

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD IN
HLGAAGILDA/SKIDEGATE AT SK'AADGAA NAAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
BY GOOGLE MEET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2019.**

PRESENT WERE: Roeland Denooij, Chair (via Google Meet)
Dana Moraes, Vice-Chair
Wilson Brown, Trustee
Julia Breese, Trustee
Adeana Young, Trustee

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

ABSENT WAS: Shelley Sansome, Secretary Treasurer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
Warren McIntyre

GOOGLE MEET:

Stephen Querengesser	Ken Evans
Lao Peerless	Steve Goffic
Carla Lutner	Tracy Morton

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

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

The floor was given to the Superintendent of Schools, Carey Stewart, who started off the meeting with good words of thanks and gratitude; to remind us to keep in mind those in the Nation that may have heavy hearts; to wish safe journey to those traveling off Island, and to thank everyone for attending the meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Denooij called the meeting to order at 18:03 hours and reiterated proper meeting decorum.

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 from the public

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R19102201 MOTION BY DANA MORAES

SECONDED BY WILSON BROWN

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

- Add item 11.6, Disposable Property;
- Merge items 6.3 and 10.5, Student Transportation and Bussing policies under item 10.5;
- Add visit from Ministry of Transportation;

MOTION CARRIED

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

5.1 May 28th, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes

R19102202 MOTION BY DANA MORAES

SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the May 28, 2019 minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 October 22nd, 2019 In-Camera Rise and Report

The Superintendent of Schools reported that personnel and property matters were discussed at the October 22, 2019 In-Camera meeting.

6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Official Languages in Education Program

The Superintendent of Schools reported that he has met with the Principal of Indigenous Education, Joanne Yovanovich to discuss the status of the program and

reported that it was still in progress. The Superintendent of Schools hopes to have more information for the next Board meeting.

6.2 BC Human Rights Tribunal Application

The Superintendent of Schools stated that the BC Human Rights Tribunal application is about equity for Indigenous Educators, that currently there is language regarding this in the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) collective agreement but not in the Canadian Union of Public Employees' (CUPE) collective agreement.

6.3 Student Transportation Policy

Merged with item 10.5, Bussing Policy.

6.4 Joint First Nations Transportation Plan

The Superintendent of Schools reported that School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) is working in partnership with The First Nation Education Steering Committee (FNESC), with Skidegate Band Council and the Council of the Haida Nation to extend the school bus routes to pick up all elementary students. This is the first year implementing the new route and there are still some areas to work out. There was a recent incident of a young student getting onto the incorrect bus. A public apology has been made by the Superintendent of Schools as well as a meeting with the student's parents and with the Skidegate Band Council. Trustee Moraes added that in effort avoid situations like this from reoccurring, some schools are using coloured cones at their bus stops to indicate to students what bus they are to get on.

6.5 Haida Language and Culture Bursary

The Superintendent of Schools reported that the current budget for the Haida Language & Culture Bursary is being reviewed for continuation this Bursary.

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7.1 None.

8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Denooij reported on the following:

In June and July:

- Chairperson Denooij attended a principals meeting at Port Clements Elementary School and learned about all the amazing accomplishments at all our schools in the 2018-2019 school year; also discussed were challenges and opportunities for improvement district wide;

- Chairperson Denooij attended the Vice Principal hiring interviews for the Port Clements Elementary School. Sarah Finnie was the successful candidate and we are very happy to have her on the team;
- Chairperson Denooij attended the Tom Swanky presentation at the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) offices as well as the outdoor education forum at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School that proved to be very informative and inspiring. Trustees will be working with the Superintendent of Schools to develop more outdoor education opportunities at School District 50;
- Trustees met with Jennifer McRae and Denise Augustine in Gaw/Masset and Daajing Giids/Queen Charlotte. Discussions involved Haida Immersion, Local Education Agreement (LEA), Tripartite agreements, and busing;
- Chairperson Denooij attended Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary's scholarship committee and was very impressed with the amount of scholarships available to graduates, most of it provided by local businesses, societies, and organizations. Chairperson Denooij attended the graduation ceremonies at both high schools where Trustee Young spoke at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay and Chairperson Denooij spoke at Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay;
- He attended a retirement party for Mr. Favreau at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School and presented a small gift on behalf of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) Board office;
- On July 1st Chairperson Denooij greeted the new Superintendent of Schools, Carey Stewart, to School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) and gave him a tour of all the schools;

In September:

- Chairperson Denooij worked with the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) on creating a framework for additional governance training for the Board;
- Participated in a Ministry of Education call regarding bargaining, framework for enhanced learning, and new funding model;
- Met with the Superintendent of Schools weekly to discuss all matters concerning School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii);
- Trustee Young and Chairperson Denooij met with Jennifer Rice where they discussed issues facing School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) such as declining enrolment, amalgamation, busing, and early child care;

In October:

- Chairperson Denooij attended the Parent Advisory Committee meeting at Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary;
- He attended the BC School Trustees' Association Chairs meeting in Richmond where discussions with BC School Trustees' Association's Board centered

around issues facing school districts across the province and was able to network with other School Board Chairs;

- Chairperson Denooij attended the Ministry of Education's Joint meetings with the Superintendent of Schools, Carey Stewart. The meeting was an informative day of knowledge sharing from all facets of education in BC. Updates on pilot projects for Frameworks for enhanced student learning, funding model;
- Trustees Breese, Moraes and Young attended the BC School Trustees' Association's Northern branch meetings in Prince George. It was an excellent opportunity to network and learn from other districts in the northern branch of BC School Trustees' Association. Trustee Breese added that the theme of the meeting was Truth and Reconciliation with many discussions about appropriate actions regarding reconciliation and Indigenous consultation; Trustee Young added that the panel was excellent, very empowering, inspiring, and had good discussions with other school districts regarding what reconciliation can look like;

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent of Schools reported on the amalgamation progress of the Masset schools and is working with the Ministry of Education and the Manager of Operations in that regard. Superintendent Stewart reported that the timeline for amalgamation is too tight for it to be completed for 2020 and is projecting the amalgamation completion date to be in 2021.

Trustee Young added that the Minister of Transportation was on Haida Gwaii where discussions regarding BC Ferries were held. Some of the discussions were about who uses the ferries and what some of the issues are. The mayor of Daajing Giids/Queen Charlotte, Kris Olson, discussed with the Minister some of the issues regarding students and staff travelling on ferries. Trustee Young said to look for a survey being put out by BC Ferries in their effort to look for areas that need improvement and to make sure that our voice is being heard.

- 9.1** Manager of Operations Report - a written report was submitted in the meeting package;

10. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

10.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission

The Superintendent of Schools has been in discussions with the Principal of Indigenous Education regarding the Haida Language and Culture Bursary. Orange shirt day was on September 30th where every student and staff member of School District No. 50

(Haida Gwaii) was given an orange t-shirt to wear to honour and remember residential school survivors.

10.2 Provincial Local Education Agreement (LEA)

Superintendent Stewart stated that the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received a letter dated August 30, 2019 from the Skidegate Band Council that was requesting implementation of a Provincial Local Education Agreement (LEA) between School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) and Skidegate First Nation.

R19102203 MOTION BY ADEANA YOUNG
SECOND BY WILSON BROWN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approves of a shared responsibility and reconciliation to engage with the implementation of the Provincial Local Education Agreement (LEA) with Skidegate Band Council.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Enrolment Forecast

Superintendent Stewart reported that the data information from the 1701 student count from September 30, 2019 has been collected and submitted to Ministry of Education. Agnes L Mathers has 24 students, Port Clements Elementary School has 20 students, Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School has 129 students, Tahayghen Elementary School has 68 students, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary has 80 students, Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary has 126 students equaling a total of 447 students in the district. Kindergarten to grade 12 projections from last year indicate that the district has lost 6 students.

10.4 Graduation Update

Superintendent Stewart shared the outcome of the 2018/2019 Dogwood diploma completion. Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary had 16 graduates (81% graduation rate), Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary had 11 graduates (85% graduation rate), and Distributed Learning had one graduate (Adult Dogwood).

10.5 Bus Policy / Student Transportation Policy Update

The Superintendent of Schools stated that the 2018/2019 bus transportation forms, policies and recommendations were under review with the recommendation of changing all distances to 2.3 kilometres, to clarify the definitions of the transportation

assistance and application for transportation assistance, and to put all policies under one.

