

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT SK'AADGAA NAAY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 28, 2014**

PRESENT WERE: Kim Goetzinger, Vice Chairperson
Sharon Matthews, Trustee
Warren Wesley, Trustee
Carla Lutner, Trustee
Elizabeth Condrotte, Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT: Angus Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Herb Jones
Jennifer Jury
Christine Martynuik
Abigail Mitchell
Jennifer Mills
Steve Goffic
Alex Rinfret
Vicki Ives
Rachel Fraser
Abigail Fraser
Avery Romas

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Condrotte called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.

2. Approval of Agenda

R14102801 MOTION BY SHARON MATTHEWS
SECONDED BY CARLA LUTNER

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of 4.3 QCSS Graduates, 6.5 QCSS Graduation Ceremony and 6.6 Parliamentarian Procedures Workshop.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

R14102802 MOTION BY CARLA LUTNER
SECONDED BY WARREN WESLEY

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 2014 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Presentations

4.1 Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary Update

Principal Vicki Ives informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) of recent events and highlights at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School since the beginning of the school year.

4.2 Haida Immersion – H. Jones

Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary Haida Immersion Teacher Herb Jones informed the Board of the methods he employs to teach Haida Immersion. Mr. Jones shared Haida phrase lesson plans with the Board and discussed his work with colleagues to develop systematic instructional plans with use of games to ensure all lessons are fun and engaging.

4.3 QCSS 2014/2015 Grad Class

On behalf of the graduation class, three Grade 12 students requested the Board of Education make an exception to the Graduation Policy to allow them to hold the graduation ceremony at the beginning of June instead of the last two weeks. Chair Condrotte asked the students to return to their classmates and consider having a separate celebration for the entire class at the beginning of June and a district sponsored recognition of student achievement celebration to be held at the end of June.

5. Rise and Report

5.1 October 28, 2014 In-Camera Board Meeting

The Superintendent of Schools reported on property, personnel and student matters from the October 28, 2014 In-camera meeting.

6. Strategic and Policy Issues

6.1 Student Trustee

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) directed Superintendent Wilson to circulate draft Student Trustee Policy to all stakeholders, including students, to seek feedback prior to approval.

6.2 Trustee Elections

The Secretary Treasurer informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) the following candidates for School Trustee have been elected by acclamation:

Area 1: Old Massett	Reg Davidson
Area 3: Central	Elizabeth Condrotte
Area 4: Skidegate	Kim Goetzinger

An election by voting will be held for Area 2: North and Area 5: South. The advance poll date is November 5th and the general voting date is November 15th. Further information regarding voting locations can be found on the district website as well as advertisements in the Haida Gwaii Observer.

6.3 Transportation Assistance
R14102803 MOTION BY CARLA LUTNER
SECONDED BY SHARON MATTHEWS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct administration to review Policy 2720 Transportation Assistance and bring recommendations to the next board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Agnes L. Mathers Rebuild
R14102804 MOTION BY CARLA LUTNER
SECONDED BY SHARON MATTHEWS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) authorize the district to provide \$200,000 from the capital fund and surplus, \$100,000 from each, to help finance the construction of a new school to replace Agnes L. Mathers Elementary Jr. Secondary.

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the following points regarding the potential construction of a new school in Sandspit:

- Four options available:
 - Close school entirely;
 - Renovate current building;
 - Construct new building;
 - Replace school with modular building and maintain gymnasium;
- Comparison to George M. Dawson Secondary School;
- Request for funding submitted to Ministry to also replace George M. Dawson Secondary;
- Loss of approximately \$200,000 if close secondary school at ALM;
- Risks involved with closing Agnes L. Mathers;
- Challenges for maintenance staff to work at ALM due to reduction of ferry services;
- Community with declining population;
- Wood construction preferable to modular building.

6.5 QCSS Grad Ceremony
R14102805 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER
SECONDED BY WARREN WESLEY

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) forward a copy of the Graduation Policy to the Queen Charlotte Secondary graduation class for their consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

R14102806 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER
SECONDED BY CARLA LUTNER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) remain in correspondence with the QCSS Graduation class regarding their ceremony.

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the following points regarding the district Graduation Policy:

- Exception to policy last year due to timing of circulation;
- Section of policy addresses students that will not graduate;
- Purpose of ceremony to be held during last two weeks of June;
- Challenges to schedule events in June;
- Distribute a copy of the policy to parents of students in grades 11 and 12, along with the credit requirements for graduation.

6.6 Parliamentary Procedures

Trustee Goetzinger requested the Board of Education's financial support to obtain certification in parliamentary procedures. Trustee Goetzinger will provide details to the Board for their consideration via email.

