



Present:	Chaya Katrensky Jeannine Georgeson Gregory Lucas Deborah Luporini Nancy Macdonald Rob Pingle Jill Jensen Jesse Guy Boe Beardsmore Lyll Ruehlen Lori Deacon Anna Szul	Vice-Chair Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Associate Superintendent Director of Instruction Director of Corporate Services Executive Assistant
Guests:	Ian Mitchell Angela Thomas Katherine Hazen	GITA President CUPE President DPAC Representative
Regrets:	Tisha Boulter	Board Chair

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 p.m. by Vice-Chair Katrensky. Vice-Chair Katrensky spoke to the privilege and gratitude for living on the sacred traditional territory of the Coast Salish communities, specifically the Hul'qumi'num and SENĆOTEN speaking peoples – huy tseep q'u.

Vice-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**

Addition: Letter from the Minister Singh added to Correspondence 6(b)

The agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2024 05 08 was adopted by consensus as amended.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Correction: page 6 in Trustees' Reports, Graduation took place on Saturday not Sunday.

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2024 06 12 be approved as amended.

CARRIED 88/24



4. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARIES**

The Board of Education received the Regular In-Camera Summary for 2024 06 12 by consensus.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Métis Nation Letter**

The district received a letter from the Métis Nation of BC expressing interest in joining our Indigenous Education Council (IEC) since there are students of Métis heritage in the district. We have responded with appreciation and requested that they identify their representative.

Jill Jensen confirmed that the district will indeed be reaching out to all nations that are rightsholders.

(b) **Letter from Minister Singh**

The Minister thanked the Board for leading the alignment of our codes of conduct with provincial guidelines and integrating best practices.

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Board's Annual Work Plan 2024/2025**

Jill Jensen presented the Board's 2024/2025 Annual Work Plan, which outlines key Ministry and BCSTA requirements, as well as various policy deadlines, to support the effective implementation of strategic goals throughout the year. Trustee's annual reaffirmation of their code of conduct will be added to November

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopted its 2024/2025 Work Plan as amended.

CARRIED 89/24

(b) **Strategic Plan 2024-2028**

Jill Jensen guided everyone through the strategic plan explaining that the overarching goal of the strategic direction is system well-being. The success measures for the strategic plan will be detailed in the work plan, which aims to establish a regular cycle of improvement through consistent engagement and communication. The plan was developed with significant input from students and feedback from Principals, Vice Principals and families. It is a public document intended to be highly visible in schools, reflecting its goals to students and families alike.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.

CARRIED 90/24

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

(a) **Work Plan related to the Strategic Plan**

Jill Jensen discussed the work plan, explaining that it outlines how the strategic plan will be



implemented and identifies who is responsible for each aspect. Progress on the work plan will likely come in stages, but there may be an annual review to assess overall progress.

(b) 2024 Enhancing Student Learning Report

Jill Jensen presented the draft Enhancing Student Learning Report (ESLR) for the Board's review. The report is based on the Ministry's Educated Citizen model which focuses on intellectual, human and social, and career development. It highlights the district's systematic approach to planning, review, and ongoing improvement. Jill Jensen emphasized the importance of the ESLR, noting that globally, British Columbia is recognized as a high-performing education system with this district ranking among the top in the province. She stressed that there is much to celebrate and that students are at the core of the plan.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the 2024 Enhancing Student Learning Report for Gulf Islands School District.

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(c) District Staffing & Enrolment

All teaching positions have been filled; however, there remains a shortage of Educational Assistants. Student enrolment is approaching projected levels.

(d) Bargaining Plan Update

The district submitted its bargaining plan to the British Columbia Public School Employer's Association (BCPSEA) and it has been approved.

(e) Program Review Phase 1

The review of educational programs will be conducted in phases, with Phase 1 in fall 2024 focusing on the Saturna Ecological Education Centre (SEEC) and the Gulf Islands International Program (GIIP). Program supervisors will collect data and present the findings to the Committee of the Whole, followed by the Board at the November Public Meeting.

(f) Framework Day

The district-wide Indigenous Education Day for staff, renamed *Walking Together Day*, will take place on Friday, September 20 at GISS. Angela Sterritt will be the keynote speaker. The afternoon will feature five workshops on topics such as Land-Based Learning, Cultural Appropriation, Land Acknowledgement, Cultivating Safe Spaces in Indigenous Education, and UNDRIP/DRIPA.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

(a) Audit Report

The Board received a clean audit opinion from the external audit team. No issues of note were found during KPMG's audit of the Financial Statements this summer.



(b) 2023/2024 Financial Statements

The draft Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2024 were presented to the Board for approval.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approved the 2023/2024 School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2024.

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(c) Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis Report

Jesse Guy shared the 2023/2024 Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis report. The report will be posted to the Finance page of the district website along with the Audited Financial Statements.

(d) Draft 2025/2026 Five Year Capital Plan – Minor Submission

Jesse Guy presented the five-year capital plan minor submission for 2025/2026. Planned projects include: Salt Spring Elementary washroom and office renovation; Saturna Island School classroom renewal; Fulford Elementary HVAC upgrade; Gulf Islands Secondary School roof replacement – phase 3; Salt Spring Elementary playground upgrade; Gulf Islands Secondary School – cafeteria upgrades; Pender Islands School – kitchen upgrades.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approved the 2025/2026 Five-Year Capital Plan, Minor Submission.

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(e) Facilities – Summer Work Projects Update

Jesse Guy reported on the capital projects worked on over the summer including Mayne Island HVAC Upgrade, Salt Spring Elementary HVAC Upgrade, Phase 2, Galiano School Renovations, GISS Washroom Renovation, and Pender Islands Elementary Secondary – Lighting.

(f) Phoenix School Site Update

Jesse Guy provided an update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, announcing that the district will enter a lease with the Capital Regional District (CRD) starting January 1, 2025. While the site will initially serve as a maintenance yard, the CRD has committed to prioritizing youth programming and services in the future.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Vice-Chair Katrensky is thrilled about developments at Saturna. There is a lot of excitement, including the SEEC welcome potluck, and this year they have 11 students. A PAC meeting was held with a strong turnout of parents.



Trustee Georgeson plans on biweekly meetings with Adrian Pendergast starting next week. The first PAC meeting on Monday had a full agenda. The PAC is doing excellent work.

Trustee Lucas shared two updates: the PAC made a strong start, launching new sweatshirts and swag. The Ptarmigan Arts Society met with administration promising exciting future projects.

Trustee Luporini noted that enrollment on Mayne Island is up, and the arrival of the new bus has the whole community excited.

Trustee Macdonald visited Fulford on the first day of school, where there was wonderful energy and excitement. The PAC is actively supporting activities like school dances and gardening. Macdonald also attended a short meeting at GISS on behalf of Trustee Boulter, which focused mainly on fundraising ideas.

Trustee Pingle visited all schools to put up posters for the Terry Fox Run. Last year, the school district raised over \$2,000 for the cause.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

- (a) Regular Board Meeting – November 13, at the School Board Office
- (b) Education & Policy Committees – September 25, 2024
- (c) Committee of the Whole – October 30, 2024

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 3:16 p.m.

CARRIED 94/24

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct: _____

Secretary Treasurer