

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT PORT CLEMENTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ON NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

PRESENT WERE: Wayne Wilson, Chairperson
Christine Martynuik, Vice Chairperson
Sharon Matthews, Trustee
Elizabeth Condrotte, Trustee
Warren Wesley, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Angus Wilson, Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer
Shelley Sansome, Director of Human Resources

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Alex Rinfret
Johanne Young
Reg Davidson

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 1902 hours.

2. Approval of Agenda

R11112201 MOTION BY CHRISTINE MARTYNUIK
SECONDED BY WARREN WESLEY

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the additions of 5.4 Balanced School Calendar and 5.5 BCTF Bargaining.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

R11112202 MOTION BY WARREN WESLEY
SECONDED BY CHRISTINE MARTYNUIK

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of October 25, 2011 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Rise and Report

4.1 November 22, 2011 In-Camera Board Meeting

The Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer reported on property, personnel and student matters from the November 22, 2011 In-camera Board meeting.

5. Strategic and Policy Issues

5.1 Trustee Elections Results/December Meeting Format

The Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) of the November 2011 election results selecting Kim Goetzinger as the Skidegate Trustee and Warren Wesley as the Old Massett Trustee. Carla Lutner, Elizabeth Condrotte, and Sharon Matthews were acclaimed.

5.2 BC College of Teachers

The Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer presented to the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) the upcoming amendments to the BC College of Teachers.

5.3 Ministry of Education Plan

The Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer presented to the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) the Ministry of Education's Education Plan.

5.4 Balanced Calendar

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed school calendar options, the following points were discussed:

- Community meetings held in Masset, Port Clements, Skidegate and Sandsipt;
- Diverse reactions from participants;
- Reducing the break in August is not as popular because of the beautiful weather at that time of year on Haida Gwaii;
- Further consultation with all stakeholders, including students.

5.5 BCPSEA/BCTF Bargaining

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed collective bargaining between the BC Public Schools Employers Association and the BC Teachers' Federation, the following points were discussed:

- BCPSEA removed a number of items from the bargaining table;
- Report cards must be issued to comply with the *School Act*;
- Students on honour role will not be recognized for their achievements;
- Christmas concerts and other celebrations will be held during the school day;
- Option to cancel recess;
- Challenges to implement new programming because of inability to meet with teachers;
- Identify cost implications;
- Productivity loss for all exempt staff.

6. Operational Issues

6.1 October Finance Voucher

R11112203 MOTION BY CHRISTINE MARTYNUIK
SECONDED BY SHARON MATTHEWS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receives and files the Accounts Payable and Payroll for the month of October 2011.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Haida Gwaii/Coquitlam Kindergarten Initiative

The Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) of a partnership developed with the Coquitlam School District to exchange Kindergarten teachers for a week for professional development activities.

6.3 Line of Credit
R11112204 MOTION BY CHRISTINE MARTYNUIK
SECONDED BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) authorize the Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer to secure a line of credit with Northern Savings Credit Union in the amount of \$500,000 at prime interest rate.

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Information Technology Issues

The Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) of issues with bandwidth and the implementation of policy to prevent individuals to use district resources for illegal downloads.

7. Reports

7.1 Trustee Reports

- Trustee Wesley reported on his involvement with a ball tournament, a Parent Advisory Council meeting, a death in Old Massett, volunteering at the Tahayghen Elementary breakfast program, and the Remembrance Day ceremony held at George M. Dawson Secondary School.
- Trustee Condrotte reported on her involvement with the food program at Port Clements Elementary, the All-Candidates meeting held in Skidegate, and the Port Clements Parent Advisory Council Meeting.
- Chairperson Wilson reported on his attendance at the All-Candidates meeting held in Skidegate and thanked the Board and staff for their assistance over the past nine years.
- Vice Chairperson Martynuik thanked the Board and staff for their contributions to student achievement.
- Trustee Matthews reported on her attendance at a Tahayghen Parent Advisory Council meeting, and the Remembrance Day ceremony held at George M. Dawson Secondary School.

7.2 Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer's Report

The Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer reported on the district grade rating, a potential balanced school calendar, sprinkler system at George M. Dawson Secondary, and acknowledged Trustees Wilson and Martynuik for their leadership.

8. Information Items

8.1 Trustee Expenditure Report

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the Trustee Expenditure Report for October 2011.

8.2 Principal/Vice Principal Agenda

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed a copy the Principal/Vice Principal agenda.

9. Questions from the public

The Board of Education and members of the public held a question and answer period. The following matters were discussed:

- George M. Dawson Secondary School's sprinkler system;
- Appointment of Auditor and tendering process;
- Balanced school calendar;
- Rural and remote discussions held in Victoria;
- Maintenance of Facilities.

10. Adjournment

R11112205 MOTION BY CHRISTINE MARTYNUIK
SECONDED BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 2029 hours.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer

Chairperson