

# **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT SK'AADGAA NAAY ELEMENTARY ON JANUARY 26, 2016**

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

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

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Leighann Rodger  
Maureen Benoit  
Fran Fowler  
Rick MacDonald  
Cairns Ives  
Vicki Ives  
Mike Garrett  
Steve Querengesser  
Lori Weideman

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Condrotte called the meeting to order at 1901 hours and acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional territory of the Haida Nation. The Board acknowledged a recent death of a Skidegate resident with a moment of silence.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

R16012601 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Move delegations presentation to next item on agenda;
- Add 6.3 Portfolio Change;
- Add 6.4 Strategic Planning Session;
- Add 6.5 Meeting Schedule;
- Delete 7.4 Ski Trip Application.

MOTION CARRIED

### **3. Delegations/Presentations**

#### **3.1 Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary**

Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School Teacher Marcie Watkins and a few of her primary students shared their eagle camera project with the Board of Education. Haida Language Teacher Joan Moody and Haida Elder Laura Germainien supported the students' presentation in Haida.

### **3.2 Community User Groups**

A number of members of the public informed the board of their concern regarding policy that prevents them from using school gymnasiums after hours for a variety of activities due to the insurance requirement. The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) informed the public that the School Protection Program does not provide liability coverage for user groups; therefore, each group must provide a copy of their liability insurance certificate to reserve space in the schools outside of instructional time.

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

R16012602 MOTION BY WILSON BROWN  
SECONDED BY HARMONY WILLIAMS

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1 Report from Chair**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the Chairperson's written report.

### **5.2 Trustee Reports**

- Trustee Goetzinger reported on her attendance at a Skidegate community meeting, a labour management meeting with CUPE Local 2020, a winter festival at Queen Charlotte Secondary School, a community planning meeting focusing on mental health, and governance training. Trustee Goetzinger requested an official name change for Queen Charlotte Secondary School be added to the February board meeting agenda.

R16012603 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY HARMONY WILLIAMS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file an emailed response from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the proposed logging surrounding Mt. Moresby Adventure Camp.

MOTION CARRIED

- Trustee Husband reported on her attendance at the Queen Charlotte Secondary School Parent Advisory Council meeting and shared the following highlights: discussion regarding food rations available in the event of an emergency evacuation, PAC to provide \$1,000 funding to offset field trip costs for students who are unable to pay, installation of a defibrillator outside of school for community use, school plan progress, upcoming duty to report training and new curriculum training, upcoming Early Learning Forum, and literacy support.

- Trustee Brown reported on his visits to classrooms and schools in Masset and conceiving new methods to involve parents in the school and district decision-making processes.
- Trustee Williams reported on her work to re-format the policy manual and cross-referencing policies with legislation to simplify the manual. She reminded the Board of the upcoming Unite Haida Gwaii conference to be held on February 4, 2016 and reported on receipt of many emails.

### **5.3 Superintendent of Schools' Report**

The Superintendent of Schools reported on his meeting with Skidegate Band Council representatives, a Haida language meeting, an assessment conference call, a technology committee meeting, a presentation at the University of British Columbia for potential student teachers, Strong Start funding conference calls, discussions with the Village of Masset, an upcoming student learning meeting in Terrace, and work on district policies.

### **5.4 Secretary Treasurer's Report**

The Secretary Treasurer reported on her work on the 2015/2016 Amended Budget, employment contracts, a labour management meeting, a conference call regarding upcoming changes available through the district accounting software provider, a conference call regarding facilities management, a conference call regarding student transportation, recruitment of six temporary positions, leave of absence management and confidential personnel matters.

### **5.5 Trustee Expenditure Report**

R16012604 MOTION BY WILSON BROWN  
SECONDED BY HARMONY WILLIAMS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the Trustee expenditure report for the month of December 2015.

MOTION CARRIED

## **6. Strategic and Policy Issues**

### **6.1 Aboriginal Education Symposium**

R16012605 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY HARMONY WILLIAMS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) recommends Trustees and staff attend the Aboriginal Education Symposium hosted by the Prince George School District on February 25, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

### **6.2 User Groups Insurance Requirements**

R16012606 MOTION BY DENISE HUSBAND  
SECONDED BY WILSON BROWN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) investigate the possibility of insuring user groups at Queen Charlotte Secondary School to a maximum of \$1,000 for a one-month period with the cost to be recovered by the user groups.

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### **6.3 Portfolio Changes**

RI6012607 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) add Community Relations Liaison to the Trustee Portfolio List with Trustee Goetzinger as the Board representative and Trustee Brown as her Alternate.

MOTION CARRIED

RI6012608 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) add Sexual Orientation to the Trustee Portfolio List with Trustee Husband as the Board representative and Trustee Goetzinger as her Alternate for the remainder of the year.

MOTION CARRIED

### **6.4 Strategic Planning**

RI6012609 MOTION BY WILSON BROWN  
SECONDED BY KIM GOETZINGER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) initiate a strategic planning process with the first meeting to be held on February 6, 2016 beginning at 10:00 am at the Port Clements Multiplex.

MOTION CARRIED

### **6.5 Board Meeting Schedule**

RI6012610 MOTION BY HARMONY WILLIAMS  
SECONDED BY KIM GOETZINGER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) move the in-camera board meetings to the Monday prior to the scheduled regular board meetings with the option to meet via teleconference beginning at 6:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

## **7. Operational Issues**

### **7.1 December Finance Voucher**

RI6012611 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receives and files the Accounts Payable and Payroll for December 2015.

MOTION CARRIED

## **7.2 Amended Annual Budget**

R16012612 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY HARMONY WILLIAMS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopts that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2015/2016 in the amount of \$11,780,111 be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R16012613 MOTION BY DENISE HUSBAND  
SECONDED BY WILSON BROWN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopts that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2015/2016 in the amount of \$11,780,111 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R16012614 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY DENISE HUSBAND

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) give unanimous consent to read the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2015/2016 in the amount of \$11,780,111 a third time at the current board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

R16012615 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER  
SECONDED BY HARMONY WILLIAMS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopts that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2015/2016 in the amount of \$11,780,111 be given third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

## **7.3 Tsunami Evacuation Busses**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed tsunami evacuation options for Tahayghen Elementary and George M. Dawson Secondary Schools and the need to continue exploring viable opportunities and community partnerships.

## **8. Questions from the public**

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

- Community involvement challenges;
- Evacuation plan timelines;
- Ability for all stakeholders to lobby government for funding.

**9. Adjournment**

RI6012616 MOTION BY KIM GOETZINGER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 2136 hours.

MOTION CARRIED

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Secretary Treasurer

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Chairperson