R19102204 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) send the draft Bus policy to employees, parents, students, or other community member who may have suggestions for the policy revisions, in writing, to the Superintendent. The proposal shall contain a brief statement of purpose or rationale. The revised bus policy will circulate for two weeks from the date sent from the Board Office.

*motion amended

R19102205 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) amend motion R19102204 and break up the policy into two parts of policy and regulations.

MOTION CARRIED

R19102206 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve to circulate the draft Bus Policy for 30 days to Stakeholders for feedback.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

R19102207 MOTION BY JULIA BREESE
SECONDED BY DANA MORAES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve to circulate the Bus regulations for 30 days to Stakeholders for feedback.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

Trustee Breese requested that Stakeholders be able to submit feedback online.

10.6 Student Trustee

Superintended Stewart said that in 2018 a motion was passed to have a student trustee from each high school join the Board. At this time those positions are not filled, however, both high schools will be looking into it this month. Trustee Moraes added that she had met a Student Trustee at the 2018 Trustee Academy, and asked him if he would be interested coming to Haida Gwaii to present to high school students about being a Student Trustee.

10.7 BCSTA Update & Training Opportunities

Chairperson Denooij shared that the Trustee Academy will be taking place in November and is very much looking forward to it. Severn Cullis-Suzuki will be one of the keynote speaker this year. Trustee Moraes added that at the North Interior Branch are to coordinating a film screening for the Trustee Academy and that they may be interested in a screening of the Edge of the Knife as well. Chairperson Denooij will be attending BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council meetings next week, and will report back to the Board.

11. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

11.1 May 2019 – September 2019 Finance Vouchers

Trustee Breese asked for clarification on the following:

- Swing Time Distributors - Lao Peerless, the Manager of Operations explained that it was for a playground for the Masset School amalgamation from the 2018/2019 5 Year Capital Plan and that the equipment is currently in storage until the time comes to install it.
- Pacific Ropes - Lao Peerless, the Manager of Operations explained that it was an awarded contract for Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay's upgrades.

R19102208 MOVED BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY WILSON BROWN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the May 2109 – September 2019 Finance Vouchers.

MOTION CARRIED

11.2 May 2019-September 2019 Trustee Expenditure Report

R19102209 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECOND BY ADEANA YOUNG

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the May 2109 – September 2019 Trustee Expenditure Reports.

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 Ratification of Five Year Plan

Superintendent Stewart shared that the annual 2019/2020 Five Year Capital plan was submitted and has been passed.

11.4 Audited Financial Statement 2019/2020

R19102210 MOTIONED BY JULIA BREESE

SECONDED BY ADEANA YOUNG

Superintendent Stewart shared that the 2018/2019 internal financial statement indicated a \$405,390 surplus cumulated by schools that have not spent allocated funds such as grants and savings from transportation costs due to having our own buses. Trustee Breese asked how much money was saved in transportation , Lao Peerless, Manager of Operations is doing a full review and will report back to the Board.

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11.5 Signing Authority

R19102211 MOTION BY DANA MORAES

SECONDED BY JULIA BREESE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) add Carey Stewart as a signing officer.

MOTION CARRIED

11.6 DISPOSABLE PROPERTY

Chairperson Denooij shared that School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) has some properties not being used and proposed to re-gift unused property back to the Haida Nation.

R19102212 MOTION BY DANA MORAES
SECONDED BY WILSON BROWN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Superintendent of Schools to identify all School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii)'s properties not in use, to identify the process for re-gifting properties back to the Haida Nation and to report his findings back to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDANCE

Ian Keir, the principal of Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay received \$10,000 from Langara for the school's foods project. Mr. Keir would like to give a presentation about it at the next board meeting.

13. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES RELATING TO THE BOARD MEETING

The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) and members of the public held a question and answer period. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Student Trustees
- Audited Financial Statements
- On Island Board training
- Special Advisor reports
- Masset school's new amalgamation date

The Superintendent of Schools, Carey Stewart had some closing comments stating that this was his first board meeting with School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii), that it is an honour to work with everyone, and that it is all about the kids. He asked that members who are travelling be safe, and to be mindful of families who walk with heavy hearts. "Thank you all."

ADJOURNMENT

19:11 PM



Chairperson



Superintendent