

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
IN DAAJING GIIDS/QUEEN CHARLOTTE  
AND VIA GOOGLE MEETS**

**PRESENT:** Roeland Denooij, Chair  
Dana Moraes, Vice-Chair  
Julia Breese, Trustee  
Wilson Brown, Trustee (Joined the meeting at 1821)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carey Stewart, Superintendent of Schools  
Kevin Black, Secretary-Treasurer  
Lao Peerless, Manager of Operations  
Steve Goffic, IT Manager  
Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Officer/note-taker

**REGRETS:** Adeana Young, Trustee

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC / GOOGLEMEET:**

Ken Evans	Anne Barnes	Claire Gauthier
Warren McIntyre	Laverne Hamilton	Janet Rigg
Jennifer White	Kazamir Falconbridge	Stephen Querengesser

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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 1804 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**

R20092201 MOTION BY Trustee Julia Breese  
SECONDED BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the September 22, 2020 Regular Board meeting agenda with the following additions:

- 13.5 Human Resources Officer report

- 13.6 Finance Vouchers

MOTION CARRIED

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

### **5.1 June 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes**

R20092202 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes  
SECONDED BY Trustee Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the June 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

### **5.2 August 28, 2020 Special Board meeting minutes**

R20092203 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes  
SECONDED BY Trustee Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the August 28, 2020 Special Board meeting minutes with the following amendment:

- Change In-Camera Meeting to Special Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

### **5.3 September 22, 2020 In-Camera Rise and Report**

The Superintendent of Schools reported that property, personnel and student matters were discussed at the September 22, 2020 In-Camera meeting.

R20092204 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes  
SECONDED BY Trustee Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the September 22, 2020 In-Camera Rise and Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

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

- No report

## **7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- No delegations

## **8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Chairperson Denooij reported that he has been working closely with the district senior team on the 2020/2021 school restart. He attended meetings with Board Chairs across the province, the Special Board Meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> and the Info-session at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School.

## **9. SCHOOL START UP**

### **9.1 District Forecast**

Superintendent Stewart presented a report on the school district's projected enrolment for the 2020-21 school year.

Discussion: The need for engagement with parents who have enrolled their children out of district.  
Some students that are in self-isolation at this time may return to the district.  
Home school parents are concerned with the longer bus ride from Tlell to Skidegate.

Summary: School District 50 has twenty-eight (28) fewer students district-wide than projected in February 2020.

### **9.2 Federal Funding**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a brief overview of the COVID-19 Federal Safe Return to Class Funding allocated to the district. When planning for this funding, spending should:

- be in alignment with school districts K-12 Restart plans.
- consider the needs of Indigenous students
- consider the needs of students with disabilities and diverse abilities, vulnerable students (e.g. children and youth in care), and other students with low educational outcomes.

School District 50 has received \$150,000 and another \$150,000 is expected in January 2021 to assist in the following four areas:

1. Learning resources and supports
2. Health and safety
3. Transportation
4. Before and after school care

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **10.1 New Student Trustee Process**

Superintendent Stewart reported having met with the secondary school principals to begin identifying students that would be interested in the role of student trustee.

### **10.2 Board Meeting Dates 2020/2021**

Superintendent Stewart presented the 2020-2021 Board of Education of School District No. 50 Meeting Schedule. This schedule will be posted to the website.

Discussion: Location of the next meetings.  
The October 2020 meeting will be hosted in the same format as this (September 22, 2020) meeting and the Board will be announcing the location of subsequent meetings in the future.

### **10.3 ALM Field Trip Application**

Superintendent Stewart presented the ALM Fishing Day at Copper Bay field trip application for approval by the Board.

R20092205 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes  
SECONDED BY Trustee Julia Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the ALM field trip to Copper Bay as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## **11. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

### **11.1 Orange Shirt Day**

Superintendent Stewart spoke about the significance of Orange Shirt Day and reported that information and resources can be found on the district website.

### **11.2 LEA update**

Superintendent Stewart reported on the progress of a renewed Local Education Agreement (LEA) with the Skidegate Band Council. School District 50 is also in discussion with the Old Massett Village Council (OMVC) to establish an LEA.

## **12. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

### **12.1 BC School Trustees Association Update**

Vice-Chair Moraes and Trustee Breese reported on the BCSTA Provincial Town Hall Meeting covering the new COVID safety measure in schools. New resources will be mailed to districts and informative links are on the BCSTA hub (below) and will be posted on our website.

- [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID\\_public\\_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf)
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools>

As a member of the BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee, Vice-Chair Moraes reported that the committee is involved in many different aspects of education, but mainly awareness for Indigenous Education and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

## **13. OPERATIONS**

### **13.1 Maintenance & Transportation report**

Lao Peerless, Manager of Operations, presented his report.

Discussion: Lack of transportation for students from Tlell to Port Clements Sidewalks at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School.

### **13.2 Information Technology report**

Steve Goffic, IT Manager, presented his report.

### **13.3 Audited Financial Statements 2019/2020**

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements and provided a detailed summary of Statement 1 and Statement 2 of the report.

The Secretary-Treasurer also thanked Caleb Taguchi, Financial Services Manager, and Moira Dubasov, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, for their work on the financial reports.

R20092206 MOTION BY Julia Breese  
SECONDED BY Wilson Brown

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 13.4 Signing Authority

R20092207 MOTION BY Trustee Wilson Brown  
SECONDED BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education approve signing authority be given to Mr. Kevin Black, Secretary-Treasurer.

### 13.5 HR Report

Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Officer, presented her report.

### 13.6 Finance vouchers for June and July 2020

R20092208 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes  
SECONDED BY Trustee Wilson Brown

THAT the board of Education approve the School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) June and July 2020 Vouchers of as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

### 15. 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:

- Bussing for students from Tlell to PCES;
- COVID-19 symptoms removed from the daily health check list;
- The sharing of enrollment information;
- Students enrolled in other schools;
- DL programming for students in SD50;
- Training for Student Trustees;
- Q&As from the Special Board meeting (Aug. 28, 2020);
- Support for home-schooled students;
- Number of homeschoolers within SD50;
- COVID-19 outbreak plan.

### 16. ADJOURNMENT

R20092209 MOTION BY Vice-Chair Dana Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 1943 hours.



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer