

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 VIA GOOGLE MEET**

**PRESENT:** Roeland Denooij, Chair  
Dana Moraes, Vice-Chair  
Adeana Young, Trustee  
Julia Breese, Trustee  
Wilson Brown, Trustee  
Nano White, Student Trustee, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carey Stewart, Superintendent of Schools  
Maureen Benoit, Human Resource Officer  
Colleen Bradley, Confidential Administrative Assistant / note-taker

**REGRETS:** Maggie Borrowman, Student Trustee, Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC / GOOGLE MEET:**

Lao Peerless	Steve Goffic	Laverne Hamilton
Cayanne Evans	Warren McIntyre	

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Denooij called the meeting to order at 18:04 PM.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) invited members of the public to address agenda items during the Public Question Period. The following agenda items were discussed:

- No questions were brought forward.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

R20042801 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Wilson Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the April 28, 2020 Board meeting agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

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

## **5.1 February 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

R20042802 MOTION BY Wilson Brown

SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the February 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## **5.2 April 28, 2020 In-Camera Rise and Report**

Superintendent Stewart reported that personnel, property and student matters were discussed at the April 28, 2020 In-Camera meeting.

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

### **6.1 Disposable Property**

The Superintendent of Schools reported that this is still in progress and he is still gathering information.

## **7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations at this time.

## **8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Chairperson Denooij reported that he has been attending weekly meetings with the BC School Trustees' Association via Zoom and has had conference calls with the Ministry of Education. Chairperson Denooij reported that the BC School Trustees' Association had their election online, President and Vice-President were acclaimed and 5 Directors were elected. Chairperson Denooij has been meeting weekly with the Superintendent of Schools and Senior Staff to discuss how schools are coping. The Ministry of Education has been speaking with Board Chairs to help guide school districts during these times. Chairperson Denooij reported that he has been working with staff regarding the budget process and in April, attended a virtual Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting for Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary. Chairperson Denooij encourages other PACs to try to meet as well.

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **9.1 Student Trustee Report – Maggie Borrowman, Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary**

#### **9.1.1 Student Trustee Report - Nano White, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary**

Student Trustee White reported that he has been in contact with Student Trustee Borrowman and has some notes to share from her. He reported that the general consensus is that although the current situation not ideal there is not much students can do about it. Student Trustee White reported that students are finding more motivation with video calls and are more comfortable with video chat. Student aid services are able to help with homework and teachers continue to touch base with students to make sure students are on track which has also been a good motivator. Students appreciate teachers being flexible regarding due dates for assignments as many students do struggle with motivation and household distractions. Chrome books have

been lent out to students that needed devices which has been very helpful. Some students are without WIFI and still need help with that. Superintendent Stewart advised to contact school admin to inform them who is in need of devices and WIFI accessibility and will follow up with Student Trustees. Trustee Moraes informed Student Trustee White that Jordan's Principal is another source of support and is collecting names of Indigenous youth who need devices and access to WIFI.

## **9.2 Covid-19**

Superintendent Stewart shared that schools are feeling things are up and running for the most part. Staff is in contact with students and parents on a regular basis. All students have access to Moodle (an online learning platform). Students are checking in on Google Hangouts regularly with staff. Many parents expressed preference of paper packages vs. online platforms. There are staff members working on paper packages and are dropping them off or arranging for parents to pick them up as well as providing technical devices, art supplies and musical instruments. Food services are up and running. A Gwaii Trust grant for technical support and devices has been approved for schools on Haida Gwaii. School staffs are meeting daily or at least 2 times a week. Schools have identified priorities and put in supports including adapting course content. The new norm is now an online model, low tech options are available. Communication between schools and homes is vital and frequent making sure everyone is on the same page. High school students are connecting using Google Classrooms and Moodle. Trustee Breese requested that a condensed version of this information be posted on School District 50's website.

## **10. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

### **10.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission – Local Education Agreement (LEA)**

The Superintendent of Schools has been networking with the Skidegate Education Department regarding a Local Education Agreement. They have a virtual meeting set to take place on May 11, 2020 for further discussions. Superintendent Stewart has met with the Old Massett Village Council's Education Administrator but no Local Education Agreement has received from them at this time.

### **10.2 BC School Trustees' Association**

Chairperson Denooij reported that Trustees have been meeting with the BC School Trustees' Association online and that Trustee Young was able to attend Provincial Council online.

### **10.3 Trustee Roles**

R20042803 MOTION BY Dana Moraes

SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt policy A.2.3, Role of the Trustee as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

R20042804 MOTION BY Dana Moraes

SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt policy A.2.4 Role of the Chair/Vice-Chair as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **10.4 On-line Leadership Series**

Superintendent Stewart has been in touch with Gordon Li, who facilitates Leadership sessions in the North. Mr. Li looks forward to discussing the possibility of holding a Leadership Series Session in School District 50 when the conditions are safe to do so.

#### **10.5 Amalgamation Update**

Manager of Operations, Lao Peerless submitted a 606 page report to the Ministry and is hoping to hear back from them by end of this week. Covid-19 may affect the project, but do not know how at this point and will wait and see as there are a lot of factors involved. Trustee Breese has requested a copy of the report. Chairperson Denooij inquired about the timeline; Manager of Operations, Lao Peerless, responded that the Ministry of Education will make sure it meets guidelines, that there may be some back and forth, but it should not be too long after that knowing what the funding will be.

### **11. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

#### **11.1 February and March 2020 Finance Vouchers**

Trustee Breese had a question regarding costs to the HG Rec commission in the February Finance Voucher. Human Resource Officer, Maureen Benoit, said she would inquire and report back to the Board. Trustee Moraes had a question regarding costs to Jonathan Morgan & Co. Manager of Operations, Lao Peerless, responded that those costs were for a furniture company for which the District received a funding grant.

R20042805 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the February and March 2020 Finance Vouchers with the correct name on the Memorandum sheets.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **11.2 February and March 2020 Trustee Expenditure Report**

R20042806 MOTION BY Wilson Brown

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the February and March 2020 Trustee Expenditure Report.

MOTION CARRIED

### **11.3 2020/2021 Capital Plan Bylaw**

R20042807 MOVED BY Dana Moraes

SECOND BY Wilson Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt Capital Plan Bylaw 2020/2021-CP5D50-01 be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R20042808 MOVED BY Wilson Brown

SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt Capital Plan Bylaw 2020/2021-CP5D50-01 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R20042809 MOVED BY Wilson Brown

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) give unanimous consent to read Capital Plan Bylaw 2020/2021-CP5D50-01 a third time at the current board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

R20042810 MOVED BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopts that Capital Plan Bylaw 2020/2021-CP5D50-01 be given third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

### **11.4 Budget Planning**

Superintendent Stewart stated that there is a virtual public budget meeting scheduled on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Human Resource Officer, Maureen Benoit, spoke of some of the responses received from the consultation meetings and from the online survey. Responses were included in the supporting documents of the Board meeting package. Common themes include, but are not limited to, counseling, mental health, student and classroom support and sports. Responses will be referred back to during planning.

### **11.5 Secretary Treasurer Vacancy Update**

Superintendent Stewart reported that the position for Secretary Treasurer has been posted with a closing date of May 8, 2020 and that they have received one application so far.

### **11.6 2020/2021 Calendar**

The Superintendent of Schools asked to keep in mind that the calendar was drafted prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, that it has met all requirements, and the Ministry of Education has approved it.

R20042811 MOTION BY Dana Moraes  
SECOND BY Wilson Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopt the 2020/2021 Calendar as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## 12. CORRESPONDANCE

### 12.1 Heritage Housing Society

The Superintendent of Schools reported that the Heritage Housing Society is seeking a letter of support from The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) to include in their funding application for an upcoming housing project in Queen Charlotte. The Board is happy to support the project and will have a letter of support drafted.

## 13. QUESTION PERIOD

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:

- Covid-19 Update
- 2020/2021 Capital Plan Bylaw

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 19:14 hours.



Chairperson



Superintendent