



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
School Board Office
2022 11 09

Present:	Tisha Boulter	Chairperson	
	Chaya Katrensky	Vice Chairperson	
	Jeannine Georgeson	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	
	Ian Mitchell	GITA Local President	
	Ryan Massey	GIPVPA Representative	
	Robb Magley	Driftwood Representative	
Lyall Ruehlen	District Principal		
Regrets:	Greg Lucas	Trustee	
	Angela Thomas	CUPE Local President	
		DPAC Representative	

Secretary Treasurer Jesse Guy called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. She acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples – Huy tseep q'u.

As Chief Elections Officer, Jesse Guy read the Declaration of Election Results and administered the Oath of Office to trustees.

Ms. Guy assumed the role of chair and called for nominations, by ballot, for the position of Board Chair. Nancy MacDonald declined the nomination. Tisha Boulter accepted the nomination and was acclaimed as Chairperson of the Board.

Ms. Guy called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Chaya Katrensky accepted the nomination and was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

BCSTA Provincial Council Representative and Alternate.

Chaya Katrensky accepted as the BCSTA Provincial Council Representative. Rob Pingle accepted as the BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate.

BCPSEA Representative and Alternate

Nancy Macdonald accepted as the BCPSEA Representative. Jeannine Georgeson accepted as the BCPSEA Alternate.

Moved and seconded that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED 75/22

Moved and seconded that the meeting be recessed at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED 76/22



The meeting was called back to order at 1:01 p.m. Trustee Boulter assumed the chair of the meeting.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Addition: BCPSEA Symposium (4a)

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2022 11 09 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 77/22

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2022 09 14 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 78/22

3. **IN-CAMERA SUMMARY**

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Regular In-Camera Summary of 2022 09 14 as presented.

CARRIED 79/22

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

a) **BCPSEA Symposium**

D'Arcy Deacon attended the BCPSEA Symposium. Topics focused, provincial bargaining, anti-racism in Education and best practices, and recruitment and retention. Minister Whiteside spoke at the conference on the future direction of the Ministry and government initiatives on truth and reconciliation.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6. **DELEGATIONS**

a) **64GO – Lyall Ruehlen**

District Principal Lyall Ruehlen presented on the district's online learning school, 64GO. Located in the Learning Hub, 64GO currently staffs four part-time local and specialized teachers and serves K to 12 learners in full-time, part-time, and blended programs. Enrolment has grown to more than 40 students. School staff continue efforts to engage students and families and ensure students are focused and on-track with their course work. The program strives to provide the necessary assurance of high-quality education program delivery expected in Gulf Islands.

7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Board Committee Representatives**

Chair Boulter made the following trustee representative appointments:

Indigenous Ed. Advisory Council	Jeannine Georgeson/Tisha Boulter
Drake Rd. Steering Committee	Rob Pingle
DPAC and Fulford PAC	Nancy Macdonald
Fernwood and SSE PAC	Rob Pingle
GISS and Phoenix PAC	Tisha Boulter
Galiano PAC	Jeannine Georgeson
Saturna PAC	Chaya Katrensky
Pender PAC	Greg Lucas
GITA Pro Growth	Tisha Boulter/Jeannine Georgeson



CUPE Bargaining

Nancy Macdonald

Remaining standing and working committee representatives will be finalized by the Chair before Committee Day meetings on November 23rd.

(b) Strategic Plan Review

The Board will undertake a review of its Strategic Plan. This work will be done through the Committee of the Whole.

(c) Mayne Island Lions Club – Request to Serve Alcohol

Mayne Island Lions Club is hosting a dinner and dance at Mayne Island School on November 19th and is requesting permission to serve alcohol at the event.

Moved and seconded that, in accordance with Policy 3100 Controlled and Intoxicating Substances, the Board approves the Mayne Island Lions Club request to serve alcohol at its dinner, dance and presentation on November 19, 2022 at Mayne Island Elementary School.

CARRIED 80/22

(d) GISS French Exchange Field Trip Approval

GISS French students have an opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange to Quebec.

