

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 VIA GOOGLEMEET**

**PRESENT:** Roeland Denooij, Chair  
Dana Moraes, Vice-Chair  
Julia Breese, Trustee  
Wilson Brown, Trustee (joined the meeting at 18:07)

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

**REGRETS:** Adeana Young, Trustee  
Nano White, Student Trustee  
Maggie Borrowman, Student Trustee

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC / GOOGLEMEET:**

Steve Goffic	Ken Evans	Kevin Black
Lao Peerless	Warren McIntyre	Laverne Hamilton

**1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY**

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

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

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

- none

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

R20062301 MOTION BY Trustee Julia Breese  
SECOND BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the June 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting agenda with the following amendment:

- Move item 11.6 to 11.3

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**5.1 May 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

R20062302 MOTION BY Trustee Julia Breese

SECOND BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the May 26, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**5.2 June 23, 2020 Rise and Report**

The Superintendent of Schools reported that property, personnel and student matters were discussed at the June 23, 2020 In-Camera meeting.

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

Superintendent Stewart reported that he wrote and sent a letter of support for the School Greenhouse project who are applying for a Gwaii Trust COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant.

**7. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

- None

**8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Chairperson Denooij reported that he worked with senior staff to gain support for opening schools to stage 3 as well as consulted with the Council of the Haida Nation, all Island leaders, and trustees. Chairperson Denooij participated in two virtual meetings for BC School Trustees' Association Chairs with many discussions regarding stage 3 school openings, student enrolment for September, and planning for future BC School Trustees' Association events. Chairperson Denooij reported that he and Trustee Breese and Vice-Chair Moraes attended interviews and hiring meetings for the Secretary Treasurer position and congratulated Kevin Black for being the successful candidate. Chairperson Denooij replied to a media request from the Haida Gwaii Observer regarding moving schools to stage 3 and he visited many of the schools to see how each site had prepared their buildings and staff for a safe transition from stage 4 to stage 3. He also spoke with school Principals about the successes and challenges of the past three months. Chairperson Denooij watched the Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay and GidGalang Kuuyas Naay's graduation ceremonies online and congratulates all the 2020 Graduates.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Stewart reported that having Student Trustees has been very beneficial and it was rewarding to have their voices at the table. The Superintendent of Schools hopes to keep this going next year and will work with Principals when they reconvene in September to discuss having Student Trustees join the Regular Board meeting in October 2020.

## **9.1 Student Trustee Reports**

### **9.1.1 M. Borrowman, Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary**

Student Trustee Borrowman reported on the following:

- No report at this time.

### **9.1.2 N. White, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary**

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 reported on the Local Education Agreement. A draft has been sent, it is still in the discussion stage and he hopes to hear more by the end of this week. Last Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> was National Indigenous Peoples Day and the District had t-shirts for all Staff, Students, and Trustees to wear.

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

Chairperson Denooij reported that he has been meeting with other Board Chairs and that there will be a townhall meeting coming up for all trustees across the province. Chairperson Denooij encourages all the Trustees to join as there was no Annual General Meeting this year due to COVID-19 and this would be a good way to connect with other Trustees and share ideas.

Vice-Chair Moraes reported that the BC School Trustees' Association Indigenous Education Committee has a project in the planning stages that is a *Virtual Walk Across BC*. It is an Elementary school project focusing on physical activity and place based learning with the goal to walk 1000 kilometers to cross BC - virtually. There will be an app available and the pilot will start in September 2020 beginning in Masset and will then make its way across the province.

## **11. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

### **11.1 May 2020 Finance Vouchers**

Chairperson Denooij inquired about the following charges:

- Masset in Motion

Human Resource Officer, Maureen Benoit, reported that this is grant funding for Island wide food programs that is usually administered by the Council of the Haida Nation, but that School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) had been asked to administer it this year.

R20062303 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes  
SECOND BY Trustee Wilson Brown

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

MOTION CARRIED

**11.2 May 2020 Trustee Expenditure Report**

R20062304 MOTION BY Trustee Wilson Brown  
SECOND BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes

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

MOTION CARRIED

**11.3 Secretary Treasurer Hiring Update**

Superintendent Stewart extended a warm welcome and introduced Kevin Black who was the successful candidate and will be the Secretary Treasurer for School District No.50 (Haida Gwaii). Secretary Treasurer Kevin Black introduced himself and shared some personal information about himself and some of his professional background. School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) is exploring a new model for at least a year where it will be working in a shared services model with School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) with Secretary Treasurer Black remaining in the Nechako Lakes District and coming to Haida Gwaii a few times throughout the year in the role as Secretary Treasurer.

**11.4 2020/2021 Annual Budget**

Secretary Treasurer Black gave a brief summary regarding how the funding model works and that it is broken down into three main categories: Operating fund, Special Purpose Fund and Capital Fund. Secretary Treasurer Black also summarized the revenues and expenditures and what impact COVID-19 has had. A copy of the 2020/2021 Annual Budget was included in the Regular Board meeting package and in the Additions/Attachments.

R20062305 MOTION BY Trustee Wilson Brown  
SECOND BY Trustee 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 second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R20062306 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes  
SECOND BY Trustee 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 third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

**11.5 Draft 2020/2021 Board Meeting Schedule**

R20062307 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes  
SECOND BY Trustee Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) hold the next Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 starting at 18:00 hours (6:00 PM).

MOTION CARRIED

**11.6 Stage 3, COVID Update**

Superintendent Stewart reported The Board of Education of School District No.50 (Haida Gwaii) has moved into Stage 3 which aligns with the Government of BC and the Provincial Health Authority. The re-start plan is to increase in-class instruction in controlled manner and ensure the number of students are in line with Provincial guidelines. Face to Face instruction remains to be voluntary for parents to send their children and currently some students are taking online and/or attending in-class instruction. Kindergarten to Grade 7 students are attending in class instruction 2 to 3 days per week, Grades 8 to12 students are attending in class instruction 1 day per grade per week. Schools will continue to follow the Provincial Health Authority's safety guidelines. Superintendent Stewart stated that we continue to work with partner groups including the Council of the Haida Nation and with the Emergency Operation Centers in each community as schools gradually open. School reports on Stage 3 are included in the Regular Board meeting package.

**11.7 Graduation / Student Results**

Chairperson Denooij reported that each high school was able to host an outdoor graduation ceremony and that graduation scholarships and bursaries were given out. Superintendent Stewart reported that Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay had 13 Grade 12 students with 12 students graduating. Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay had 19 Grade 12 students with 19 graduating plus 2 Distance Learning students graduating. Elementary Schools will be celebrating their Grade 7 Students transition to high school in mostly small outdoor events or with mail out celebration packages.

**11.8 Five-Year Capital Plan**

An action sheet outlining the Five Year Capital Plan submission and amendment was included it the Regular Board meeting package.

R20062308 MOTION BY Trustee Julia Breese  
SECOND BY Trustee Wilson Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the amendments to the 2021/2022 Five Year Capital Plan submissions.

MOITON CARRIED

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

- none

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

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:

- none

**14. AJOURNMENT**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 18:56 hours.



Chairperson



Superintendent