

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT TAHAYGHEN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MASSET ON MARCH 28, 2017**

PRESENT WERE: Harmony Williams, Chairperson
Elizabeth Condrotte, Trustee
Kim Goetzinger, Trustee (via teleconference)
Denise Husband, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dawna Day, Superintendent
Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer
Kirsten Gillespie, Confidential Admin Assistant/Minute Taker

ABSENT WERE: Wilson Brown, Trustee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Andrew Hudson
Ian Keir
Archie Stocker
Steve Querengesser
Maureen Benoit
Warren Wesley
Donna Wesley
Tammy Gates
Warren McIntyre
Leanne Seifert
Jennifer Vince

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Harmony Williams called the meeting to order at 1800 (6:00pm) hours and acknowledged that the meeting was held on traditional territory of the Haida Nation.

2. Approval of Agenda

R17032801 THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions:
7.9 Aboriginal Education Updates

MOTION CARRIED

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

R17032802 THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of February 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 last Regular Board meeting. She also attended the agenda setting meeting, is continuing her policy work as part of the Policy Committee, and had a few conference calls with the Minister regarding new announcements.

5.2 Trustee Reports

- Trustee Husband reported on her attendance at the last In Camera Meeting. She also attended the Agnes L. Mathers Elementary School (ALM) groundbreaking ceremony and attended the Branch Meeting at the Board Office.
- Trustee Goetzinger reported that she has received quite a few emails this last month. She also attended two conference calls with BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA), the groundbreaking ceremony at Agnes L. Mathers (ALM), the Branch Meeting at the board office, and the budget meeting at Sk'aadga Naay Elementary. She has also received updates from the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) on the sector leader speaker series and the next new trustee academy training. She also attended the open house at the Young Weavers in Skidegate and the Skidegate Community Comprehensive Plan Dinner.
- Trustee Condrotte reported that she attended the In Camera Meeting and some of the community budget consultations. She also attended the last Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting.

5.3 Superintendent of Schools Report

The Superintendent of Schools reported that this last month she has met with a small group of stakeholders to discuss the implementation of an island wide youth mental health strategy. She is hoping to hold a larger consultation in April. She also met with the Skidegate Band Council (SBC) to discuss concerns over alcohol and drug use on the island. She attended the last In Camera Meeting and the Principals Meeting. She has also been discussing with our IT Manager Steve Goffic about implementing a five (5) year IT plan. She was happy to report that all schools have completed the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) tests for the year and that principal Ian Keir was getting ready for the Science Fair on April 26. She attended the community budget consultations that have taken place so far and conducted community consultation regarding the 2017/2018 school calendar via an on-line survey. She also attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Agnes L. Mathers (ALM), the Branch Meeting held at the board office, the Joint Professional Development Committee Meeting, a meeting with Secretary Treasurer Sansome and the Employee Family Assistance Program, a demonstration on a new online attendance management system, and various conference calls with the Ministry. She is going to be starting to work on reviewing our current transportation system and beginning community consultations regarding the amalgamation of the Masset schools. Lastly, she was happy to report that we are receiving \$740 for the Strong Start Program.

5.4 Secretary Treasurer Report

Secretary Treasurer Sansome reported that this month she has been busy conducting community budget consultation meetings. She attended the last Principals meeting and the groundbreaking ceremony at Agnes L. Mathers (ALM). She has attended various conference calls, a demonstration of a new electronic management system, and attended to various confidential personnel matters. Lastly, she was happy to report the the sale of our Oceanview Drive property has been completed and that we had received the funds from the sale.

R17032803 THAT The Board of Educaiton of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) accepts the Trustee and senior management reports.

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 Trustee Expenditure Report

R17032804 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the Trustee expenditure report for the month of February 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Strategic and Policy Issues

6.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

6.1.1 BCHRT Aboriginal Special Program

R17032805 THAT School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) staff start the process and talk to stakeholders about the BC Human Rights Tribunal Special Program and report back to the Board of Education with feedback.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 BCSTA Support for Refugee Students

The Board of Education of School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) reviewed the letter from the BCSTA regarding support for refugee students.

6.3 BCSTA Teacher Recruitment and Retention for Northern, Remote, and Rural School Districts

Secretary Treasurer Sansome reported to the Board of Education of School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) that no additional funding has been received yet regarding this announcement but is looking forward to working on new ways to recruit teachers.