7. Operational Issues

7.1 September Finance Voucher
R14102805 MOTION BY SHARON MATTHEWS
SECONDED BY WARREN WESLEY

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receives and files the Accounts Payable and Payroll for the month of September 2014.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Strike Savings/Costs

Secretary Treasurer Sansome informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that the district will be returning \$183,653 to the Ministry of Education resulting from eight non-instructional days in September.

7.3 Learning Improvement Fund

The Secretary Treasurer informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that the district has been awarded \$202,080 from the Learning Improvement Fund for the 2014/2015 school year. \$40,416 has been allocated to support staff and \$161,664 from the Education Fund has been allocated to increase teacher time.

7.4 Enrolment/Class Size

Superintendent Wilson informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that as at October 17, 2014 district enrolment was 565 students.

7.5 Audited Services

R14102806 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER
SECONDED BY CARLA LUTNER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approves the Request for Proposals for Audit Services for three fiscal years effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

7.6 Remembrance Day

The Superintendent informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that a wreath has been purchased for each community to be placed at the ceremony by the Trustee.

7.7 Recycling

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the following points regarding increased recycling costs. The following points were raised:

- Other uses of recyclables;
- Maintenance responsibility;
- Strategize methods to reduce recyclables;
- Do not throw in garbage.

R14102807 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER
SECONDED BY WARREN WESLEY

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) write a letter to Skeena Regional District seeking an exception to recycling costs and if not approved, increase the maintenance budget by \$3,000.

MOTION CARRIED

7.8 CommunityLINKS

The Secretary Treasurer informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that the district received \$105,345 in CommunityLINK funding for the 2014/2015 school year. \$93,145 has been allocated to schools to increase their Education Assistants' hours, as well as their food programs. \$12,200 has been awarded to five external youth service providers for programming throughout Haida Gwaii.

8. Reports

8.1 Trustee Reports

- Chairperson Condrotte reported on her attendance at an agenda setting meeting.
- Trustee Matthews reported on the highlights from the BCSTA provincial council meeting.
- Trustee Wesley reported on his attendance at a Tahayghen Elementary Parent Advisory Council meeting.
- Trustee Lutner reported on her attendance at a Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary Parent Advisory Council meeting, an assembly hosted by Sk'aadgaa Naay, the BCPSEA Labour Relations Symposium, and a public consultation meeting in Sandspit via teleconference to discuss the potential construction of a new school.
- Vice Chair Goetzing reported on her attendance at the Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School Parent Advisory Council meeting and a BCSTA Aboriginal Education meeting.

8.2 Superintendent of Schools' Report

The Superintendent of Schools reported on his involvement with conference calls with the Deputy Minister, various meetings, a public consultation meeting held in Sandspit, Aboriginal Education meetings in Vancouver, work with Aboriginal Education Auditors, and the All Candidates meeting in Port Clements.

8.3 Secretary Treasurer's Report

The Secretary Treasurer reported on her involvement with the 1701 data collection, Form 1530 Staffing Report, strike savings/costing reports, the GRE – quarterly financial report, CommunityLINKs grant, Learning Improvement Fund, Audit Services, Employee Support Grant, leave of absence management, Financial Services Manager recruitment, career development planning for support staff, TTOC reports, staffing reports for BCTF and confidential personnel matters.

8.4 Director of Instruction Report

The Director of Instruction reported on his responsibilities with school visitations, Principal support, teacher supervision and evaluation, an evaluation of a Principal, organization and planning of a Principal's meeting, suspension hearings, district policy updates and revisions, TTOC recruitment, acting Principal of Port Clements Elementary School, Special Education: Learning Resource Teacher Committee, and teacher collaboration meetings.

9. Information Items

9.1 Trustee Expenditure Report

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the Trustee Expenditure Report for September 30, 2014.

9.2 BCSTA Letter

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed a letter from the BC Schools Trustees' Association regarding compensation for September 19, 2014.

9.3 SHIP Newsletter

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the October 2014 Skidegate Haida Immersion Program newsletter.

10. Questions from the public

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

- Grade 12 graduation ceremony;
- Recycling;
- Unique geographic funding.

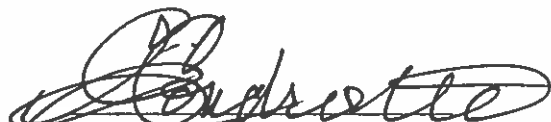
11. Adjournment

R14102807 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 1000 hours.

MOTION CARRIED


Secretary Treasurer


Chairperson