



Present:	Chaya Katrensky	Chairperson
	Deborah Luporini	Vice Chairperson
	Tisha Boulter	Trustee
	Jeanine Georgeson	Trustee
	Greg Lucas	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Jill Jensen	Superintendent of Schools
	Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer
	Boe Beardsmore	Associate Superintendent
	Adrian Pendergast	Director of Instruction
	Lori Deacon	Director of Corporate Services
	Shauna Klem	Executive Assistant
	John Wright	Network Systems Analyst

Guests:	Andrew McPhee	GITA President
	Angela Thomas	CUPE President
	Ryan Massey	GISS Principal
	Kalliope Abbott	GISS Student Council
	Asher Bryant	GISS Student Council
	Kaelyn Dennis	GISS Student Council
	Catalina Finnie	GISS Student Council
	Elliotte Gossett	GISS Student Council
	Rory McArthur	GISS Student Council
	Clara Palmer-Bazdresch	GISS Student Council
	Jasmine Pamintuan	GISS Student Council
	Marissa Shirk	GISS Student Council

Absent:	Shelly Johnson	GIPVPA Representative
		DPAC Representative (viewed livestream)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Katrensky. The Chair expressed her deepest condolences to the community of Tumbler Ridge and requested a moment of silence in recognition of yesterday's tragedy. Vice Chair Luporini 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 2026 02 11 was adopted by consensus.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2026 01 14 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 9/26

4. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

Moved and seconded that the summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting held 2026 01 14 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 10/26

5. **DELEGATIONS**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

a. **Broadcasting Update D B U**

Trustees reviewed the broadcasting data summary prepared by Information Technology Manager Marc Wright. Updated livestream engagement metrics will be presented at the April 22 Committee of the Whole Meeting, for trustees to consider meeting format options for next year.

b. **VISTA K D B U**

Trustees and staff are attending the VISTA Spring Gathering in Cowichan on March 6 and 7, where they will present *Walking in Both Worlds*, highlighting the connection between governance and classroom practice.

c. **Superintendent Job Description D**

The Roles and Responsibilities of the Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer were shared. The Chair explained that BCSTA is developing resources to help districts with this work. The job description will be brought to the April 22 Committee of the Whole Meeting, along with draft Policy 1.60 Role, Responsibilities, and Expectations of the Superintendent of Schools, for further discussion.



8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

A delegation of nine students from the Gulf Island Secondary School Student Council shared a presentation outlining their recent and ongoing work. This year's projects include creating a music exchange program, "choose your own assignment" learning opportunities, advocating for an additional evacuation chair, and having outer island representation on the Council. The Council will interview students to help determine future initiatives.

b. **District Update D**

Superintendent Jill Jensen reported that the inclusive education audit will take place during the week of February 23 – 27 and expressed appreciation to district staff for their ongoing preparation. A successful Professional Development Day was held on February 6, featuring several relevant sessions. It was clarified that BC requires children to be 5 years old in 2026 to enroll in Kindergarten for September 2026, and that Kindergarten enrolment is optional in the province.

c. **HR Update D**

Director of Instruction Pendergast informed Trustees that staffing processes are underway and currently focused on reviewing projected enrolment for 2026-2027 and assessing staffing requirements.

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

Superintendent Jensen reported progress on renewing the district's Enhancement Agreement, noting ongoing collaboration with Education Consultant Denise Augustine and upcoming meetings with key IEC and WSÁNEĆ representatives. The IEC received an update on SD64's upcoming presentation to VISTA on Walking in Both Worlds and expressed strong support for the BAA course, Two-Eyed Seeing Anatomy & Physiology 12, which blends provincial curriculum with Indigenous teachings through land-based learning. Council members committed to advocating for the course's recognition within the provincial graduation program, including coordinated outreach to FNESC and the Ministry.

District updates highlighted active cultural programming for the district's 177 Indigenous learners, including Culture Clubs, Language Lunches, and the integration of SENĆOŦEN and Hul'q'umi'num language teachings throughout schools. Initiatives such as new territorial acknowledgements, planning for weaving and drum-making workshops, and preparations for Indigenous Peoples Day, proposed for June 17, were shared. The Council also approved the district's call for Coast Salish artwork submissions for future official gifts. The next IEC meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2026 at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

a. **Monthly Financial Report D**

Secretary Treasurer Guy shared the Monthly Operating Expenditure Report for January which shows expenses are slightly underbudget by 0.2%.



Adrian Pendergast left meeting at 1:39 p.m.

b. Draft Amended Budget 2025/2026 D

Secretary Treasurer Guy shared the draft Amended Annual Budget which shows a total budget bylaw amount of \$31,203,877.

Unanimous consent that the 2025/2026 amended budget bylaw receive all three readings at this time.

CARRIED 11/26

Moved and seconded that the 2025/2026 Amended Budget Bylaw be read a first time and passed.

CARRIED 12/26

Moved and seconded that the 2025/2026 Amended Budget Bylaw be read a second time and passed.

CARRIED 13/26

Moved and seconded that the 2025/2026 Amended Budget Bylaw be read a third time, passed and approved.

CARRIED 14/26

c. 2026-2027 Projected Enrolment U D

The Board reviewed the projected 2026–2027 enrolment numbers for district schools. Projections indicate a total district enrolment of 1,420 students. The district anticipates a slight decline in enrolment, with early estimates suggesting a decrease of approximately 15 students compared to enrolment reported in September.

d. Hydro Field Update

Secretary Treasurer Guy reported that upgrades to the hydro field will begin in May. The CRD will undertake the work, which includes improving grass field drainage, adding a baseball field and installing washroom facilities.

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. Policy 4.60 Unexpected Health Emergencies

This policy was drafted in response to Ministry requirements and was circulated for feedback on January 14, 2026. No feedback received.

Moved and seconded that the Board adopt Policy 4.60 Unexpected Health Emergencies

CARRIED 15/26

ii. Bylaw #1 Election Procedures

The Bylaw was amended to align with BCSTA suggested language and legislative requirements.

Moved and seconded that Bylaw #1 Election Procedures receive first reading and be circulated for feedback. Feedback and adoption will be considered by the Board at the April 8 meeting in public.

CARRIED 16/26

iii. Draft Policy 1.60 Role, Responsibilities and Expectations of the Superintendent of Schools.

With job description and policy resources expected from BCSTA around the role and responsibilities of Superintendents, the draft Policy will be brought to the April 22, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- a. **BCPSEA** – Trustee Lucas participated in the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting held on January 29, where the 2026-2027 budget was approved, Special Resolutions were considered, and elections for the Board of Directors were conducted.
- b. **Provincial Council** – no report
- c. **Health and Safety** – Trustee Lucas reported that District Principal Dan Sparanese is conducting a comprehensive review of district health and safety procedures.
- d. **Other**

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair received questions from delegates and the public.

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- a. Regular Board Meeting – April 6, 2026, School Board Office
- b. Finance, Audit and Facilities and Committee of the Whole Meetings – April 22, Teams



15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 2:06 p.m.

CARRIED 17/26

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer