

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 VIA GOOGLEMEET**

PRESENT: Roeland Denooij, Chair
Dana Moraes, Vice-Chair
Julia Breese, Trustee
Adeana Young, Trustee
Wilson Brown, Trustee
Maggie Borrowman, Student Trustee

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

REGRETS: Nano White, Student Trustee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC / GOOGLEMEET:

Laurie Husband
James Warner
Warren McIntyre
Jason Thompson
Colin Greenough
Kieran

Misty Surtees
Maureen LaGroix
Ken Evans
Karissa Gall
Johanne Young
Jennifer White

Steve Goffic
Laverne Hamilton
Sian Nalleweg
Elizabeth Condrotte
N.D.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

Chairperson Denooij acknowledged that the meeting was held on the unceded territory of the Haida Nation.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Denooij called the meeting to order at 18:05 hours. Trustee Young read an opening prayer that was prepared in Xaad Kil by Student Trustee, Nano White.

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:

- None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R20052601 MOTION BY Dana Moraes
SECOND BY Adeana Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the May 26, 2020 Regular 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 April 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R20052602 MOTION BY Adeana Young

SECOND BY Julia Breese

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

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 May 26, 2020 In-Camera Rise and Report

R20052603 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Adeana Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the May 26, 2020 In-Camera rise and report.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- None

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- None

8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Denooij reported that May has been a busy month. He reported that he has been working with Trustees and Staff to guide everyone through COVID-19 realities. Chairperson Denooij reported that he has participated in meetings with other Board Chairs across the province and that the Ministry of Education has done a good job engaging Trustees through the process.

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

9.1 Student Trustee Report

9.1.1 M. Borrowman, GidGalang Kuuyas Naay

Student Trustee Borrowman reported on the following:

- No report at this time

9.1.2 N. White, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay

Student Trustee White reported on the following:

- No report at this time

10. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

10.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Superintendent Stewart is continuing to work on the Local Education Agreement (LEA) with Tracy Hageman and Marcia Piercey of the Skidegate Education Committee. They had meetings on May 14th, May 22nd and have a meeting scheduled for May 29th.

10.2 BC School Trustees' Association Update

Chairperson Denooij wanted to congratulate and share that Trustee Moraes is on the BC School Trustees' Association Indigenous Education Committee and will be working with other Trustees across the province.

11. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

11.1 April 2020 Finance Vouchers

Trustee Moraes inquired on the following charges:

- Family Services of Greater Vancouver
- Lin Haw International Co. Ltd.
- Pebt – In Trust
- Richelieu

Operations Manager, Lao Peerless, was able to answer what most of the charges were for. Human Resource Officer, Maureen Benoit, said she would find out and report back to the Board.

R20052604 MOTION BY Dana Moraes
SECOND BY Adeana Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the April 2020 Finance Vouchers as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11.2 April 2020 Trustee Expenditure Report

R20052605 MOTION BY Julia Breese
SECOND BY Dana Moraes

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

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 Secretary Treasurer Candidate

Human Resource Officer, Maureen Benoit, reported that they have short listed two applicants and are moving forward to the interview process.

11.4 Mount Moresby Adventure Camp

Superintendent of Schools stated that the Mount Moresby Adventure Camp and School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) will continue with their partnership. Mount Moresby Adventure Camp will work with parents and their children in the form of online learning.

11.5 Public Budget Meeting Update

Superintendent Stewart stated that the Google presentation went well and they received good feedback. Extra funding for the COVID-19 pandemic has been factored into the budget in regard to an increased need for supplies and custodial and maintenance staffing.

11.6 Re-Opening of Schools Update

The Superintendent of Schools reported that the Ministry has set specific guidelines for re-entry and that he has received good feedback from school administration and senior staff regarding a stage 3 school re-opening plan. Superintendent Stewart stated that School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) is currently at stage 4 and it is premature to know when the stage 3 re-entry plan will be implemented as it is a live working document that is still in progress. School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) conducted a survey and out of the 253 surveys that were filled out, 184 support returning to in-class instruction.

Superintendent Stewart shared a letter he received from Gaagwiis (Jason Alsop), President of the Haida Nation, regarding the continuation of online learning during Haida Gwaii's continued state of emergency. Superintendent Stewart will continue to work with Council of the Haida Nation and hopes to have more information available soon.

11.7 2020/2021 Five-Year Capital Plan

The supporting document for the 5-Year Capital Plan was submitted in the regular board meeting package (page 28).

R20052606 MOTION BY Adeana Young
SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the 2020/2021 Five-Year Capital Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11.8 2020/2021 Annual Facility Grant

Supporting documents for the 2020/2021 Annual Facility Grant were submitted in the regular board meeting package (pages 29-31). The Manager of Operations created a

list with input from Principals and Senior Staff. Most projects can be done "in house" although some upcoming projects will require off island contractors. Safety guidelines are in place and will be practiced at all times.

R20052607 MOTION BY Wilson Brown
SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the 2020/2021 Annual Facility Grant as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11.9 Gwaii Trust COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant

R20052608 MOTION BY Julia Breese
SECOND BY Adeana Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) agree to support the Gwaii Trust COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant application for the School Greenhouse Projects.

MOTION CARRIED

Action - Superintendent Stewart will draft a letter of support.

11.10 2020/2021 Preliminary Budget

Human Resource Officer, Maureen Benoit, said that the Ministry must receive the budget by June 30, 2020. She stated that there were some slight changes in the budget to reflect the teacher wage increase, the operating grant increase (due to an increase in student full time enrollment), that there will be a reduction in administration with the elimination of four vice-principal positions (creating two principal positions instead), and an increase for student counselling services.

R20052609 MOTION BY Dana Moraes
SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adopts the Annual Budget bylaw for fiscal year 2020/2021 in the amount of \$13,989,026 be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from the Council of the Haida Nation regarding Re-Opening of Schools

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:

- Re-Opening of Schools
- 2020/2021 Preliminary Budget

Trustee Young shared a closing prayer in Xaad Kil.

14. ADJOURNMENT

R20052610 MOTION BY Dana Moraes
SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 19:17 hours.



Chairperson



Superintendent