

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2019 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN DAAJING GIIDS/QUEEN CHARLOTTE , AT GUDANGAAY TLAATS'GAA NAAY SECONDARY IN GAW TLAGEE/MASSET AND VIA GOOGLE MEET.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne Yovanovich, Interim Superintendent
Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer
Piet Langstraat, Special Advisor (via videoconference)
Colleen Bradley, Confidential Administrative Assistant / note-taker

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Videoconference:

Dave Reynolds
Dejah Busch
Patrike McElvoy
Frieda Davis
Warren Wesley
Donna Wesley
Irene
Pauline Jones
Tara Sjolund

District Admin Office:

Lao Peerless
Linnaea Fyles
Leighann Rodger
Steve Querengesser
Jen Dysart
Leslie Johnson
Tracy Morton
Jason Alsop
Will Bedard

Google Meet:

Tammy Gates
Steve Goffic
Kaysha
Jo Brunsdon
Ian Keir
Ken Evans
Janet Rigg
Julia Maloney McNab
Catherine Rigg
Jason Thompson

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Denooij called the meeting to order at 1808 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. Members of the public wanted to discuss the following agenda items:

- Article 9.3 Masset School amalgamation.
- Article 9.2 Funding Model Review.
- Superintendent Recruitment

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R19022601 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the agenda as circulated with the following amendments:

9.7 Transportation

10.5.4 Field Trip - Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary

MOVED: Trustee Breese

SECOND: Trustee Brown

MOTION CARRIED

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

5.1 January 29, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes

5.2 February 26, 2019 In-Camera Rise and Report

Interim Superintendent of schools reported that student, personnel and property matters were discussed.

R19022602 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the January 29, 2019 minutes with the following revisions:

8.3 2018/2019 Amended Budget, motions R19012926 and R19012927

MOVED: Trustee Breese

SECOND: Trustee Moraes

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Special Advisor Report, Piet Langstraat

Special Advisor Langstraat submitted a written report and reiterated his responses to the concerns brought up at the January 29, 2019 Regular Board meeting including hiring practices, Superintendent recruitment, Masset Schools amalgamation and strategic planning framework.

R19022603 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Interim Superintendent of Schools to work with Special Advisor, Piet Langstraat, on the application process to the BC Human Rights Tribunal regarding hiring practices.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

R19022604 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) engage in the strategic planning process with Special Advisor, Piet Langstraat in April or May 2019.

MOVED: Trustee Breese

SECOND: Trustee Brown

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Policy D.14 Draft Student Discipline – Suspensions

R19022605 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve to circulate the draft Student Discipline - Suspensions policy D.14 to stakeholders for feedback.

MOVED: Trustee Brown

SECOND: Trustee Moraes

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Policy D.4 Draft Field Trip

R19022606 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve to circulate the draft Field Trip policy D.4 to stakeholders for feedback.

MOVED: Trustee Brown

SECOND: Trustee Julia

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Communication Strategy

A draft has been created and will be further addressed during the strategic planning sessions.

6.5 Haida Immersion

The Interim Superintendent of Schools has had discussions with school Principals regarding Haida Immersion. This is a big task, with many layers that requires a lot of resources and likely will not be possible to implement by September 2019. This item will be added to as part of Strategic Planning.

R19022607 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) explore opportunities to develop Haida language teachers' capacity and the creation of resources with an aim to implement a Haida Immersion program in future.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

6.6 Premiere's Award of Excellence

There are no candidates to date.

6.7 Official Languages in Education Program (OLEP)

President of the Council of the Haida Nation, Jason Alsop ,Gaagwiis, requested for a meeting to take place in the near future to discuss the Official Languages in Education Program.

6.8 Amended Budget - 3rd Reading

R19022608 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopts that Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2018/2019 be giving a third and final reading.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

AGAINST: Trustee Brown

6.9 2019/2020 Calendar

R19022609 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) to circulate the 2019/2020 Calendar as presented for public feedback.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

6.10 Agnes L. Mathers Parent Advisory Council Letter

The Interim Superintendent of Schools reported that she has responded to the letter which was included in the Board meeting package.

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Denooij reported that he attended the BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council meetings that included a focus on the Funding Model Review. He attended a combined conference with the Ministry of Education Partnership meeting, as well as the Parent Advisory Council meeting at Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary and the Early Learning Forum at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary. Trustees Breese and Moraes have been working on the draft communication strategy. Trustee Moraes also participated in the Haida Education Council meeting, meetings with Special Advisor Langstraat, and attended the Early Learning Forum. Trustee Breese attended a meeting with Haida Gwaii Teachers' Association regarding negotiations.

9. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

9.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission

9.1.1 BC School Trustees' Association Indigenous Education Committee

9.2 Funding Model Review

BC School Trustees' Association is looking at a new funding model and is seeking input from all Boards. Three areas of focus are: equity of educational opportunities, accountability for use of funding and financial management.

9.3 Masset Schools Amalgamation

A funding model review committee will meet over the next few weeks to establish recommendations. Special Advisor Langstraat and the Interim Superintendent of Schools will conduct consultations regarding the amalgamation.

9.4 First Nation Student Transportation Plan

The Secretary Treasurer stated that this is a part of the BC Tripartite Agreement. Currently, a number of school districts do not provide transportation to on-reserve students. School District 50 does, but will look at providing transportation for afterschool initiatives and has discussed increasing the number of bus stops and will be work with both Band Councils.

9.5 Chief Election Officer Appointment

The Secretary Treasurer stated that the School Act gives 30 days from the date of resignation to elect a Chief Election Officer.

R19022610 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) appoint Duncan White as Chief Election Officer.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

9.6 Motion Tracking

R19022611 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve to activate the online program to track the approved motions of the Regular Board meetings.

MOVED: Trustee Breese

SECOND: Trustee Moraes

MOTION CARRIED

9.7 Transportation

Trustee Breese expressed concern that some elementary students from Port Clements spend up to 4 hours on the school bus as buses do not run to Port Clements Elementary School. It was thought that there was funding available for parents to drive their children to school however, funding is not available.

R19022612 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) review the Transportation policy.

MOVED: Trustee Moraes

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

10. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

10.1 February 2019 Finance Vouchers

R19022613 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the February 2019 Financial Vouchers.

MOVED: Trustee Brown

SECOND: Trustee Breese

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 January 2019 Trustee Expenditure Report

R19022614 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the January 2019 Trustee Expenditure Report.

MOVED: Trustee Brown

SECOND: Trustee Moraes

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Tahayghen Elementary School Playground

Information was included in the Board meeting package. More consultations will happen before installment.

R19022615 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) extend the regular meeting past two hours.

MOVED: Trustee Breese

SECOND: Trustee Moraes

MOTION CARRIED

10.4 Seismic Mitigation Program

The Secretary Treasurer stated that the Ministry has a new seismic mitigation program; that contractors will be hired to do assessments at Agnes L Mathers Elementary, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary and Port Clements Elementary Schools. There will be an announcement this week from the Ministry regarding funding.

10.5 Field Trip Applications

10.5.1 Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary – Ski Trip

R19022616 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the field trip for Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary's ski trip.

MOVED: Trustee Breese

SECOND: Trustee Brown

MOTION CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Moraes

10.5.2 Agnes L. Mathers Elementary- Swim and Ski Trip

R19022617 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the field trip for Agnes L. Mathers Elementary swim and ski trip.

MOVED: Trustee Breese

SECOND: Trustee Moraes

MOTION CARRIED

10.5.3 Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary – Post-Secondary Institution Tour

R19022618 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the field trip for Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary Post-Secondary Institution Tour.

MOVED: Trustee Brown

SECOND: Trustee Breese
MOTION CARRIED

10.5.4 Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary – Sr. Boys Basketball Provincials
R19022619 THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the field trip for Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary BC 'A' Senior Boys Basketball Provincials.
MOVED: Trustee Brown
SECOND: Trustee Moraes
MOTION CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDANCE

- 11.1 BC School Trustees' Association Correspondences
11.1.1 Eligibility for Settlement Services
11.1.2 Changes to the Provincial Graduation Program
11.1.3 Public School Enrolment in B.C.
- 11.2 BC Canadian Forces Liaison Council

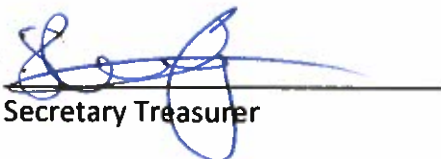
12. QUESTION PERIOD

- Bullying in schools
- Clarification regarding Piet Langstraat's report
- Funding Model Review
- HGTA Collective Agreement, classroom sizes and student support
- School amalgamation budget and feasibility
- Haida Immersion

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2039 hours.


Chairperson


Secretary Treasurer