

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN DAAJING GIIDS/QUEEN CHARLOTTE, GUDANGAAY TLAATS'GAA NAAY SECONDARY IN GAW TLAGEE/MASSET AND VIA GOOGLE MEET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2019**

**PRESENT WERE:** Roeland Denooij, Chair  
Dana Moraes, Vice Chair  
Julia Breese, Trustee (via videoconference)  
Wilson Brown, Trustee (via videoconference)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joanne Yovanovich, Interim Superintendent  
Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer  
Piet Langstraat, Special Advisor  
Colleen Bradley, Confidential Administrative Assistant/Note-taker

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**Videoconference:**

Verena Gibbs  
David Reynolds  
Patrike McElvoy  
Freda Davis  
Donna Wesley  
Warren Wesley  
Sephina Jones

**District Administration Office:**

Lao Peerless  
Stephen Querengesser

**Google Meet:**

Leighann Rodger  
Jason Thompson  
Keshia Cutter

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Denooij called the meeting to order at 1804 hours.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD (10 Minutes Total)**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) invite members of the public to address agenda items during the Public Question Period. Xaayda Kil/Xaad Kill /Haida Language Immersion was discussed.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**R19040201** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the agenda as circulated with the following additions:

- 9.3 External Facilitation Support;
- 10.9 Field Trip Applications;

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

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

**5.1 February 26, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes**

**5.2 April 02, 2019 In-Camera Rise and Report**

Interim Superintendent Yovanovich reported that personnel and student matters were discussed at the April 02, 2019 In-Camera meeting.

**R19040202** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the February 29, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes with amendment to 9.2 Funding Model Review: a sub-committee will be formed for the funding model review as discussed by Trustees to establish recommendations.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

## **6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **6.1 Special Advisor Report**

Special Advisor Langstraat has a written report that is available on School District 50's website. In his report, Special Advisor Langstraat addressed concerns that were raised by the public at the February 26, 2019 Board meeting. Additionally, other concerns were subsequently brought to Special Advisor Langstraat's attention:

- The manner in which the interim Superintendent was notified that the Board was going to undertake a search for a permanent Superintendent
- The Board's involvement in the appointment of the Special Advisor
- The extent to which the former Superintendent continued to have involvement in the operations of the District.

The Special Advisor reported that from his investigation, the previous Superintendent has not had continued involvement in the operations of the District.

### **6.2 BC Human Rights Tribunal**

The Interim Superintendent of Schools asked the Board of Education for clarification regarding the intent of the Special Program application. It was suggested to review the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) and Parks Canada within their job postings.

**R19040203** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Interim Superintendent to work with CUPE and the Haida Gwaii Teachers' Association to request an exemption from lay-off language within Collective Agreements regarding newly hired staff of Haida ancestry.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

**6.3 Premier Award – no applicants submitted.**

### **6.4 Official Languages in Educational Program (OLEP)**

Interim Superintendent is working with the President of the Council of the Haida Nation, Gaagwiis (Jason Alsop), to receive matching or increased funding than what is received by OLEP.

### **6.5 2019/2020 Calendar**

**R19040204** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt the 2019/2020 Calendar as presented.

MOVED: Trustee Breese  
SECOND: Trustee Moraes  
MOTION CARRIED

## **6.6 Transportation Policy Review**

**R19040205** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) develop a sub-committee to review the current Transportation and Transportation Assistance policies and make recommendations for any changes.

MOVED: Trustee Breese  
SECOND: Trustee Moraes  
MOTION CARRIED

The sub-committee members will include: Trustee Julia Breese, Operations Manager Lao Peerless, Chairperson Roeland Denooij.

## **7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **7.1 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)**

Tahayghen Elementary School Principal, Verena Gibbs, gave a presentation about what SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) is, it's history, and how it creates an inclusive, respectful, safe environment for all students, staff and community in BC schools.

## **8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Chairperson Denooij reported that he attended the February GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Parent Advisory Council meeting, participated in Pink Shirt day at Sk'aadGaa Naay Elementary school, has been working with Special Advisor Langstraat regarding the hiring of a Superintendent and that he will be attending the BC School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting in April. Trustee Denooij reported that Trustee Moraes participated at the career fair at GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary and attended the Skidegate Haida Immersion Program (SHIP) where it was announced that 9 fluent speaking Elders will receive honorary doctorates from Vancouver Island University. He reported that Trustee Moraes, Trustee Breese and Trustee Brown have also been working with Special Advisor Langstraat regarding personnel matters.

