

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
IN DAAJING GIDDS/QUEEN CHARLOTTE AND VIA GOOGLE MEET ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2019**

PRESENT WERE: Roeland Denooij, Chair
Dana Moraes, Vice Chair
Julia Breese, Trustee
Wilson Brown, Trustee (Via Videoconference)
Adeana Young, Trustee (Via Videoconference)

ALSO PRESENT: Carey Stewart, Superintendent (Via Videoconference)
Maureen Benoit, Human Resource Officer
Colleen Bradley, Confidential Administrative Assistant/note-taker

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
Lao Peerless
Warren McIntyre (Via Videoconference)

GOOGLE MEET:
Sian Nalleweg
Stephen Querengesser
Steve Goffic

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Denooij called the meeting to order at 18:11 hours.

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 items were brought forward at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R19112601 MOTION BY Dana Moraes

SECOND BY Adeana Young

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

- Add 13.3, Letter from Agnes L. Mathers Elementary School PAC

MOTION CARRIED

Chairperson Denooij took this time to acknowledge the hard work of all the Trustees and passed the position of Chair to Interim Secretary Treasurer, Maureen Benoit, for the duration of the elections for Chair and Vice Chair.

5. ELECTIONS

5.1 Chairperson

Roeland Denooij was re-elected to the position of Chairperson by majority vote.

5.2 Vice Chairperson

Dana Moraes was re-elected to the position of Vice Chairperson by majority vote.

R19112602 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) destroy the voting ballots used in the election of Chair and Vice Chair.

MOTION CARRIED

Ballots were destroyed

Chairperson Denooij resumed as Chair.

5.3 Committee Representatives:

The 2019/2020 Trustee portfolios are as follows:

- 5.3.1 Finance and Audit: Adeana Young with Roeland Denooij as alternate.
- 5.3.2 Labour Management, Bargaining, BCPSEA: Adeana Young with Julia Breese as alternate.
- 5.3.3 Cultural, District Sports: Wilson Brown with Dana Moraes as alternate.
- 5.3.4 Professional Development: Julia Breese with Dana Moraes as alternate
- 5.3.5 Haida Education Council, Local Education Agreement: Wilson Brown with Dana Moraes as alternate.
- 5.3.6 BC School Trustees' Association: Adeana Young with Roeland Denooij as alternate.
- 5.3.7 District Parent Advisory Council: Julia Breese with Roeland Denooij as alternate.
- 5.3.8 Community Relations, Wellness: Dana Moraes with Julia Breese as alternate
- 5.3.9 Sexual Orientation: Julia Breese with Roeland Denooij as alternate.

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

6.1 October 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R19112603 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Wilson Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the October 22, 2019 minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 November 26, 2019 In-Camera Rise and Report

Superintendent Stewart reported that personnel, property and student matters were discussed at the November 26, 2019 In-Camera meeting.

7. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1.1 Official Language in Education Program (OLEP)

Superintendent Stewart stated that he has been working on the Official Language in Education Program with the Principal of Indigenous Education, Joanne Yovanovich. As it is still in progress, no date has been set for a formal report.

7.2 Student Transportation Policy

The Superintendent of Schools presented policy G.6. 1 Transportation Assistance, regulation G.6.2 Transportation Assistance - Road, and regulation G.6.3 Application for Transportation Assistance Form and requested that the policies be recirculated to Stakeholders for 3 weeks for additional feedback. Trustee Breese stated she would like to see the school district engage the public for feedback on transportation and that the policies should be sent out to the public for feedback longer than 3 weeks due to the holiday approaching.

R19112604 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) send out the Bus Policy and Regulations to the Public and local agencies for 3 weeks for additional feedback in support of the district Bus Policy and Regulations.

*Motion Amended

R19112605 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) amend motion R19112604 from 3 weeks to 5 weeks.

MOTION CARRIED

R19112606 MOTION BY Dana Moraes

SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) send out the Bus Policy and Regulations to the Public and local agencies for 5 weeks for additional feedback in support of the district Bus Policy and Regulations.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

7.3 Disposable Property

The Superintendent of Schools has not received any feedback and will report on this item at the next board meeting.

7.4 Student Trustee

The Superintendent of Schools has been working with Ian Keir and David McLean regarding a student trustee from Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary. Nathaniel White has accepted the role of student trustee and will be participating at future board meetings.

8. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary Principal, Ian Keir

Postponed to future meeting.

9. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Denooij reported on the following:

- Trustee Young attended the BC Pubic Schools Employers' Association meeting in Vancouver;
- Trustee Breese attended the Parent Advisory Council meeting in Gamdiis Tlagee/Port Clements and the District Parent Advisory Council meeting. She also attended the Family Wellness night at Tahayghen Elementary in Gaw/Masset and attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Gamdiis Tlagee /Port Clements;
- Trustee Moraes attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Daajing Giids/Queen Charlotte and has had meetings with the Superintendent of Schools regarding Strategic Planning;
- Chairperson Denooij participated in the Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Parent Advisory Council meeting, the Sk'aadgaa Naay Parent Advisory Council meeting and the Remembrance Day ceremony in Daajing Giids/Queen Charlotte. He has had weekly meetings with the Superintendent of Schools, attended the BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council meetings in Vancouver, and will be attending the BC School Trustees' Association Trustee Academy at the end of November.

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

For his report, the Superintendent of Schools spoke about Items 11.1 Truth and Reconciliation and item 11.2 Strategic Planning.

11. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

11.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Superintendent Stewart has been working with the Principal of Indigenous Education, Joanne Yovanovich, to learn more about Haida culture. Those discussions involved the following points that were included in the board package:

1. A Brief Definition of Decolonization and Indigenization
2. Weaving Reconciliation into meetings
3. What we learned: principles of truth and reconciliation
4. Truth and Reconciliation in your classroom, how to get started and who can help.

Superintendent Stewart stated that this could be a starting point for School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) and could be incorporated as part of strategic planning. On Ministry Day staff participated in Truth and Reconciliation activity that explored their personal knowledge and involvement with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action. Trustee Moraes said that knows of a resource that she would like to share with staff and students and has agreed to facilitate. The resource is a TED Talk by Nikki Sanchez that addresses Decolonization and Indigenization.

11.2 Strategic Plan Update

There was a visionary piece included in the board package. The Superintendent of Schools will meet with Trustees to discuss Strategic Planning. The Superintendent of Schools has outlined some goals that are specific to School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii):

Goal 1: To increase student literacy

Goal 2: To increase student numeracy

Goal 3: to support the implementation of the re-design K-12 curriculum

Trustee Breese would like the Trustees to meet as a group for a Strategic Planning retreat as there was some very good visioning and work done at their previous retreat. Trustee Denooij was in agreement and stated that one focus at the upcoming Trustee Academy is Strategic Planning that can help guide the Trustees.

11.3 Amalgamation Update

On November 19th the Superintendent of Schools met with the Senior District Team where they discussed time frames, transition and calendar dates for committee meetings. A letter was planned to be sent out to the committee with dates to meet as a group to discuss next steps. The Manager of Operations, Lao Peerless, said funding has been approved by the Ministry and hopes for allocation by the end of January 2020.

11.4 Wellness Grant

Superintendent Stewart shared that School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) was awarded a \$32,500 grant from the Ministry of Education to support mental health and well-being in schools and communities. A copy of the letter from the Ministry was included in the board package.

11.5 District Assessment

The Superintendent of Schools stated that how students are doing in school is vital and it is important for parents to have a clear picture where their children are in regard to grade level.

Reasons for a District Assessment which the Superintendent of Schools would like to follow through are a Local Education Agreement in partnership with the Skidegate Band Council to discuss literacy, numeracy and graduation rates and to confirm a mutual commitment to communities and acknowledge the important role within each school, to build a positive, effective, collaborative and constructive relationship in sharing Students' educational outcomes. This process will demonstrate how it supports our students through graduation and transition to post-secondary education and training, or employment after grade 12.

R19112607 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Wilson Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Superintendent to work with our schools and local communities on a District Student Assessment model which will be shared with all schools and local communities.

MOTION CARRIED

11.6 Communication Protocol

Some Trustees expressed that they would like to create a procedure to improve communication with Stakeholders that shares the highlights of the regular board meeting in a more timely manner. Superintendent Stewart said that other communities have asked him for a Superintendent's report regarding sharing information of other schools and communities and that he could incorporate board meeting highlights as part of his report.

12. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

12.1 October 2019 Finance Vouchers

R19112608 MOTION BY Adeana Young

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

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

MOTION CARRIED

12.2 October 2019 Trustee Expenditure Report

R19112609 MOTION BY Adeana Young

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

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

MOTION CARRIED

12.3 2018-2019 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

R19112610 MOTION BY Dana Moraes

SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the 2018-2019 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI).

MOTION CARRIED

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Letter from Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School PAC

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received a letter from Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School's PAC regarding current policy requiring a School District 50 teacher or employee to be present on all field trips. The PAC is asking the Board to look at ways of permitting volunteers and/or parents to lead field trips if no school staff is available. Superintendent expressed that the School District is held responsible for the safety of students while on a field trip and must have school staff present for accountability. Teachers are school district employees and are covered by insurance that cannot extend to parents or volunteer coaches. Also, any staff that chaperones a field trip is volunteering their time. There was discussion to explore incentives for staff who volunteer for field trips and for School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) to explore options of partnering with the Haida Gwaii Recreation Commission. Superintendent Stewart said that he will also look at parameters set by the Ministry of Education regarding field trip regulations.

R19112611 MOTION BY Julia Breese

SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Superintendent to explore ways to make sporting and field trips more accessible to the students in the district.

MOTION CARRIED

13.2 BC School Trustees' Association Communication

The BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) is offering of up to 2 days of paid facilitation time to Boards who wish to address topics around financial health requirements, budgeting and expenditure management processes, strategic planning and budgeting considerations, trustee orientation support and or governance policy and best practices. Upon pre-approval, BCSTA will pay a maximum \$1700 plus an additional travel and accommodation subsidy of up to \$1000 where required. Additional days and/or costs will be the responsibility of the school district. Chairperson Denooij is in favour of accessing the grant offered by BCSTA to bring a facilitator to Haida Gwaii.

R19112612 MOTION BY Dana Moraes

SECOND BY Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Superintendent to recommend a facilitator to assist the Board with trustee orientation support, governance policy and best practices by using the grant offered by BCSTA.

MOTION CARRIED

13.3 Letter from Agnes L. Mather's Elementary School PAC

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received a letter from Agnes L Mathers Elementary School PAC. The Superintendent will respond accordingly and the letter will be added to the December 17th, 2019 Regular Board meeting agenda.

14. 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:

- Wellness grant
- Teacher volunteers on Field Trips

R19112613 MOTION BY Julia Breese
SECOND BY Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) extend the meeting past 20:00 hours.

MOTION CARRIED

14. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES RELATING TO THE BOARD MEETING continued:

- Funding for Field Trips
- District Assessment

15. ADJOURNMENT

R19112614 MOTION BY Dana Moraes
SECOND BY Adeana Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 20:06 hours.

MOTION CARRIED


Chairperson


Superintendent