



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)**  
**ZOOM Virtual Meeting**  
**2020 04 08**

**Present:**

Rob Pingle	Chairperson
Shelley Lawson	Vice Chairperson
Tisha Boulter	Trustee
Janelle Lawson	Trustee
Greg Lucas	Trustee
Chaya Katrensky	Trustee
Stefanie Denz	Trustee
Scott Benwell	Superintendent of Schools
D'Arcy Deacon	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer
Lori Deacon	Executive Assistant
Deborah Nostdal	GITA President
Larry Melious	CUPE President
Sarah Rae	DPAC Representative
Adrian Pendergast	Principal, Saturna School/SEEC
Marin Anevich	Vice-Principal, Saturna/SEEC
Shelly Johnson	GIPVPA Representative
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative

**Regrets:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair Pingle. He acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people – huy ch q'u.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2020 04 08 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 24/20

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2020 03 11 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 25/20

**3. IN-CAMERA SUMMARY**

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Regular In-Camera Summary of 2020 03 11 as presented.

CARRIED 26/20

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**



6. **DELEGATIONS**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Board Committee and Meeting Schedules 2019/2020**

A report regarding this year's remaining Board and Committee meetings was shared. Chair Pingle explained that the intent would be for working committees to submit reports directly to the Board.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education suspend all committee meeting for the remainder of the school year and hold all 2019/2020 schedule Board meeting online or by teleconference only. Current committee work will be brought directly to the Board.

CARRIED 27/20

(b) **Board Bylaw # 2 – Procedural Bylaw**

As per last month's notice of motion, amendments have been drafted to Bylaw #2 - Procedural Bylaw. Amendments align with the *School Act*. Changes to the Bylaw require 3 readings.

Moved and seconded that amended Bylaw #2 Procedural Bylaw receive first reading and be circulated for feedback.

CARRIED 28/20

(c) **Configuration Review**

There are no anticipated changes to the configuration review timeline. The Feedback Review Committee has met three times. A report will be shared with the Board in place of the Education Committee.

(d) **Climate Action Working Group**

The Chair of the Climate Action Working Group will determine when the group will meet next. Jesse Guy will bring the Carbon Report to the Board once complete.

Trustee Denz joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

(a) **COVID-19 Response**

Scott Benwell shared the district's response to the COVID-19 emergency. He thanked staff for their dedication and GITA and CUPE for their readiness to problem solve and work together during this time. He shared some of the many practices that have been implemented to ensure the health and safety of staff, including enhanced cleaning, on-site sanitization stations, and orientation sessions. Secretary-Treasurer Guy explained that building access is being restricted where possible to ensure these practices can be sustained.

Support, in the form of in-school supervision, is in place for families of Tier 1 essential services workers, as defined by the provincial government, where needed. Darcy Deacon explained that supervision duties are currently being provided by Educational Assistants. The School District will continue to learn and adapt as this event unfolds.

The district is working closely with community providers to continue support for vulnerable learners. Efforts are being made to bring services online and to share school-based resources where possible. Doug



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Livingston shared the on-going work of dedicated staff across the district and encouraged everyone to visit the SD64 website to view some of the stories reflecting the work being done.

Positive feedback has been received from families as the district ensures continuity of education, and staff and students are enthusiastic. There are many models for program delivery using a wide range of technology. Dr. Benwell noted the many creative and innovative ways SD64 educators are capturing the interest of students and emphasized a need for patience and understanding.

**9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

**(a) Financial Report**

Jesse Guy shared the monthly expenditure report for March. As of March 31, 2020, the third quarter actual is 2% within budget.

**(b) 2020/2021 Revenue Update**

Ms. Guy reported that the preliminary operations grant for 2020/2021 will be slightly higher than anticipated. Changes in the funding formula did not impact our district in any notable way.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No Committee Reports

**11. TRUSTEES' SCHOOL REPORTS**

No Trustee School Reports

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

**14. NEXT MEETING DATES**

(a) Committee Day – TBD

(b) Regular Board Meeting – May 13, 2020 via ZOOM virtual meeting

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED 29/20

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairperson

Certified Correct:

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Secretary Treasurer