Moved and seconded that the Board approves the Gulf Islands Secondary School Grade 8 and 9 French cultural field trip to Quebec planned for February 2 to 9, 2023.

CARRIED 81/22

(e) SSE French Exchange Field Trip Approval

Salt Spring Elementary School Grade 7 French Immersion students have a similar opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange to Quebec.

Moved and seconded that the Board approves the Salt Spring Elementary School Grade 7 French Immersion cultural field trip to Quebec planned for February 1 to 9, 2023.

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8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) LOU No. 4 Employment Equity

The provincial LOU 4 empowers districts to apply to the Human Rights Tribunal for preferential hiring for Indigenous employees. The district continues to work with the local teachers' union and awaits a process from GITA to be undertaken. A provincially developed implementation guide is expected sometime this year.

BCPSEA is anticipating ratification of the provincial teachers' agreement on November 21, 2022.

(b) Staffing and Enrolment

September enrolment numbers were above spring projections. A small number of teaching vacancies remain and the district continues to look for creative measures to staff these positions. There are some imbalances with school-based enrolment that may indicate a need for staffing adjustments mid-year.

(c) Leadership Development

Last year, senior staff led a leadership development series for local teachers interested in future administrative career opportunities. This year, the district has taken a lead in the revitalization of a local



BCSSA chapter initiative to bring teacher leaders together from across Vancouver Island and surrounding school districts to collaborate and share best practice and expertise. There are additional opportunities for SD64 leadership teams grow professional networks and attend association conferences such as BCSSA, FESC, and BCCASE.

(d) EPIC School Visits – Fall 2022

The district continues to engage with the EPIC grant framework to support school planning and inquiry. Funding is applied for and provided per FTE student enrolment. Senior staff are visiting schools this fall to see how schools are focusing on learning, implementing strategies, and building capacity as outlined in their EPIC school plans in order to meet the needs of their school community.

(e) School Calendar Amendment – Day of Mourning

Districts will not be required to make up the instructional minutes lost due to the September 19th Day of Mourning.

A brief recess was called at 2:29 pm. The meeting reconvened at 2:38 pm.

9. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

(a) Monthly Financial Report

Jesse Guy shared the monthly operating expense reports from July to October. Expenses are currently within budget.

(b) Policy Review

Anne Cooper has been contracted to undertake a full review of the board's policies and procedures. She will be presenting to the Board on December 14.

D'Arcy Deacon left the meeting at 2:49 pm.

(c) Drake Road Steering Committee Meeting November 21, 2022

The Board requested an update on the development plans for the Drake Road property. A Steering Committee meeting has been set for November 21, 2022. The Secretary Treasurer and trustee representative will attend the meeting.

(d) Electric School Buses

Two new electric school buses have now been delivered and one small charging station has been installed. One of the two buses is wheel-chair accessible. The buses will be put into service later this year once bus drivers receive the necessary training. A third electric bus intended for Mayne has not yet arrived. The district is still seeking a bus driver for that route and will provide training and certification to a successful candidate.

(e) 5-Year Minor Capital Plan Amendment

The 5-year minor capital plan for 2023/2024 has been amended to include the request for replacement of Fulford School's playground equipment.

Moved and seconded that the Board approves the amended 5-year minor capital plan for 2023/2024 as presented.

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Ms. Guy explained the five-year capital planning cycle, the process of funding allocations and the difference between capital funds and annual facilities grant (AFG) funds.



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10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **Committee of the Whole**

The Committee of the Whole summary 2022 09 14 was received.

11. **TRUSTEES' SCHOOL REPORTS**

No trustee reports. This item will be brought to the Education Committee meeting on November 23rd.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

13. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Chair Boulter received questions from partner groups and the public.

14. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

(a) Trustee Orientation – November 16, 2022 at the School Board Office

(b) Committee Day – November 23, 2022 via ZOOM

(c) Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2022 at the School Board Office

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

CARRIED 84/22

Date: December 14, 2022

Tisha Boulter
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Jesse Guy
Secretary Treasurer