



Present:	Chaya Katrensky Deborah Luporini Tisha Boulter Jeannine Georgeson 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 Melody Silva Finn Bryant Shaeanna Skye Bella Leeson	GITA President CUPE President Youth In Action Youth In Action GISS Student Council GISS Student Council
Absent:	Shelly Johnson	GIPVPA Representative DPAC Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Katrensky. Superintendent Jensen 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.

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 06 10 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 39/26

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2026 05 13 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 40/26

4. IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES

Moved and seconded that the summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting held 2026 05 13 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 41/26

5. DELEGATIONS

a. Youth In Action

A delegation from the GISS Earth Club presented a student-led proposal to implement a recycling and composting program. The group has secured a recycling partner, installed bins, and initiated student education. A waste audit demonstrated that most school waste is recyclable or compostable.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

a. Celebrating student learning, graduation and staff appreciation **K B U D**

Chair Katrensky reflected on the achievements of the past school year and acknowledged students, staff, trustees, partners, and the community. She congratulated the graduating class of 2026 and expressed gratitude to the Indigenous Education Council.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Gulf Islands Secondary School Student Council provided an update on their current initiatives, including an open meeting to encourage engagement and a year-end meeting that invited proposals for the upcoming year.

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

Superintendent Jensen highlighted initiatives across district schools including kindergarten assessments, student transitions, social emotional skill development, literacy growth, inquiry-based learning, land-based learning, community partnerships, goal-setting efforts, on-going work toward truth, reparation & restoration, and a continued focus on Deepening Learning at GISS.



A total of 81 students received 177 scholarships, bursaries and awards totaling nearly \$300,000. The Battle of the Books event, sponsored by Salt Spring Library, engaged 150 students from five elementary schools.

GISS welding student Antoine Gonzalez placed 5th at the Skills Canada National Competition.

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

Superintendent Jensen outlined the role of the Indigenous Education Council in providing guidance on professional development, culturally relevant activities and resources, reporting requirements, and initiatives supporting Indigenous student success. The Board will consult with local First Nations regarding language, culture, and perspectives in learning environments and staff training.

d. **HR D U**

Director of Instruction Pendergast provided an update on the 2026-2027 staffing process. The GITA recall process is complete, and available positions are currently posted. Educational Assistant positions have been assigned and remaining vacancies are posted.

e. **School Fees D U**

The 2026-2027 school fee schedule was presented and will be posted on the district website.

9. **SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

a. **Monthly Financial Report D**

Secretary Treasurer Guy shared the Monthly Operating Expenditure Report for May, which indicates expenses are slightly over the amended budget by 1.1% with 91% of the year completed. Increased expenditures reflect retroactive pay issued in May. Labour settlement funding was not included in the amended budget due to uncertainty at that time.

b. **Draft 2027-2028 Five Year Major Capital Plan D**

The draft Five-Year Capital Plan – Major Submission was presented requesting funding for Seismic Mitigation Program projects at schools on Mayne Island, Saturna Island, Galiano Island and Salt Spring Island.

Moved and seconded that Board approves the 2027-2028 Five Year Capital Plan – Major Submission.

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c. **Carbon Neutral Report U D**



The Board received the 2025 Public Sector Organization Climate Change Accountability Report which highlighted efforts to reduce consumption.

d. **Trustees Election Update U D**

District staff will host two information sessions prior to the Trustee election on October 17, 2026. The first session, to be held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. will provide information on the Role of a Trustee. The second session, to be held on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams, will address the election process and required paperwork. Key dates and electoral area were reviewed.

e. **Brokerage Account D**

Secretary Treasurer Guy explained the need to open a brokerage account to accept donations of shares for the education trust.

Moved and seconded that the Board authorizes the creation of a brokerage account at the Bank of Montreal for the purpose of receiving securities, and that the administration rights for the account be set up as follows:

- i. The Board Chair and Secretary Treasurer will have trading authorization on the account.
- ii. Signing authorities for amounts up to and including \$75,000 shall be:
Jill Jensen, Chief Executive Officer; or Boe Beardsmore, Associate Superintendent
with Jesse Guy, Secretary Treasurer, or Lori Deacon, Director of Corporate Services
- iii. Signing Authorities for amounts over \$75,000 shall be:
Jesse Guy, Secretary Treasurer, or Jill Jensen, Chief Executive Officer
With Chaya Katrensky, Board Chair, or Rob Pingle, Trustee

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f. **Education Trust Account**

It is recommended that the inactive Education Trust account be closed and remaining funds transferred into the operating account.

Moved and seconded that the Board authorize the closure of the Educational Trust Fund Account #1015 455 held with the Bank of Montreal, and that all remaining funds be transferred to the Operating Bank Account #1003 104 held with the Bank of Montreal.

CARRIED 44/26

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**

The Board received the 2026 05 27 Policy Meeting Summary by consensus

i. *Policies to repeal in favour of Administrative Practices*

A number of policies were identified as operational in nature and better suited as Administrative Practices (Aps). Staff will meld the policies with current APs to ensure no important language is lost.

Moved and seconded that in alignment of the BCSTA Policy Review Committee's recommendations, the Board repeal the following policies in favour of Administrative Practices:

- Policy 4.20 Student Physical Restraint and Seclusion
- Policy 4.30 Severe Allergic Reaction
- Policy 4.40 Provision of Menstrual Products
- Policy 4.50 Video Surveillance
- Policy 4.60 Unexpected Health Emergencies
- Policy 3.50 Curricular, Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular Activities

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ii. *Gender-based and Sexualized Violence*

Policies 2.10 Inclusive and Respectful Environments and 2.20 Sexual Identity, Gender Diversity and Gender Expression were amended to strengthen language reflecting non-tolerance of gender-based and sexualized violence.

Notice of Motion was presented to approve amendments to policies 2.10 Inclusive and Respectful Environments and 2.20 Sexual Identity, Gender Diversity and Gender Expression. These policies will be circulated for feedback. Feedback and approval will be considered by the Board at the September 16, 2026 meeting in public.

iii. *Policy 2.70 Use of Board Property for Child Care*

Notice of Motion was presented to approve amendments to policy 2.70 Use of Board Property for Child Care to align with updated requirements of the Child Care Order. The policy will be circulated for feedback. Feedback and approval will be considered by the Board at the September 16, 2026 meeting in public.

iv. *Policy 1.60 Role and Responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools*

Policy was circulated for feedback. No feedback received.

Moved and seconded that the Board adopt new policy 1.60 Role and Responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED 46/26

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**



12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- a. Regular Board Meeting – September 16, 2026 - School Board Office

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 2:21 p.m.

CARRIED 47/26

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer