

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT GIDGALANG KUUYAS
NAAY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN QUEEN CHARLOTTE APRIL 25, 2017**

PRESENT WERE: Harmony Williams, Chairperson
Wilson Brown, Trustee
Elizabeth Condrotte, Trustee
Kim Goetzinger, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dawna Day, Superintendent of Schools
Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer
Kirsten Gillespie, Confidential Admin Assistant/Minute Taker
Steve Goffic, Facilities Manager

ABSENT WERE: Denise Husband, Trustee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Michael Muller
Andrew Hudson
Stephen Querengesser

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Harmony Williams called the meeting to order at 1800 (6:01 pm) hours and acknowledged that the meeting was held on traditional territory of the Haida Nation.

2. Approval of Agenda

R17042401 THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions:
7.5 Video Conferencing

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

3.1 March 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

R17042402 THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Delegations/Presentations

None

5. Reports

5.1 Reports from the Chair

Chairperson Williams reported on her attendance at the regular board meetings and the agenda setting meeting. She also attended the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Vancouver on April 19.

5.2 Trustee Reports

- Trustee Condrotte submitted a written report.
- Trustee Husband submitted written report.
- Trustee Goetzinger reported on her attendance at the budget consultation meetings at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School, GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary School, and with Skidegate Band Council. She attended the in camera meeting and two Northwest BCSTA branch agenda setting meetings as Haida Gwaii will be hosting the branch meeting in September. She also attended the BCSTA AGM in Vancouver and was elected Vicechair of BCSTA Northwest Branch. She mentioned a highlight from the AGM was that the BCSTA passed a motion to provide funding to jointly develop language programs with local Aboriginal communities and that Chairperson Harmony Williams passed a motion to amend it to include providing funding to school districts that had already created approved aboriginal language programs in the 2016/2017 year.
- Trustee Wilson has been ill the past month and did not report.

5.3 Superintendent of Schools Report

The Superintendent of Schools commended Secretary Treasurer Sansome for her hard work on the budget. Superintendent Day reported that she had attended the budget consultation meetings and noted that it was the most public consultations the board has ever done. She attended the principals meeting on April 5 in Masset, the in camera meeting on April 10, and attended the Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) season at Tahayghen Elementary School. She reported that she has been researching the possibility of a daycare at Tahayghen Elementary School in Masset. There is a grant for \$500,000 available from the Ministry and if the possibility of a daycare at Tahayghen seems possible she hopes to apply for that grant. She attended the Skidegate Haida Immersion Program (SHIP) meeting in Skidegate and had a meeting with Kiku and other local food suppliers on food to school programs. She is working on a contract between Merewyn Nicol from Northern Health regarding bringing in support workers to Strong Start programs to support developmentally delayed children. She has spent time working on the transportation review. Steve Goffic is working on gathering maps so we can map out routes and look at the logistics of making bussing a better situation. She has been working with Aboriginal Principal Joanne Yovanovich on a draft strategic planning document for Haida language and culture in schools. On May 1st she is hosting a Youth Mental Health and Committee meeting at Port Clements Elementary School. On April 26th she has the great pleasure of judging the Science Fair at Tahayghen Elementary. She has had conference calls with the BC Northern chapter of superintendents. She has arranged meetings with Skidegate Band Council for the near future to amend the Local Education Agreement (LEA). She had meetings with the Haida Gwaii Teachers Association and Secretary Treasurer Sansome. She is also working on developing the agenda and invitations for the BCSTA Northwest branch meeting which will be held in Haida Gwaii on September 15. Lastly, she noted that the community consultation for the amalgamation of the Masset schools has been changed to May 18.

5.4 Secretary Treasurer Report

The Secretary Treasurer reported that this month she has been busy with helping support staff with the questionnaires for the joint job evaluation committee, she has applied to Northern Savings Credit Union for new credit cards for the schools, she attended a class size and composition meeting in Kelowna and was happy to report that there will be no layoffs due to additional funding. She attended a demo on our school district software. She has been managing all leave requests for the district and will be posting some job postings in the next few weeks and has arranged interviews for the Maintenance Supervisor position. She submitted the GRE financial reports and attended a conference call with Steve Goffic on the capital plan. She has attended to various confidential personnel matters. She attended the BCSTA AGM in Vancouver and noted that a highlight was hearing Andrew Coyne speak. An idea she had from the AGM was the possibility of developing a district finance committee or possibly present quarterly financial reports at board meetings. Lastly, most of her time this month has been working on preparing the 2017/2018 budget and attending the community budget consultation meetings.

