



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
ZOOM Virtual Meeting
2021 01 18

Present:	Tisha Boulter	Chairperson
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair
	Stefanie Denz	Trustee
	Janelle Lawson	Trustee
	Shelley Lawson	Trustee
	Greg Lucas	Trustee
	Rob Pingle	Trustee
	Scott Benwell	Superintendent of Schools
	Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer
	D'Arcy Deacon	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
	Boe Beardsmore	Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Lori Deacon	Executive Assistant
	Angela Thomas	CUPE President
	Adria Kray	DPAC Co-Chair
Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative	
Regrets:	Ian Mitchell	GITA President
	Shelly Johnson	GIPVPA Co-Chair

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Boulter. She acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional, ancestral and occupied territories of the Hul'q'umi'num and Senécoten speaking peoples – huy ch q'u. She noted that, as Friday was a non-instructional day, many in the district are recognizing today as Black Shirt Day as a statement against racism.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2021 01 18 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 18/21

2. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

(a) Saltspring Island Middle School Closure

Chair Boulter summarized the public and school consultation meetings that she attended. Questions centred on future use of the building and the staffing process for those impacted by the school closure.

Trustee Denz noted regret around possible loss of some of the programming unique to SIMS, such as Circus and MYSEEC. She has received feedback from some parents around the possibility of next year's Grade 8s remaining behind with the 7s. Jesse Guy discussed the financial impact of keeping additional students in the building. Chair Boulter clarified that the purpose of this meeting is to consider the closure of the school. Configuration decisions that determine where students will attend, where made at the November 18, 2020 public meeting.

Scott Benwell stated that several different perspectives have been received from parents, including the idea of sending the 7s back to their previous elementary school. He noted that approximately 86 Grade 7 students would be attending together next year, a school size that falls in the middle in comparison to the current sizes of our other schools.

Jesse Guy reviewed the Board Procedure 635 Permanent School Closure.

Moved and seconded that, as part of the district configuration process, the Board of Education for School District



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64 will close Saltspring Island Middle School at the end of the 2020/2021 school year.

CARRIED 19/21

Unanimous agreement that School Closure Bylaw No. 1-2021 receive all three readings at this time.

CARRIED 20/21

Chair Boulter read School Closure Bylaw No. 1-2021.

Moved and seconded that School Closure Bylaw No. 1-2021 be read a first time.

CARRIED 21/21

Moved and seconded that School Closure Bylaw No. 1-2021 be read a second time.

CARRIED 22/21

Moved and seconded that School Closure Bylaw No. 1-2021 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

CARRIED 23/21

3. ADJOURNMENT

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

CARRIED 24/21

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer



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Present:	Tisha Boulter	Chairperson	
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice-Chair	
	Stefanie Denz	Trustee	
	Janelle Lawson	Trustee	
	Shelley Lawson	Trustee	
	Rob Pingle	Trustee	
	Scott Benwell	Superintendent of Schools	
	D'Arcy Deacon	Director of Instruction, Human Resources	
	Boe Beardsmore	Director of Instruction, Learning Services	
	Jesse Guy	Secretary Treasurer	
	Lori Deacon	Executive Assistant	
		Ian Mitchell	GITA President
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative	
Regrets:	Greg Lucas	Trustee	

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Boulter. She acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional, ancestral and occupied territories of the Hul'q'umi'num and Senécoten speaking peoples – huy ch q'u.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Special Board Meeting, Public Session held 2021 01 06 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 01/21

2. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

(a) Date Change – Motion to Close SIMS School

Scott Benwell stated staff's support for the Board to advance the date to vote on SIMS closure. GITA and GIPVPA have both requested the date be advanced. CUPE is neutral on the matter, and DPAC has not confirmed a preference either way.

Moved and seconded that the Notice of Motion, given at the November 18, 2020 Regular Public Meeting, be amended to recognize completion of a 60-day consultation period and advance the vote date for the closure of Saltspring Island Middle School to January 18, 2021.

CARRIED 02/21

3. ADJOURNMENT

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

CARRIED 03/21

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer