

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

**PRESENT WERE:** Denise Husband, Trustee  
Elizabeth Condrotte, Trustee  
Kim Goetzinger, Vice Chair  
Wilson Brown, Trustee  
Harmony Williams, Chair

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dawna Day, Superintendent of Schools  
Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer  
Colleen Bradley, Confidential Admin Assistant/note-taker

**ABSENT WAS:**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**  
Stephen Querengesser  
Tammy Gates  
Dave Reynolds  
Andrew Hudson  
Reg Davidson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 1802 hours and respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional territory of the Haida Nation.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

R18022701 THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING AND RECEIPT OF  
RECORDS OF CLOSED MEETINGS**

- 3.1 January 23, 2018 Rise and Report – In-camera: personnel, property and student matters.
- 3.2 January 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- 3.3 February, 2018 Rise and Report – In-camera, property, personnel and student matters.

R18022702 THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2018 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**4. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

No submissions

## **5. REPORTS**

### **5.1 Report from the Chair**

Chairperson Williams reported that she forwarded her monthly report to the Secretary Treasurer, that she attended the monthly regular board meeting, the monthly in-camera board meeting, and has responded to correspondence.

### **5.2 Trustee Reports**

Trustee Brown reported he had attended the Parent Advisory Committee meeting and that he has spoken with many individuals about the Masset schools' amalgamation. He reported that Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay's wrestling teams did very well and have brought home many banners.

Trustee Husband reported that she attended the January Parent Advisory Committee meeting at Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary and that she spent time in the primary class at Agnes L. Mathers Elementary Junior School. She attended the animation film presentation at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary, attended the Professional Development meeting, participated in the Superintendent evaluation, attended the Board Special meeting, the Community Evaluation meeting, and will be attending the Kindness Dinner at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary.

Trustee Goetzinger reported that she attended the Policy Committee meeting, the monthly in-camera meeting, the monthly regular board meeting, and the Evaluation Committee meeting. She travelled to Vancouver where she attended British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Business Sessions, an Issues Forum, and the K-12 Funding Formula Presentation.

Trustee Condrotte reported that she attended the All Island Women's forum in Port Clements. She also met with Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay staff, attended the Parent Advisory Committee meeting at Tahayghen and attended the District Parent Advisory Committee meeting at the District Administrative Office. She also attended a Haida Gwaii Principals Association meeting, and the Evaluation Committee meeting.

### **5.3 Provincial Council Update**

Two of the three motions presented have passed (Funding Formula and Methodology). The third motion will be submitted at the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) annual general meeting in April 2018.

### **5.4 Superintendent of Schools Report**

The Superintendent of Schools reported that she travelled to Masset and attended Tahayghen Elementary and Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary Schools Parent Advisory Committee meetings, as well as staff meetings at both schools. She participated in a meeting with the Mayor of the Village of Masset, Andrew Merilees, and the Chief Councilor of Old Massett Duffy Edgars, to discuss the potential Masset schools' amalgamation. She reported meeting with Co+Host regarding their facilitation of the community consultation meetings that will take place in Masset and Old Massett in March. She attended the Early Learning Forum that was held at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary, Professional Development at Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary, has met with the Principals, attended the Haida Council meeting, and attended the District Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

### **5.5 Secretary Treasurer Report**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that she prepared the 2<sup>nd</sup> enrolment count report for the Ministry, has attended the Haida Education Council meeting, the Early Learning Forum, the Gudangaay Tlaats' gaa Naay Secondary's Parent Advisory Committee meeting, and has worked on the 2018/2019 Budget Consultation information package and on-line survey. She reported working on personnel matters, has drafted policies and forwarded them to the committee for approval to circulate to stakeholders, has submitted the Trades report to the Ministry, has had a meeting with the Early Learning Coordinator, and attended a Special Board meeting.

### **5.6 Principal of Aboriginal Education Report**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the Principal of Aboriginal Education Report for February 2018.

### **5.7 Information and Technology Manager Report**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the Information and Technology Manager Report for February 2018.

### **5.8 Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor Report**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor Report for February 2018.

R18022703 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) accept the Trustees and Senior Management reports.

MOTION CARRIED

## **6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

### **6.1 Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Policy (SOGI)**

The Superintendent of Schools reported that a new draft is prepared with the inclusion of reference to both gender and sexual orientation. That there will be a committee set up to review policy before forwarding it to the Policy Committee. CUPE and HGTA will be requested to appoint representatives on this committee.

### **6.2 Funding Model Review**

The Ministry of Education has scheduled funding model review regional meetings across BC. The Haida Gwaii Board of Education will await a response to the BCSTA's request to the Ministry of Education to schedule one meeting to be held at the BC School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting to improve northern representation as travel to the northern interior can be costly and time consuming. If this is not possible, the Board will send one trustee to a regional meeting.

R18022704 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) send one Trustee and two senior staff members to a regional meeting if a meeting is not held at the BC School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

### **6.3 Canadian School Board Association Congress 2018**

This event will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It was brought forward to the Board to discuss the merits in attending.

### **6.4 Tom Swanky Presentation**

The Superintendent of Schools reported that Tom Swanky is not able to come to Haida Gwaii in the Spring but is available in September 2018. The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) directed the Superintendent of Schools to schedule dates to have Tom Swanky present in the north and south in September 2018 if he not available on a professional development day that is agreeable to teachers.

### **6.5 Trustee Expenditure Report**

R18022705 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the Trustee Expenditure Report for the month of February 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

### **6.6 Masset School Consultation Update**

The Superintendent of Schools reported that there will be a two consultation meetings with the public, one on March 5th in Old Massett, and the second on March 8th in Masset. Updated information can be found on School District 50's website; stakeholders are encouraged to give feedback online.

## **7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

### **7.1 Finance Vouchers**

R18022706 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the February 2018 Financial Vouchers.

MOTION CARRIED

### **7.2 Agnes L. Mathers Junior Secondary School Update**

The Superintendent of Schools reported that the engineers made modifications to address the odor issue, and there was a delay for opening the gym due to the fire inspector's recommendations for additional improvements.

### **7.3 Budget Consultation**

Public consultation meetings are scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Information from those meetings will be compiled, a draft will be created and presented to the public on April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> for feedback. Changes may be made based on feedback and the final budget will be presented at the regular board meeting in May 2018 for ratification. to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by June 3,0 2018. There is an online survey for stakeholder feedback.

#### 7.4 2018/2019 School Calendar

The Superintendent of Schools reported that there is a draft for 2018/2019 school calendar reflecting Family Day on the 3rd Monday in February and a two week spring break in March. The Ministry changed the regulation for school calendars to add a professional development day for curriculum implementation. The 2018/2019 School Calendar needs to be submitted to the Ministry by the end of March 2018.

R18022707 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approves the 2018/2019 school calendar pending consultation with stakeholders.

MOTION CARRIED

#### 8. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The Secretary Treasurer informed the Board of Education that a \$10,000 grant has been awarded to School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) by the Ministry of Education's Aboriginal Education Department to support the development of teaching and students-use learning resources for Indigenous language learning curriculum and programs.

#### 9. QUESTIONS AND ENQUIRIES RELATING TO THE BOARD MEETING

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

- Tom Swanky presentations would be planned for parents, community members, and school staff.
- Agnes L. Mathers gym use delays, the effect of the delay on the community and how the odor issue was resolved.
- Budget surplus – processes for how it will be used, how much it is, and surplus contingency draft policy.
- Tahayghen student capacity.
- The Haida Language and Culture Staff bursary expenses from the Operating / Instructional budget. It's an investment to support staff and to build capacity.
- Masset School update – public consultations on March 5<sup>th</sup> in Old Massett and March 8<sup>th</sup> in Masset. Public can give feedback online, in person or at meetings.
- Two week spring break date change to align with other districts

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board Meeting at 1928 hours.

  
Secretary Treasurer

  
Chairperson

