



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)**  
**School Board Office**  
**2022 12 14**

<b>Present:</b>	Tisha Boulter	Chairperson
	Jeannine Georgeson	Trustee
	Deborah Luporini	Trustee
	Greg Lucas	Trustee
	Nancy Macdonald	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Scott Benwell	Superintendent of Schools
	Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer
	D'Arcy Deacon	Associate Superintendent
	Boe Beardsmore	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Lori Deacon	Executive Assistant
	Adrian Pendergast	GIPVPA Representative
	Angela Thomas	CUPE President
	Ian Mitchell	GITA President
	Rob Magley	Gulf Islands Driftwood Rep.
<b>Regrets:</b>	Chaya Katrensky	Vice Chair

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair Boulter. Trustee Pingle acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples. He shared his gratitude for the welcome pole as an example of some of the working being done to address truth and reconciliation - huy tseep q'u.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2022 12 14 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 85/22

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2022 11 09 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 86/22

**3. IN-CAMERA SUMMARY**

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Regular In-Camera Summary of 2022 11 09 as presented.

CARRIED 87/22

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Special In-Camera Summary of 2022 11 25 as presented.

CARRIED 88/22

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Trustee Election Notification – BC Gazette**

The board received a copy of the BC Gazette notification of elections for SD64.



(b) **Human Rights Commissioner letter re: School Liaison Officer Program**

The Human Rights Commissioner has requested that Boards of Education suspend Police Liaison Officer Programs in schools until research can be undertaken regarding potential negative impact on students. District staff have spoken with local RCMP detachments and with school administrators to limit school and RCMP interactive/social activities.

6. **DELEGATIONS**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **BCSTA Academy**

Chair Boulter shared highlights from the BCSTA Trustee Orientation and Academy.

(b) **Board Meetings Format**

DPAC has asked for increased accessibility to Board meetings. Trustees discussed benefits and challenges of hybrid meetings as a possible option for committee meetings that aren't already being held on ZOOM. The decision was made to keep status quo for the current school year with a schedule that provides a balance of in-person board meetings and all-day ZOOM committee day meetings.

(c) **Mayne Island Trustee**

Deborah Luporini was sworn in this morning as the trustee appointed by the Minister to Area 4 Mayne Island.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

(a) **Staffing and Enrolment**

D'Arcy Deacon reminded trustees that staffing imbalances at schools are challenging, especially with enrolment close to capacity at some schools following configuration. Mid-year staffing adjustments may be considered in the future and staff will continue to work with union reps as school needs change.

Three years of funding has been provided by the Ministry to support an early learning and school child care administrative position. To address the increased responsibility and work involved to support development and implementation of a possible child care program, Amy Dearden has been appointed the full-time principal for early learning and child care. Johnson will return full-time as principal of SSE. Katharine Byers has been appointed to the position of Vice Principal of SSE. The Ministry has provided funding for an early learning and child care position, but not a funding model to support districts with implementation and operation of child care. JJEC is working on the creation of a CUPE job description.

(b) **2021/2022 Completion Rates**

Scott Benwell pointed to #7 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action to eliminate educational gaps between for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians. The recently published completion rates indicate continued improvement for SD64 students. The district has now surpassed the provincial averages for Indigenous students (85%) and all resident students (93%). Although a discrepancy between Indigenous student rates and all student rates still exists across the province, the gap for Gulf Islands students is closing.

A recess was called at 2:09 p.m. and resumed at 2:18 p.m.

9. **SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

(a) **Monthly Financial Report**

Jesse Guy shared the monthly operating expense report for November. Expenses are currently within



budget.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **Drake Road Steering Committee**

Rob Pingle and Jesse Guy attended the Steering Committee meeting on November 21. The property has been leased by the CRD to BC Housing. Challenges include riparian areas, slope of the land, and access to drinking water, and the fact that part of the school's basketball court is on what is now CRD land. CRD is asking for an easement to have access to the well, and to drill an additional well on the school property. A following meeting will be scheduled early in the new year.

Moved and seconded that the School Board directs staff to work with the CRD to establish an easement to access the proven well (#54644) and for new drilling permissions on school district property at 163 Drake Road as well as a license to continue access to and use of the basketball court by the School District on the CRD property at 161 Drake Road.

Moved and seconded that the motion be tabled to the in-camera meeting on January 11, 2023.

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(b) **HR Committee**

The HR Committee summary 2022 11 23 was received.

(c) **Committee of the Whole**

The HR Committee summary 2022 11 23 was received.

(d) **Education Committee**

The Education Committee summary 2022 11 23 was received.

(e) **Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee**

The FAF Committee summary 2022 11 23 was received

(f) **Policy Committee**

The Policy FAF Committee summary 2022 11 23 was received.

i. Procedure 120 Board Committees

Amendments were made to reduce the minimum number of standing committee meetings, include budgets for working committees, update references to Indigenous Education, and remove HR committee as a standing committee.

Notice of Motion: That the board approve amendments to Procedure 120 Board Committees. The policy will be circulated for feedback and considered by the Policy Committee on February 22, 2023. The Board will consider adoption of the motion at the April 12, 2023 public meeting.

ii. Diversity Policy/Procedure Review

It is the Board's intent to work with diverse community members and partners to amend the current policy and procedure.

Moved and seconded that the board directs staff to draft Terms of Reference for the formation of a working group to review/revise Diversity Policy and Procedure 215 for consideration at the January public board meeting.

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**11. TRUSTEES REPORTS**

No trustee reports

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

**14. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- (a) Regular Board Meeting: January 11, 2023
- (b) Committee Day: February 22, 2023

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved that the meeting be adjourned 3:03 p.m.

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Date: January 11, 2023

Tisha Boulter  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Jesse Guy  
Secretary Treasurer