R17042403 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) accepts the Trustee and senior management reports.

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 Trustee Expenditure Report

R17042404 THAT the Board of Education of School District No.50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the Trustee expenditure report for the month of March 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 Maintenance and IT Report

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) reviewed a maintenance report prepared by Facilities Manager Steve Goffic. Mr. Goffic noted that the foundation at Agnes L. Mathers Elementary (ALM) in Sandspit was completed as well as the roofing project at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School and they were now working on the water lines at ALM. Superintendent Day acknowledged Mr. Goffic for carrying both the Maintenance Supervisor position as well as IT Manager position for the past five (5) years.

5.7 Aboriginal Education Report

Superintendent Day reported on behalf of Aboriginal Principal Joanne Yovanovich that this month she has been actively working on the Welcome to Kindergarten Project and will be attending a Taan'as Moon exhibit at the Surrey Public Library May 8-11. She is also been helping on another committee to host a math symposium at UBC on May 11. She also noted that there are a few schools coming to Haida Gwaii to visit and will be hosting these schools on their visit. She has organized two events to recognize the Integrated Resource Package IRP being approved by the Ministry, the first ceremony in Masset at Tahayghen on June 2 and the second ceremony at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary on June 5. She is excited about the possibility of a new research project with Langara College on ocean plastic pollution in remote communities. Lastly, she is organizing the Haida Education Committee meeting on May 17 in Masset.

6. Strategic and Policy Issues

6.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

6.1.1 New Article: Canada Discriminates against children on reserves

Trustee Goetzinger wanted to show a video but video equipment was not available for the meeting.

6.2 Review and Amend Policy D.1 Student Code of Conduct to include Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

R17042405 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) refer the Student Code of Conduct to the Policy Committee to be amended and revised to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Review Polices

6.3.1 B.11 Disposal of Assets

6.3.2 G.3 Volunteers

R17042406 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) refer these policies to the Policy Committee to review.

MOTION CARRIED

There was discussion on the intent to review these policies. The Disposal of Assets policy is quite vague and needs to include the acquisition of assets. The volunteer policy needs to be brought up to date with current school district policy standards such as criminal record checks to be included.

7. Operational Issues

7.1 Capital Annual Facilities Grant

R17042407 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the Capital Annual Facilities Grant as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

There was discussion on the wheel chair ramp for the band room at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay, the drainage at Tahayghen and exterior lights for Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay.

7.2 2017/2018 Annual Budget

R17042408 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) defer the three readings of the budget bylaw to the May board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Key points that were discussed were:

- Local Education Agreement (LEA) funding from First Nations.

- What are miscellaneous grants (ie. Art Starts)
- OLEP (Official Languages in Education Protocol)– Money for French immersion program, it will be cut in half when French immersion is phased out but hoping to get funding for the Haida language as Haida and English are the official language recognized in Haida Gwaii.
- Haida language and culture funding.
- Questions regarding evaluating First Nation Resource Workers and their pay and teacher job postings having Haida Language and Culture knowledge as a requirement.

7.3 Laskeek Bay/Limestone Field Trip Application

7.4 Limestone Field Trip Application

R17042409 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the two Limestone field trip applications.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5 Video Conferencing

R17042410 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) ask IT Manager Steve Goffic to prepare a cost analysis for acquiring video conferencing equipment for all schools in Haida Gwaii.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Questions from the public


The Board of Education of Schools District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) and members of the public held a question and answer period. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Exterior lights at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay if they will help with lighting the basketball court.
- Class size composition from Supreme Court ruling and what the impact is so far.
- If the Local Education Agreement (LEA) had been approved yet.
- The review of the volunteer policy and whether volunteers will have to pay for criminal record checks themselves or if the board will pay for those costs.
- Why there was a \$90,000 increase for other professionals from the 2017 budget to the 2018 budget.

10. Adjournment

R17042411 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 2100 (8:00pm) hours.

MOTION CARRIED



 Secretary-Treasurer



 Chairperson