



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023,
AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot) (Zoom)
Katie Unger (Gold River)
Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis) (Zoom)
Cyndy Rodgers (Zeballos) (Zoom)

ALSO PRESENT: Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer
Ryan Brennan, Director of Instruction (Human Resources)
Stephen Larre, Director of Instruction (Student Learning)
Deane Johnson, Director of Instruction (Operations)
Luke Charlton, Executive Assistant
1 Member of the Public Present

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm, acknowledged and gave thanks that the meeting was taking place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2023:R-053 MOVED: Trustee Unger, SECONDED: Trustee Rodgers
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the agenda."

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2023:R-054 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 14, 2023."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

British Columbia School Trustee Association	December 7 - Daily Headlines
British Columbia School Trustee Association	December 7 – Weekly Headlines
British Columbia School Trustee Association	December 5 – Daily Headlines

2023:R-055 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Rodgers
AND RESOLVED:
"TO receive and file the correspondence."

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Fehr reported that the Board discussed 0 land, 0 legal, and 2 labour.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. **School Reports**

CMESS

Christmas staff party on Saturday went well.

Christmas Bazar happened.

Students received a 3D printer and they 3D printed mistle-toads.

A tech club has been started that runs through the lunch hour. They are talking about making their own board games going forward.

Christmas concert upcoming on Dec 13.

GRSS

Nil.

RWES

Nil.

ZESS

Nil.

KESS

Report Cards being sent home.

Food Safe course was provided for high school students.

New Teacherage was put into place.

Entrepreneurship seniors are learning how to make fish leather and fish leather accessories.

November – ceremony was held to honour First Nation Veterans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. **Advocacy**

Chairperson Fehr noted that the MLA would be in touch to confirm dates to visit.

b. **Trustee Academy**

Chairperson Fehr provided an overview of this item and provided a report of discussion topics.

c. **VISTA**

Chairperson Fehr provided an overview of her time at this meeting. A motion was passed for permanent Strong Start funding and a motion was defeated for criminal record checks for those running for a Trustee position.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **SOFI Report**

Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer Tarasoff noted that this SOFI report has been updated from last month and is the correct version for approval.

2023:R-056 **MOVED:** Trustee Rodgers, **SECONDED:** Trustee Unger
AND RESOLVED:
"THAT the board adopt the SOFI Report as presented."

b. Election of the Board Chair / Vice-Chair

Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer Tarasoff took over as chair of the meeting to hold an election for the role of Chairperson for the upcoming year.

Chair nominations: Trustee Hanson nominated Trustee Fehr. Called for nominations for a second and a third time – Trustee Fehr was acclaimed to the position of Chairperson. Trustee Fehr retook the role of Chairperson for the duration of the meeting.

Vice-Chair Nominations: Trustee Stiglitz nominated Trustee Hanson. Called for nominations for a second and third time – Acclaimed.

Provincial Councillor: Trustee Fehr was acclaimed as the primary and Trustee Hanson was acclaimed as the alternate.

BCPSEA Rep.: Trustee Unger was acclaimed as the primary and Trustee Stiglitz was acclaimed as the alternate.

The board also noted that all other board positions would remain the same in 2024 as they were in 2023. This would include the following:

Budget Committee – Board of Education, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources

CUPE Labour Management Committee – Trustee Fehr, Trustee Unger (Alternate), Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources

CUPE Negotiating Committee – Trustee Fehr, Trustee Unger (Alternate), Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources, Director of Instruction

District Earthquake Safety Committee – Trustee Rodgers, Trustee Hanson (Alternate), Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources, Director of Instruction/Operations Supervisor

District Mission and Goals Committee – ad hoc

District Occupational Health and Safety Committee – Trustee Stiglitz, Trustee Unger (Alternate), Associate Director of Human Resources, Director of Instruction/Operations Supervisor

District Policy Review Committee – Board of Education, Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources

First Nations Education Liaison Committee – Trustee Stiglitz, Trustee Rodgers (Alternate), Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources

Grievance Committee – Area Trustee, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources

Joint Rental Accommodations Committee – Trustee Unger, Trustee Hanson (Alternate), Director of Instruction/Operations Supervisor, Director of Human Resources

Scholarship Committee – Trustee Unger, Trustee Fehr (Alternate), Superintendent/

Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Instruction

VIWTU Negotiating Committee – Trustee Fehr, Trustee Unger (Alternate), Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources, Director of Instruction

Working Relations Committee – Trustee Fehr, Trustee Unger (Alternate), Superintendent/ Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Human Resources

c. Adjusting Board Meeting Dates

The Board decided that the March, April, May, and June meetings will have a delayed start of 5:30pm to accommodate Trustee Stiglitz's schedule. Trustee Stiglitz also noted that she may be able to attend Closed Meetings if they are held over the lunch hour.

For the March meeting, Chairperson Fehr noted that she will be travelling and unlikely to attend. It was determined that the meeting will stay on March 11 and Trustee Hanson may have to chair the meeting.

2023:R-057 **MOVED:** Trustee Stiglitz, **SECONDED:** Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"THAT the board move the start of the Regular meeting to 5:30pm for the months of March to June 2024."

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. District Update

Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer Tarasoff noted that there have been Christmas concerts, staff parties, and Gold River Secondary School hosted a turkey dinner for 100 students/parents. He also noted that we are promoting road safety and travel safety for this Winter season. We are doing well with staffing and have certified teachers in front of students for the most part. Our teacher education program saw three student teachers graduate. We are looking at a second cohort starting Summer 2024.

b. Finance Warrants

Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer Tarasoff provided a brief overview of this item.

c. Enrollment Report

Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer Tarasoff provided a brief overview of this item.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Promoting the link to accessibility – Ryan Brennan, Director of Instruction (Human Resources) noted that we were waiting until the Strathcona Regional District finalized its plan. Trustee Rodgers noted that she would like the link included on our website. Director Brennan noted that it will be up by the end of the week.

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 4:00pm, at the School Board Office in Gold River. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for agenda additions should go to lcharlton@viw.sd84.bc.ca two weeks prior to the meeting. Board meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at sd84.bc.ca/about-sd84/board-meetings/.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:41 pm:

2023:R-058 MOVED: Trustee Unger, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
 "TO adjourn."