



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION
Board of Education, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
Pender Islands School
2022 09 14

Present:	Tisha Boulter Chaya Katrensky Janelle Lawson Shelley Lawson Greg Lucas Rob Pingle Scott Benwell Jesse Guy D'Arcy Deacon Boe Beardsmore Lori Deacon	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Trustee Trustee (via ZOOM) Trustee Trustee Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Associate Superintendent Director of Instruction, Learning Services Executive Assistant
	Adrian Pendergast Ian Mitchell	GIPVPA Representative GITA President
Regrets:	Stefanie Denz	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Trustee Lucas. He expressed his gratitude for the abundance the lands provide and walking and learning together with our Indigenous neighbours and partners on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - huy tseep q'u.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Correction to the date.

Moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2022 09 14 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 65/22

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Remove "circulate for feedback" from motion 58/22

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Public Session held 2022 06 08 be approved as amended.

CARRIED 66/22

3. IN-CAMERA SUMMARY

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt the Regular In-Camera Summary of 2022 06 08 as presented.

CARRIED 67/22

4. BUSINESS ARISING

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. DELEGATIONS



7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

(a) **Trustee ELT Participation**

Board Chair and Vice-Chair participated in the August 26 ELT professional development session that focused on governance, legal responsibility, and the process for development and review of the district's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

(b) **Rainbow Road Signage**

The district has requested better signage along Rainbow Road to remind drivers to slow down. The Ministry of Highways has posted "no parking" signs near GISS. Signage may also be needed for the increased parking needs at SIMS and the 64 Learning Hub.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

(a) **EPIC School Plans 2022/2023**

Draft School Plans for the 2022/23 school year were shared with the board. The plans articulate school goals, targets, and strategies for improving student learning.

Moved and seconded that the board receives the 2022/2023 school plans as part of its Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

CARRIED 68/22

(b) **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning**

In accordance with Ministry policy, the Board of Education must approve an annual report on enhancing student learning no later than September 30th. This year marks the second rendition of this report.

Moved and seconded that the board approves the September 2022 Enhancing Student Learning Report for Gulf Islands School District.

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(c) **Staffing**

Consistent with the rest of the sector, the district continues to experience staffing pressures; however most integral vacancies have been filled. Projected staffing is in alignment with projected enrolment.

(d) **Enrolment**

Preliminary student enrolment reports are above what was projected in the spring. Salt Spring Island elementary schools are experiencing challenges as student numbers have shifted between schools with changes to neighbourhood registrations and non-neighbourhood requests.

(e) **2021/2022 FSA Results**

The district continues to see high rates of participation and students meeting/exceeding expectations on FSA 4 and 7. The district's achievement rates exceed the provincial averages at both grade levels for numeracy and literacy.

(f) **Framework Day**

Framework Day is Friday, September 23rd. The day will be site-based with a district session in the morning held via ZOOM. Kendal Netmaker will be the keynote presenter. A restorative practices workshop is being offered to school PAC and DPAC representatives in the afternoon. An invite will be shared with schools.



9. **SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

(a) **Ministry of Education and Child Care Funding**

Moved from item b to a by consensus.

As part of the Ministry of Education and Child Care mandate to increase access to child care, the board must consider how it wished to address child care in the district. Staff recommend that the board proceed with a mixed-model approach to providing child care services.

Moved and seconded that the board proceeds with licensing spaces and operates child care facilities internally, while continuing to partner with local child care providers by leasing space where convenient and practical for the district.

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(b) **Facilities Summer Work**

Jesse Guy reported on capital projects undertaken this summer. Septic upgrades at Saturna are complete. Electrical upgrades at Fulford and interior renovations to the GISS gym are still underway. The new electric buses should arrive this year. An assessment will be made to determine infrastructure needs for school bus charging on Salt Spring Island.

(c) **New Spaces Funding**

The district has the opportunity to reapply for New Spaces Funding to add a third room at Saturna School for an early learning and StrongStart space.

Moved and seconded that the board applies to the New Spaces Fund for a capital addition to Saturna Elementary School for child care space.

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Chaya Katrensky left the meeting at 2:37 pm.

(d) **2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan - Minor**

Jesse Guy presented the five-year capital plan, minor submission for 2023/2024. Planned projects include seismic upgrades, universal washrooms, roof replacement and other school enhancement upgrades.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves the five-year minor capital plan for 2023/2024.

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D'Arcy Deacon left the meeting at 2:43 pm.

(e) **Student and Family Affordability Fund**

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has announced one-time funding for schools to support families and students impacted by hardship. The needs of each school community are different and there is flexibility in how funds are spent. Initial funding is based on school size. Future additional funding will be allocated by need.

(f) **Financial Statements Analysis Report 2021/2022**

Jesse Guy shared the 2021/2022 Financial Statements Analysis Report. The report will be posted to the Finance page of the district website along with the Audited Financial Statements

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **Committee of the Whole**

The morning's committee of the whole meeting focused on recognition and gratitude for the work of the board as a whole and for the three trustees not seeking re-election.



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(b) **HR Committee**

The HR Committee summary 2022 06 08 was received.

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

The FAF Committee Pre-Audit Meeting summary 2022 07 06 was received.

i. *Summary of Audit Results*

The board received a clean audit opinion from the external audit team. No issues of note were found during KPMG's audit of the Financial Statements this summer.

ii. *2021/2022 Financial Statements*

The draft Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2022 were presented to the board for approval.

Moved and seconded that the board approves the 2021/2022 School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2022.

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11. **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

No trustee reports

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A thank you to Pender Islands School PAC for providing lunch today.

13. **QUESTION PERIOD**

14. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

(a) Regular Board Meeting: November 9, 2022

(b) Committee Day: November 23, 2022

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved that the meeting be adjourned 3:08 p.m.

CARRIED 74/22

Date: November 9, 2022

Tisha Boulter
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Jesse Guy
Secretary Treasurer