## **9. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

### **9.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

#### **9.1.1 Indigenous Protocol**

Document was included in the Board meeting package and is available on School District 50's website.

### **9.2 By-Election Update**

Secretary Treasurer Sansome informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that an advertisement for the By-Election were posted for 2 consecutive weeks; the general election is Saturday, May 11, 2019. Nomination packages are available at the District Administration office, Tahayghen Elementary, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary and at the Masset Village Council office. The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 5, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

### **9.3 External Facilitation Support**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed an opportunity for the BC School Trustees' Association to provide up to 2 days of paid facilitation for professional learning offered by Boards who wish for further training in a focused topic of their choosing.

**R19040206** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Secretary Treasurer and Special Advisor to find a facilitator to work with the Board to help with training related to financial health and budgeting.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

## **10. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

### **10.1 February 2019 Finance Vouchers**

**R19040207** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the February 2019 Financial Vouchers.

MOVED: Trustee MORAES

SECOND: Trustee BREESE

MOTION CARRIED

### **10.2 February 2019 Trustee Expenditure Report**

**R19040208** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the February 2019 Expenditure Report.

MOVED: Trustee Breese

SECOND: Trustee Brown

MOTION CARRIED

### **10.3 Masset Schools Consolidation Update**

Special Advisor Langstraat informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that a written report is available on School District 50's website illustrating information gathered regarding Masset schools consolidation.

### **10.4 2019/2020 Budget Update**

Secretary Treasurer Sansome informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 that comments were reviewed and compiled to generate 20 different themes. A follow-up survey was circulated to rate these identified themes in order of priority with 85 responses compiled and posted on School District 50's website. Public budget meetings have been scheduled to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the District Board office in Daajing Giids, and on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary in Gaw Tlagee.

### **10.5 Joint First Nation Student Transportation Plans – TABLED**

### **10.6 2019/2020 Capital Plan Bylaw**

Supporting documents were included in the Board meeting package.

**R19040209** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt Capital Plan Bylaw 2019/2020-CPSD50-01 be given first reading.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

**R19040210** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopts Capital Plan Bylaw 2019/2020-CPSD50-01 be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

MOVED: Trustee Breese  
SECOND: Trustee Moraes  
MOTION CARRIED

**R19040211** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) give unanimous consent to read Capital Plan Bylaw 2019/2020-CPSD50-01 a third time of the current board meeting.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes  
SECOND: Trustee Breese  
MOTION CARRIED

**R19040212** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopts that Capital Plan Bylaw 2019/2020-CPSD50-01 be given 3<sup>rd</sup> final and reading.

MOVED: Trustee Breese  
SECOND: Trustee Moraes  
MOTION CARRIED

#### **10.7 Youth Trade Capital Equipment Program**

Interim Superintendent informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) that the Youth Trade Capital Equipment Program submitted to the Ministry of Education for 2 years of funding; funds should be received by March 31.

#### **10.8 BC School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting -**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the upcoming AGM to be held

#### **10.9 Field Trip Applications**

##### **10.9.1 Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary – Vancouver Trip**

**R19040213** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the field trip application from Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary for a trip to Vancouver.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes  
SECOND: Trustee Breese  
MOTION CARRIED

##### **10.9.2 Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary – Seafood Harvesting**

**R19040214** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the field trip application from Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary for Seafood Harvesting.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes  
SECOND: Trustee Breese  
MOTION CARRIED

##### **10.9.3 Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary – Seafood Harvesting**

**R19040215** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the field trip application from Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary for Seafood Harvesting.

MOVED: Trustee Breese  
SECOND: Trustee Brown  
MOTION CARRIED

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**11.1 Rural Education Enhancement Fund**

Secretary Treasurer informed the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) of the Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF) available to rural districts with communities that only have one school in the community that could be at risk of closing. \$160,000 was requested; was given \$35,000 for Agnes L Mathers, \$25,000 for Port Clements Elementary School. This is School District 50's first time receiving this grant and will be furthered discussed at budget planning meetings.

**11.2 Agnes L. Mathers Press Release**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) discussed the Agnes L Mathers press release regarding the soil contamination at Agnes L Mathers Elementary School. A report will be available in the next few weeks. The Secretary Treasurer submitted the claim to the School Protection Program for all associated costs to be reimbursed regarding the soil contamination.

**12. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES RELATING TO THE BOARD MEETING:**

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:

- Special Advisor Langstraat's report
- Bussing services for students living on reserve
- Haida Immersion
- Education regarding child abuse
- By-election update
- Masset schools amalgamation and public input meetings

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**R19040216** THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 1943 hours.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer