wide discussion with staff and students.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

b. **Education Committee B U D**

The Board received the 2025 12 10 Education Meeting Summary by consensus.

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

d. **Policy Committee U D**

The Board received the 2025 12 10 Policy Meeting Summary by consensus.

i. *District Emergency Protocols AP Manual*

Moved and seconded that that the Board repeal the following policies and procedures in favour of Administrative Practices Manual:

- *Procedure 3050 Emergency Management and Response (and forms 3050-1, 3050),*
- *Procedure 3051 Fire Management and Response,*



- *Procedure 3052 Earthquake Management and Response,*
- *Policy and Procedure 3056 Unwelcome Visitors/Intruders, and*
- *Policy and Procedure 3550 First Aid and Accident Reports.*

CARRIED 6/26

ii. *Policy and Procedures 4260 Student Illness and Injury*

Moved and seconded that the Board repeal Policy and Procedure 4260 Student Illness and Injury in favour of an administrative practice.

CARRIED 7/26

i. *Draft Policy 4.60 Unexpected Health Emergencies*

Notice of Motion was presented to adopt new policy 4.60 Unexpected Health Emergencies. The policy will be circulated for feedback. Feedback and adoption will be considered by the Board at the February 11 meeting in public.

**11. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

- a. **BCPSEA** – no report
- b. **Provincial Council** – no report
- c. **Health and Safety** – no report
- d. **Other**

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

The Chair received questions from GISS student council.

**14. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- a. Finance, Audit & Facilities and Education Committee Meetings – January 28, 2026, online
- b. Regular Board Meeting – February 11, 2026, School Board Office

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved to adjourn at 2:24 p.m.

CARRIED 8/26



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairperson

Certified Correct:

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Secretary Treasurer