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
	Boe Beardsmore	Associate Superintendent
	Lori Deacon	Director of Corporate Services
	Marc Wright	Information Technology Manager
	Shauna Klem	Executive Assistant
Guests:	Andrew McPhee	GITA President
	Angela Thomas	CUPE President
	Katherine Hazen	DPAC Representative
Absent:	Shelly Johnson	GIPVP Representative

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 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 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session, held 2026 09 16 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 48/26

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2026 06 10 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 49/26

4. IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES

Moved and seconded that the Summary of the Regular In-Camera Meeting for 2026 06 10 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 50/26

Moved and seconded that the Summary of the Special In-Camera Meeting for 2026 07 07 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 51/26

5. DELEGATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

a. **Chairperson's Update D B U**

Chair Katrensky shared highlights from her recent Board Chair call with Minister Beare. The Minister expressed appreciation for the service of school trustees and confirmed that school safety remains a priority.

Chair Katrensky thanked the current School Board Trustees for their service to the district and provided an overview of the Board's accomplishments and work undertaken over the past four years.

b. **Board Annual Work Plan D B U**

The Board received the 2026/2027 Annual Work Plan. The document highlights obligations from the Ministry and BCSTA, as well as policy timelines and serves as a framework to guide the Board's strategic priorities.

c. **BCPSEA UPDATE**

Trustee Lucas attended the BC Public School Employer's Association (BCPSEA) AGM on June 15 where the 2025-2026 Audited Financial Statements were presented.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. **2026 Enhancing Student Learning Report K D B U**

Superintendent Jensen presented the draft 2026 Enhancing Student Learning Report (ESLR) for Board approval. The ESLR provides an annual overview of student achievement, well-being, and district priorities. The report reviews progress toward district strategic goals and provincial educational outcomes, using primarily 2024-2025 data. This year's report is an abbreviated update rather than a full report, as the district is in the middle of a three-year reporting cycle. Superintendent Jensen's presentation shared local data and highlighted strong district performance in graduation rates and

improvements in literacy, while emphasizing continued efforts to support Indigenous learners, students in care, students with designations, and to improve well-being for all students.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the 2026 Enhancing Student Learning Report for School District 64 (Gulf Islands).

CARRIED 52/26

b. **IEC Update K D B U**
The first Indigenous Education Council Meeting of the 2026-2027 school year will be held on October 6, at the W̱SÁNEĆ School Boardroom.

c. **HR U**
Superintendent Jensen provided an update on staffing. One teacher vacancy remains, and efforts continue to strengthen the Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) roster. The number of Educational Assistant positions has increased this year, and unfilled positions have been posted. Two Indigenous Support Workers have been hired. The district is experiencing a shortage of bus drivers and those positions remain posted. Superintendent Jensen noted that the CUPE bargaining process is ongoing.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

a. **Audit Report D**
The Board received a clean audit opinion from the external audit team. No issues of note were found during KPMG's audit of the district's 2025/2026 Financial Statements.

b. **2025/2026 Audited Financial Statement D**
Secretary Treasurer Guy presented the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2026.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approve the 2025/2026 School District 64 (Gulf Islands) Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2026.

CARRIED 53/26

c. **Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis Report D**
Secretary Treasurer Jesse Guy shared the 2025/2026 Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis report. The district reported an operating deficit of $192,000 before the purchase of tangible capital assets. After investing $251,000 in capital assets using the Accumulated Operating Surplus, the total operating deficit for the year was $444,000. The ending Operating Accumulated Surplus was $2.3M, while cash and cash equivalents remained stable, increasing slightly from $6.2M to $6.4M.
Full-Time Equivalency enrolment decreased to 1,448 from 1,470 in the previous year. The district continues to monitor declines in enrolment, a trend that was considered in the reconfiguration model and allows the district to accommodate enrolment fluctuations of several hundred students while

maintaining the current building configuration. Stable future enrolment will result in the district exiting Funding Protection, which will further impact the operating grant and financial planning.

d. **Draft 2027/2028 Five-Year Capital Plan – Minor Submission** D
Secretary-Treasurer Jesse Guy presented the Five-Year Capital Plan - Minor Submission for the 2027/2028 school year. Planned projects include building upgrades at Saturna School, interior renovations at Fernwood Elementary, continued roof upgrades at Gulf Islands Secondary School, accessibility upgrades and playground replacement at Mayne Island School, a building envelope refresh at Fulford School, heat pump upgrades at PIESS, and enhancements to the district's Food Program.

Moved and seconded that the 2027/2028 Five-Year Capital Plan, Minor Submission be approved.
CARRIED 54/26

e. **Election Update** D
Chief Elections Office Jesse Guy provided an update on the 2026 School Board Trustees Election. The nomination period closed on September 11, and the Declaration of Candidates has been posted on the district website. A Notification of Election will be published in the Gulf Islands Driftwood and posted on the district website, SD64 app, social media and the Salt Spring Exchange.

f. **Facilities – Summer Work Projects Update**
The Board reviewed a report outlining capital projects completed over the summer including GISS phase 3 roof replacement, Fulford School HVAC upgrade, GISS cafeteria renovations, SSE accessible playground enhancements, Fernwood gym floor refinishing, interior painting at several district properties, and parking lot line painting.

g. **Water Taxi Schedule Change**
Secretary Treasurer Guy shared that the water taxi will now depart Ganges at 4:20 p.m. to shorten travel days for students. A Salt Spring Island bus route will be suspended due to a shortage of bus drivers.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

b. **Education Committee –** no report

c. **Finance, Audit & Facilities Committee**
The Board received the 2026 06 24 Pre-Audit Meeting Summary by consensus.

d. **Policy Committee**

i. *Policy 2.10 Inclusive and Respectful Environments*
Amendments were made to strengthen language around non-tolerance of gender-based and sexualized violence. A Notice of Motion to approve amendments to the policy was presented at the June 10, 2026 meeting in public and the policy was circulated for feedback. No feedback was received.

Moved and seconded that the Board approve amendments to Policy 2.10 Inclusive and Respectful Environments.

CARRIED 55/26

ii. *Policy 2.20 Sexual Identity, Gender Diversity and Gender Expression*
Amendments were made to strengthen language around non-tolerance of violence. A Notice of Motion to approve amendments to the policy was presented at the June 10, 2026 meeting in public and the policy was circulated for feedback. No feedback was received.

Moved and seconded that the Board approve amendments to Policy 2.20 Sexual Identity, Gender Diversity and Gender Expression.

CARRIED 56/26

iii. *Policy 2.70 Use of Board Property for Child Care*
Amendments were made to align with recent changes to the Ministerial Child Care Order. A Notice of Motion to approve amendments to the policy was presented at the June 10, 2026 meeting in public and the policy was circulated for feedback. No feedback was received.

Moved and seconded that the Board approve amendments to Policy 2.70 Use of Board Property for Child Care.

CARRIED 57/26

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair received questions from delegates and members of the public.

Nancy Macdonald left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

a. Regular Board Meeting – November 4, 2026 at the School Board Office

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 3:04 p.m.

CARRIED 58/26

Date: _____ _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct: _____

Secretary Treasurer