6.4 BCPSEA Memorandum of Agreement from Supreme Court of Canada Decision

Secretary Treasurer Sansome reported to the Board of Education of School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) that the district will be working with the Haida Gwaii Teachers Association (HGTA) regarding the Supreme Court of Canada decision.

6.5 Sandspit Busing Petition

R17032806 THAT the Board of Education of School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) send a formal letter in response to the Sandspit Busing Petition regarding transportation to the ferry for students who attend school on Graham Island and also provide information for parents regarding an emergency contact for students who are waiting for the ferry on Graham Island.

MOTION CARRIED

6.6 Update on reformatting Policy Manual

The Board of Education reviewed the updated Policy Manual and reported that the School District website had been updated with the changes.

6.7 Revisions to Policy 6000 Utilization of Properties by General Public

R17032807 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve Policy 6000 Utilization of Properties by General Public.

MOTION CARRIED

6.8 Policies for Deletion

R17032808 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) deletes policies 6040 School Equipment, 4500 Damage to Property, 2120 Replacement Equipment, and 2115 Student Fees.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Operational Issues

7.1 February Finance Vouchers and Credit Card Statements

R17032809 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receives and files the Accounts Payable and Payroll for February 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Budget Process Update

R17032810 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) ask Superintendent Day to explore why Haida Language and Culture instructional time has been decreasing over the past five (5) years and review the past five (5) years of Board Meeting Minutes which pass motions regarding Haida Language and Culture.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Maintenance Update

The Board of Education of School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the Maintenance Report prepared by Maintenance and Facilities Manager Steve Goffic.

7.4 School Enhancement Projects

R17032811 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt the Capital Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD50-01 be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R17032812 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt the Capital Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD50-01 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R17032813 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) give unanimous consent to authorize Secretary Treasurer to read the Capital Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD50-01 a third time at the same Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

R17032814 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt the Capital Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD50-01 be given third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5 2017/2018 Draft Calendar

R17032815 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt and approve option "C" as the 2017/2018 regular school calendar for all elementary and secondary schools.

MOTION CARRIED

R17032816 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt and approve option "C" as the 2017/2018 distributed learning school calendar.

MOTION CARRIED

7.6 Field Trip Applications

R17032817 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the Ski & Snowboard trip for Gugangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School.

MOTION CARRIED

7.7 Public Guardian and Trustee Education Assistance Fund

The Board of Education of School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) reviewed the letter from the Public Guardian and Trustee regarding education assistance fund.

7.8 Naloxone Kits in Schools

R17032818 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) create a mental health and wellness portfolio.

MOTION CARRIED

7.9 Aboriginal Education Update

Superintendent day reported to the Board of Education of School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) that the Integrated Resource Package (IRP) 2017 has been approved by the Ministry of Education. Students from grades five (5) to seven (7) that take Haida Language will now be given credit by the ministry for graduation. She also reported on behalf of Aboriginal Principal Joanne Yovanovich on some key programs she has been busy with over the past month. Principal Yovanovich helped with organizing the Early Learning Forum which was held in February at Sk'aadga Naay Elementary School and hosted the Alder Reading Gala in Port Clements. She also had meetings with the Skidegate Band Council (SBC) and Old Masset Village Council (OMVC) to discuss Haida language programs and has been working with the Haida Education Council committee. She also attended the Ministry of Education Framework and Policy meeting in Vancouver.

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:

- The 2017/2018 Calendar. CUPE is concerned about the calendar changes and how days will lengthen to accommodate a two-week spring break.
- The calendar for 2018/2019 was discussed briefly on whether it will also be a two-week spring break.
- The survey for the 2017/2018 calendar was discussed and whether a good response was received.
- The decrease in Teachers on Call and how important it is to bring qualified teachers here.
- Concerns about transportation and how to spend less money on bussing.
- The Board and Superintendent's presence in the North was discussed.
- The School District website is being revised in hopes to make it more user friendly.
- Haida culture and history was discussed and how it is being taught in schools.

9. Adjournment

R17032819 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 2155 (7:55pm) hours.

MOTION CARRIED



Secretary Treasurer



Chairperson