

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT PORT
CLEMENTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dawna Johnson-Day, Superintendent of Schools
Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Verena Gibbs
Maureen Benoit
Steve Querengesser
Andrew Hudson
Johanne Young
Reg Davidson
Roeland Denooij
Ronald Williams
Merewyn Nicol

1. Call to Order

Chair Condrotte acknowledged that the meeting is being held in the traditional territory of the Haida Nation and called the meeting to order at 1803 hours.

2. Approval of Agenda

R16112901 THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions:
5.6 Facilities Manager Report;
6.10 Policy 6000 Utilization of Properties by General Public;
6.11 Haida Gwaii Early Years Table November 2016 Minutes;
7.7 Gudangaay Tlaats'Gaa Naay Flooring Tender;
7.8 Request for Advertising.

MOTION CARRIED

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

3.1 October 24, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R16112902 THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3.2 November 14, 2016 In-Camera Board Meeting Rise and Report

The Superintendent of Schools reported on property, personnel and student matters, as well as the award of Gudangaa Tlaats'Gaa Naay Secondary School Roofing project from the November 14, 2016 In-camera meeting.

4. Delegations/Presentations

None

5. Reports

5.1 Report from the 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 Husband reported on her attendance at a Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary Parent Advisory Council meeting, Remembrance Day ceremony, an in-camera board meeting, as well as attendance at the district's professional development day.
- Vice Chairperson Goetzinger reported on her participation at governance training, a meeting with the Superintendent, a Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary Parent Advisory Council meeting, a Remembrance Day ceremony, the in-camera meeting, and a labour management meeting.
- Trustee Williams reported on her involvement with professional development day and participation on a reconciliation panel, attendance at a Haida Education Council meeting, in addition to policy work.

5.3 Superintendent of Schools' Report

The Superintendent of Schools reported on her attendance at the First Nations Education Steering Committee conference, administration of Principal portfolios, ongoing human resources matters, the Haida Education Council meeting, three Parent Advisory Council meetings, the professional development day, an application in partnership with Haida Gwaii Rec, a Principal meeting, Confidential Administrative Assistant interviews, meetings at all schools, signed contracts with HG Rec for the After School Sports and Arts Initiative as well as with Alicia Embree for sexual health education in the schools, addressing transportation concerns, a potential energy efficiency grant, research into the impact of the recent Supreme Court ruling on class size and composition, as well as a meeting with the McReary Society.

Trustee Brown joined the meeting at this time.

5.4 Trustee Brown's Report

Trustee Brown reported on his involvement with a Remembrance Day ceremony as well as visits to schools.

5.5 Trustee Expenditure Report

R16112903 The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the Trustee expenditure report for the month of October 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 Secretary Treasurer's Report

The Secretary Treasurer reported on her involvement with recruitment, the class size and composition data submission, the assets, contingent assets and contractual rights data submission, seniority lists, transportation, labour management meetings, staffing, learning improvement fund reports, a board planning session, the CommunityLINK report, work with the Ombudsperson and confidential personnel matters.

5.6 Facilities Manager Report

R16112904 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receives and files the Facilities Manager Report for the month of October 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Strategic and Policy Issues

6.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

R16112905 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) add the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Report regarding Education to Board governance district policy.

MOTION CARRIED

R16112906 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) add the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Report regarding Education to the strategic plan.

MOTION CARRIED

R16112907 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) schedule a working session with the First Nations Education Steering Committee to review the Local Education Agreements.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Correspondence with Old Massett Village Council

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed correspondence with Old Massett Village Council.

R16112908 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) issue an apology to Old Massett Village Council for sending the letter dated November 2, 2016 stating a misunderstanding of the intention of the meeting, and reissue a correct letter to invite them to meet to discuss the potential amalgamation of Tahayghen Elementary and Gudangaa Tlaats'Gaa Naay Secondary Schools.

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Policy Deletions

R16112909 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) deletes policies 6200 District Vehicles, 1450 Smoke Free Environment, 3200 School Planning Councils, 3630 District Resource Centre, 4710 Nutrition in Schools, 6500 Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System and 6310 Animals in Schools.

