



Present:	Chaya Katrensky Deborah Luporini Tisha Boulter Greg Lucas Nancy Macdonald Rob Pingle Jill Jensen Jesse Guy Boe Beardsmore Adrian Pendergast Lori Deacon Shauna Klem Marc Wright	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Associate Superintendent Director of Instruction Director of Corporate Services Executive Assistant Information Technology Manager
Guests:	Andrew McPhee Angela Thomas Candace Arthur Ryan Massey Jasmine Pamintuan Theo Carson Posey Hertman Marissa Shirk DJ Supina	GITA President CUPE President DPAC Representative GISS Principal GISS Student Council Co-President GISS Student Council GISS Student Council GISS Student Council GISS Student Council
Absent:	Jeannine Georgeson Shelly Johnson	Trustee GIPVPA Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Katrensky. Trustee Lucas 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**

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session, held 2026 04 08 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 18/26

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2026 02 11 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 19/26

4. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

Moved and seconded that the summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting held 2026 02 11 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 20/26

Moved and seconded that the summary of the Special In-Camera Meeting held 2026 03 04 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 21/26

5. **DELEGATIONS**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

a. **Spring VISTA Conference K B U D**

Trustees and staff attended the Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association Spring Conference in Cowichan on March 6-7. The district presented *Walking in Both Worlds*, highlighting the connection between governance and classroom practice. The presentation was very positively received. Conference highlights included a tour of Nourish Cowichan to learn about its food program and a visit to Quw'utsen Secondary School.

b. **BCSTA Motions K B U D**

Trustees and staff will be attending the BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting in Vancouver from April 9-11. Boards of Education from across the province will be considering several motions at the AGM.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

A delegation of five students from the Gulf Island Secondary School Student Council provided an update on their current and ongoing work. A key focus has been the student interview project, which is



gathering student perspectives on learning. The council is working to support stronger connections between students and staff.

b. District Update D

Superintendent Jensen presented information from the How Are We Doing report, which focuses on the outcomes for Indigenous students, as well as the Annual School District Report. She emphasized the importance of human and social development alongside intellectual achievement. Transition and completion rates in the district are above provincial averages. A review of the Student Learning Survey indicates there is further work to be done to improve student well-being.

Attendance rates for Indigenous learners in Kindergarten – Grade 7 have decreased, while attendance rates for Grades 8-12 have increased. This will be an area of focused attention.

Ministry feedback indicates the district team effectively reviews and triangulates data to monitor and adjust strategies within a continuous improvement cycle. The team demonstrates strong vertical and horizontal coherence and collective responsibility for Indigenous learners' success through actions aligned with strategic priorities.

The primary area for growth is improving the clarity of how the district communicates its work. This includes more clearly describing horizontal alignment and continuous improvement processes at both the district and school levels, how school planning supports the development and monitoring of targeted strategies to address inequities, and how high impact strategies are identified and refined to improve learning outcomes for priority populations. Separating analysis from interpretation in future reports will further support clearer identification of growth areas and more precise interventions.

c. IEC Update K B U D

The next IEC meeting will be held on May 4 at Gulf Island Secondary School. Council members will be visiting the land and ongoing projects at Xwaaqw'um.

d. 2025-2029 BCPSEA-BCTF Provincial Collective Agreement D U

Director of Instruction Pendergast acknowledged the ratification of collective agreement language for the BCPSEA-BCTF Provincial Collective Agreement.

e. Staffing and Enrolment Update D U

Director of Instruction Pendergast provided the Board with an update on the staffing process. Student enrolment projections for the 2026/27 school year indicate a small decline in enrolment. School configuration work and related staffing requirements have begun.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

a. Monthly Financial Report D



Secretary Treasurer Guy shared the Monthly Operating Expenditure Report for March, which indicates expenses are slightly under the amended budget by 0.5%, with 73% of the fiscal year completed.

b. 2026/2027 Capital Plan Response Letter and Bylaw D U

Secretary Treasurer Guy presented Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD64-01. Approved projects include GISS roofing improvements, the purchase of an electric school bus, HVAC upgrades at Fulford Elementary, and school kitchen upgrades.

Unanimous consent that Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD64-0 receive all three readings at this time.

CARRIED 22/26

Moved and seconded that Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD64-0 be read a first time and passed.

CARRIED 23/26

Moved and seconded that Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD64-0 be read a second time and passed.

CARRIED 24/26

Moved and seconded that Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD64-0 be read a third time and approved.

CARRIED 25/26

c. 2026-2027 School Bus Registration U D

School bus registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open from April 1 – April 30. Registration forms are available on the district website.

d. Chief Elections Officer

The district is required, under the *Local Government Act*, to appoint a Chief Elections Officer to oversee trustee elections.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) appoint Secretary Treasurer Jesse Guy as the Chief Elections Officer to administer and conduct the school trustee elections on October 17, 2026.

CARRIED 26/26

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

b. **Education Committee** – no report

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



d. **Policy Committee U D**

i. *Bylaw #1 Trustee Elections*

The bylaw was read for the first time on February 11, 2026 and circulated for feedback. No feedback was received.

Moved and seconded that Bylaw #1 Trustee Elections be read for the second time and passed.

CARRIED 27/26

Moved and seconded that Bylaw #1 Trustee Elections be read for the third time and adopted.

CARRIED 28/26

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

a. **BCPSEA**

Trustee Lucas informed trustees about BCPSEA hiring incentives, the student loan forgiveness program, and upcoming professional development opportunities for leadership staff.

b. **Provincial Council**

Vice Chair Luporini will be attending the Provincial Council meeting on Friday, April 10.

c. **Health and Safety**

Trustee Lucas reported that the most recent Health and Safety newsletter included information on AED and naloxone training, as well as musculoskeletal safety. Monthly Health and Safety newsletters are available on the district website.

d. **Other**

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

13. **QUESTION PERIOD**

The Chair received questions from delegates and the public.

14. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

- a. Finance, Audit and Facilities and Committee of the Whole Meetings – April 22, Teams
- b. Regular Board Meeting – May 13, School Board Office

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved to adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

CARRIED 29/26



Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer