

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON DECEMBER 9, 2014**

PRESENT WERE: Kim Goetzinger, Chairperson
Elizabeth Condrotte, Vice Chairperson
Denise Husband, Trustee
Reg Davidson, Trustee

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

ABSENT WAS: Harmony Williams, Trustee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Alex Rinfret
Johanne Young
Jo-Anne MacMullin
Fergus Wilson
Ron Goetzinger
Maddie Mills
Chelsea Barnicott
Abby Fraser
Leighann Rodger
Maureen Benoit

1. Call to Order

Secretary Treasurer Sansome called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

2. Swearing In New Trustees

Secretary Treasurer Sansome led the swearing-in ceremony for all trustees. Trustees pledged and signed the oath of office.

3. Elections

3.1 Annual Election of Board Chair and Vice

The Secretary Treasurer requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Education. Trustee Goetzinger was nominated by Trustee Condrotte. Trustee Goetzinger was elected by acclamation and assumed the chair.

3.2 Election of Vice-Chair

Chairperson Goetzinger subsequently requested nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. Trustee Condrotte was elected by acclamation.

3.3 Committee Representation
R14120901 MOTION BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE
SECONDED BY REG DAVIDSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) table the appointment of committee representations to the January 2015 board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda
R14120902 MOTION BY DENISE HUSBAND
SECONDED BY REG DAVIDSON

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions:

- 4.1 Presentation: Queen Charlotte Secondary Graduation Class;
- 6.5 Chief Elections Officer Report;
- 7.5 Village of Queen Charlotte Trail.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Presentation
5.1 Queen Charlotte Secondary Graduation Class

Students representing the Queen Charlotte Secondary graduation class requested Board approval to change the date of the graduation celebration to June 6, 2015. The students presented the following points:

- The policy states students will be aware by June 1st whether or not they will be passing; therefore, no students would participate that will not pass;
- A ceremony held during the last two weeks of June will distract students from provincial exams;
- Family members are flying to Haida Gwaii for the ceremony;
- Do not want to sway from tradition.

R14120903 MOTION BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE
SECONDED BY REG DAVIDSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) table their decision to make an exception to Graduation policy requested by the 2015 Queen Charlotte Secondary Graduation class.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Approval of Minutes
R14120904 MOTION BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE
SECONDED BY DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 2014 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Strategic and Policy Issues

7.1 Superintendent's Report on Achievement

RI4120905 MOTION BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE
SECONDED BY DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the 2014 Superintendent's Report on Achievement.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Transportation Assistance

RI4120906 MOTION BY DENISE HUSBAND
SECONDED BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) table their decision to modify the Transportation Assistance policy to the January 2015 board meeting.

TABLED

The following points were discussed:

- Increase funding options available;
- An additional bus from Sandspit to Alliford Bay would cost \$66,000 per year;
- Option to reduce grades at Agnes L Mathers to make implementing a bus feasible, or increase grades to eliminate need for transportation.

7.3 Harassment Policy

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) directed administration to circulate the draft revisions to the Harassment policy to all stakeholders to seek feedback.

7.4 Chief Elections Officer Report

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received a copy of the Chief Elections Officer report and agreed to review the recommendations and make a decision at the January 2015 board meeting.

8. Operational Issues

8.1 QCSS Field Trip Application

RI4120907 MOTION BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE
SECONDED BY REG DAVIDSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the basketball field trip application submitted by Queen Charlotte Secondary School.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2 Queen Charlotte Trail
R14120908 MOTION BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE
SECONDED BY DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approves the agreement with the Village of Queen Charlotte to allow the Village to use a part of the land where Queen Charlotte Secondary School is located to construct and maintain a trail.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3 Building Resiliency in Youth

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) agreed to consider offering the Building Resiliency in Youth workshop at a future Educational Symposium.

8.4 Audit Services
R14120909 MOTION BY REG DAVIDSON
SECONDED DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) award the audit services contract to McConnell Voelkl effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

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The Secretary Treasurer will seek a legal opinion on the consequences of not awarding the contract in accordance with the request for proposals.

9. Reports

9.1 Trustee Reports

- Trustee Husband did not have a report.
- Trustee Davidson reported on his attendance at the BCSTA Trustee Academy.
- Vice Chair Condrotte reported on her attendance at a Port Clements Parent Advisory Council meeting, an agenda setting meeting and the BCSTA Trustee Academy.
- Chair Goetzinger reported on her attendance at the District Parent Advisory Committee meeting, a Haida Education Council meeting and shared highlights from the BCSTA Trustee Academy.

9.2 Superintendent of Schools' Report

The Superintendent of Schools reported on his involvement with the Haida Education Council, the District Parent Advisory Council, the Teacher Regulation Branch, a Rural Education meeting, and meeting with representatives from the Old Massett Village Council regarding the expansion of Chief Matthews School.

9.3 Secretary Treasurer's Report

The Secretary Treasurer reported on her involvement with the recruitment of teaching and support staff, collaboration with HGTA to distribute the Education

Funds, BCSTA Academy, meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Education to discuss shared services and the accountability framework, the GRE quarterly report and other confidential personnel matters.

10. Questions from the public

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

- Finance vouchers;
- Reporting of credit card purchases;
- Audit services.

11. Adjournment

RI4120910 MOTION BY ELIZABETH CONDROTTE
SECONDED BY REG DAVIDSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 2053 hours.

MOTION CARRIED


Secretary Treasurer


Chairperson