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Policy Amalgamations

R16112910 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) circulates the following amalgamated policies to stakeholders:

- 6950 Threat and Risk Assessment to include 6920 Weapons Intrusion and 6930 Unwelcome Visitors
- 4150 Student Injury & First Aid to include 6430 First Aid
- 6600 Employees Working Alone or in Isolation to include 6301 Home Visit Safety Guidelines
- 6420 Emergency Response Plan to include 6400 School Closure for Emergencies

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) directed administration to obtain direct feedback from users of the form 6950-1 regarding its relevance.

6.5 CSBA 2017 Congress

R16112911 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) support Trustee and Senior Management travel to attend the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education and the Canadian School Board Association Congress on July 5 to 8, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

6.6 October 2016 BCSTA Provincial Council Synopsis

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receives and files the October 2016 BCSTA Provincial Council Synopsis.

6.7 Board Training with BCSTA

R16112912 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) request the British Columbia Schools Trustee Association provide training with a focus on goal setting, community relations and board evaluation.

MOTION CARRIED

6.8 Elections

R16112913 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) conduct the election of chairperson and vice chairperson at this evening's board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Condrotte stepped down as chair and requested the Secretary Treasurer to assume the chair.

The Secretary Treasurer requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Education. Trustee Harmony Williams was elected by acclamation effective December 13, 2016.

The Secretary Treasurer requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education. Trustee Goetzinger was elected by acclamation effective December 13, 2016.

Chair Condrotte resumed the chair.

6.9 Location of December 2016 Board Meeting

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the location of the December 2016 board meeting and confirmed it will be held via videoconferencing equipment located at the District Administration Office in Queen Charlotte and Gudangaa Tlaats'Gaa Naay Secondary School in Masset.

6.10 Policy 6000 Utilization of Properties by General Public

R16112914 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) circulate the revisions to policy 6000 Utilization of Properties by General Public to stakeholders for feedback.

MOTION CARRIED

6.11 Haida Gwaii Early Years Table November 2016 Minutes

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed the Haida Gwaii Early Years Table November 2016 minutes.

7. Operational Issues

7.1 October Finance Voucher

R16112915 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receives and files the Accounts Payable and Payroll for October 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Form 1530

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received and filed Form 1530 for the 2016/2017 school year.

7.3 Budget Update

The Secretary Treasurer updated the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) on the 2016/2017 budget.

7.4 Field Trip Application

R16112916 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approves Gudangaay Tlaats'Gaa Naay Secondary School's Post Secondary Institution field trip application.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5 MOE Rural Education Survey

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the Ministry of Education's rural education survey.

7.6 Shared Energy Manager Pilot

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the Shared Energy Manager Pilot.

7.7 Gudangaay Tlaats'Gaa Naay Flooring Tender

R16112917 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) award the Gudangaay Tlaats'Gaay Naay School Floor Renovation project to I.J. Rugman Floor Coverings.

MOTION TO CARRIED

7.8 Request for Advertising

R16112918 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) develop a policy to address charitable donation requests.

MOTION TO CARRIED

R16112919 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct administration to forward all charitable donation requests to the board in writing until a policy is created.

MOTION TO CARRIED

8. Questions from the public

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

- Principal reassignments;
- Letter to Old Massett Village Council;
- The bidding process for the sale of the district house;
- Strategic planning draft and public input process;
- Deletion of policy 6500 WHMIS;
- Policies to support legislative regulations and deletion of policies can create a void for staff;
- Request acronyms not be used for Haida named schools;
- Language acquisition to further Haida language in schools;
- Amount of time the Principal of Aboriginal Education visits schools in Masset;
- Request to offer French Immersion at Port Clements Elementary School;

- Ability to approach band councils to subsidize non-certified Haida Language and Culture teacher salaries;
- Rationale for not including recording of names in motions;
- Timelines for language acquisition with a focus on Haida;
- Local Education Agreements.

9. Adjournment

R16112907 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 2024 hours.

MOTION CARRIED


Secretary Treasurer


Chairperson