



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
ZOOM Virtual Meeting
2020 06 10

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
	Shelly Johnson	GIPVPA Representative

Regrets:	Adria Kray	DPAC Representative
	Elizabeth Nolan	Driftwood Representative
	Larry Melious	CUPE President

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Pingle. Vice Chair Shelley Lawson acknowledged the privilege of holding this meeting on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people – huy ch q'u. she led a moment of silence for the lives lost in recent acts of violence, during this time of global protest and demonstration in the fight against racism.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Additions:
4(a) Racism
9(b) Five Year Capital Plan Bylaw - remove 3 readings

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2020 06 10 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 38/20

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 8(c) edit bargain to bargaining

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2020 05 13 be approved as amended.

CARRIED 39/20

3. IN-CAMERA SUMMARY

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Regular In-Camera Summary of 2020 05 13 as presented.

CARRIED 40/20

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Special In-Camera Summary of 2020 06 03 as



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presented.

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4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

(a) **Racism**

Chair Pingle noted the current events around the globe and the need for the district to address the issue of racism. Shelley Lawson shared one student's current experience dealing with ongoing racism.

Moved and seconded that, given the current global actions against racism, the Board directs staff to create a terms of reference to form an ad hoc committee that works with the community to hear how racism is experienced in our school district.

CARRIED 42/20

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Letter from Deputy Ministry Re: Return to Instruction Plan**

Superintendent Benwell reported that the district developed an instruction and health and safety plan for the Stage 3 return to part-time instruction. The plan has been approved by the Ministry and health and safety procedures are posted on the district website.

6. **DELEGATIONS**

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Draft 2020/2021 Board Meeting Schedule**

The draft 2020/21 Board Meetings Schedule was shared with partner groups for feedback and conforms to requirements of the *School Act*.

Moved and seconded that the Board approves the 2020/2021 Board Meetings Schedule as presented.

CARRIED 43/20

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

(a) **COVID-19 Response**

Dr. Benwell reported on the district's efforts to resume part time classroom instruction as part of the Province's restart plan and in accordance with the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Officer. He thanked senior management and union partners for their ongoing work to ensure a safe and successful return to school. He explained that the Province is planning for a full return to school in September but continues to monitor the situation and may deviate from that plan, as necessary.

Chair Pingle expressed his gratitude for the work of senior management, building administrators, teachers, and support staff.

(b) **Staffing**

D'Arcy Deacon reported on the hiring process for the position of vice principal for Gulf Islands Secondary School. He was pleased to announce that Ryan Massey, a principal in SD48 Sea to Sky, has accepted the position set to commence this upcoming school year.

He reported that the staffing process is on track and largely finished for the new school year.

(c) **School Fees 2020/2021**



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Dr. Benwell shared the proposed 2020/21 School Fee Schedule. Fees are consistent with previous years. As per policy, accommodations will be made for families in financial hardship.

Moved and seconded that the Board approve the School Fees Schedule for the 2020/2021 school year as presented.

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(d) Configuration Review – Scope of Opportunity

Dr. Benwell shared the Scope of Opportunity document drafted in response to the Board’s motion requesting staff look at possible scenarios for further investigation during the summer. He explained that themes and ideas were drawn directly from those identified in the Feedback Review Committee’s report to the Board. He stated that educational, fiscal, and ecological responsibilities were central to the opportunities identified. The document presents ideas to be explored in greater depth over the next few months and are intended for implementation in the 2021/2022 school year.

Dr. Benwell stated that the Board has evidenced responsible and caring decision-making and consideration so that current and future students and families can be supported by a district working within its means and in sustainable ways.

Dr. Benwell gave an overview of the opportunities presented. He expressed his appreciation for the collaborative work of staff and partners. Staff addressed questions regarding facilities, projections, and special programs.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education directs staff to undertake a financial and operational feasibility study of the Scope of Opportunity presented by staff.

CARRIED 45/20

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education directs staff to identify policy and procedural implications associated with the Scope of Opportunity presented by staff.

CARRIED 46/20

Chair Pingle stated that a comments form will be provided on the District website.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER’S REPORT

(a) Financial Report

Jesse Guy shared the monthly expenditure report for May. If current spending trends endure until the end of the school year, the District will realize a budget to actual surplus of 4%.

(b) 2021/2022 Five Year Capital Plan Bylaw

Ms. Guy explained that, due to the current situation, the Province has extended the Capital Plan Bylaw submission deadline from June 30 to July 31. She requested that the Board consider holding a special meeting before the end of July to approve the 2021/2022 Capital Plan Bylaw.

(c) 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw

Ms. Guy presented the draft 2020/2021 Annual Budget and gave an overview of financial schedules contained within.

Unanimous agreement that the 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw receive three readings at this time.

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Chair Pingle read the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2020/2021. The total budget bylaw amount of \$25,430,044 for the 2020/2021 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *School Act*.

Moved and seconded that the 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw receive first reading.

CARRIED 48/20

Moved and seconded that the 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw receive second reading.

CARRIED 49/20

Moved and seconded that the 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw receive third and final reading and be approved.

CARRIED 50/20

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports

11. TRUSTEES' SCHOOL REPORTS

No Trustee School Reports

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Chair Pingle opened the floor to questions from the gallery.

14. NEXT MEETING DATES

(a) Committee Day – October 28, 2020, location TBD

(b) Regular Board Meeting – September 16, 2020, location TBD

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

CARRIED 51/20

Date: _____

Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Secretary Treasurer