

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Carey Stewart, Superintendent
Kevin Black, Secretary-Treasurer
Kristina Russ, Confidential Administrative Assistant
Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Officer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Google Meet:

Ainsley Brown
Donna Wesley
Dorothy Sutherland
L. Husband
Jayson Moore
Joe Halle
Lao Peerless

Kelsey Ross
Ken Evans
Laverne Hamilton
Jason Thompson
Kihara Brady
Steve Goffic
Warren McIntyre
Sian Nalleweg

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

Board chair Moraes respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was held on the unceded and traditional territory of the Haida Nation.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Moraes called the meeting to order at 1808 hours.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were brought forward at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R21012601

MOTION BY Trustee Brown
SECONDED BY Vice-Chair Young

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

R21012602

MOTION BY: Trustee Breese
SECONDED BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the December 15, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 – December 15, 2020 In-Camera Rise and Report

R21012603

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij
SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) reported that property, personnel, and student matters were discussed at the December 15, 2020 In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 – Town Hall Recording Available to parents.

Superintendent Stewart informed the public of the Town Hall recording that is available for on the School District No. 50 website.

6.2 – iPad 1:1 Program in the monthly January 2021 Superintendent newsletter.

Superintendent Stewart discussed the iPad 1:1 program update presented in January edition of the superintendent newsletter.

- The iPads are currently on route
- Each student will get one iPad assigned to them with the idea it will follow them throughout their time in school.
- Charging stations are being installed in schools
- IT Manager Goffic is currently looking into software options for teacher – student direction.

6.3 – After-School program at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School.

The Secretary-Treasurer provided an update regarding the after-school program at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School. He noted that Northern Health has been contacted around the concerns of mixing cohorts. Northern Health will be providing some further direction and it is noted that safety plan will need to be in place prior to operationalizing the program. It was also noted that a request for interest would be sent out to those capture interest of all parents.

6.4 – Student Code of Conduct Policy D.1 – Review Committee Update

Trustee Breese reported that the Code of conduct was reviewed and the committee is set to meet in the following week. She advised there will be a further update at the February Regular Board meeting.

6.5 – New Bus Update

The Secretary-Treasurer informed that the manufacturer will be providing an update on Thursday January 28, 2021.

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations or presentations.

8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Board Chair Moraes noted that the Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer, and herself recently attended a Ministry of Education partner liaison session. In addition, the Board Chair noted that trustees had an evening session with consultant Anne Cooper who will be conducting the Superintendent performance review. It was also noted that Trustees will be attending District Parent Advisory Council meetings as well as Parent Advisory Council Meetings.

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

9.1 – Superintendent Newsletter

Superintendent Stewart presented the January edition of the Superintendent newsletter as attached in the regular board package. Highlighting his visit at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary's culinary arts program and the iPad 1:1 program update.

9.2 – Student Trustees

Student Trustees were in attendance and did not have a presentation at this time.

10. INDIGENOUS EDUCATIONS

10.1 – Local Education Agreement Update:

Superintendent Stewart reported that he is still working closely with both Skidegate and Old Masset Village Council Representatives.

11. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY ISSUES

11.1 – Strategic Planning Update:

Superintendent Stewart reported the search for an external consultant to assist with the development of a strategic plan. Bev Rundell (BCSSA membership services consultant) has submitted a proposal attached in the Regular Board package.

Action: Superintendent Stewart will set a meeting date to discuss the Strategic Plan.

11.2 – Field Trip Policy Amendment Approval –

R21012604

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij
SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the amended field trip policy and the higher risk field trip form as presented.

Superintendent Stewart provided information on the feedback received and addressed the recommended changes to the field trip policies.

The Board of Education discussed teacher to student ratios, maximums and safety of students and staff.

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 – BCSTA Update

Board Chair Moraes reported that there is no update at this time.

11.4 – Child Care Policy New Ministerial Order

The Secretary-Treasurer advised there is a ministerial order, which will require the District to revise the current policy. The Secretary-Treasurer noted he will connect with the Superintendent on forming a committee and will provide an update at the February Regular Board Meeting.

11.5 – Student Trustee Policy

Action: Board Chair Moraes reported that she will be in contact with the Student Trustees to discuss the Student Trustee Policy.

11.6 – Inclement Weather

Senior staff is updating the guidelines and procedures for school closures and power outages due to inclement weather.

12. OPERATIONS

12.1 – 2nd Quarter Operating Financial Update

Secretary Treasurer Black presented the 2nd Quarter Operating Budget as circulated in the Board meeting package.

12.2 – Operating Grant Summary Update

Secretary Treasurer Black presented and discussed the Operating Grant Summary as circulated in the Board meeting package.

12.3 – Federal Safe Return to Class Fund Update

Secretary Treasurer Black presented the Federal Safe Return to Class Fund update as circulated in the Board meeting package.

12.4 – December 2020 Finance Vouchers

R21012605

MOTION BY: Trustee Young

SECONDED BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the January 2021 Finance Vouchers as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

12.5 – SD50 Auction

The Secretary-Treasurer informed the public of the upcoming Auction on February 1, 2021 at 2pm to February 8, 2021 at 4pm.

12.6 - Masset Schools Update

It was announced that the School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) received \$10.949 million, total project potential of \$16.480 million for the Masset school amalgamation.

The Manager of Operations provide an overview of the Masset School Amalgamation project. It was noted by the Board Chair any public questions to please direct towards the Superintendent.

12.7 – Early Learning and Child Care Innovation Application

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the childcare proposal submitted to a Federal Government Grant Program. He thanked the Village of Masset for their assistance in providing key documents for submission.

12.8 – Signing Authority

R21012606

MOTION BY: Trustee Breese

SECONDED BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve signing authority for new Board Chair Ms. Dana Moraes.

MOTION CARRIED

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 – Safer Schools Together

Superintendent Stewart presented the Safer Schools Together training that will be available to students and staff. The training will address: online etiquette, how to recognize cyberbullying, the criminal and social consequences of cyberbullying and the possession and distribution of intimate images, self/peer exploitation, digital media habits and oversharing, digital addiction, piracy and plagiarism.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

- Meeting(s) with Masset Schools staff
- Flexibility of the Masset school staff
- Accessibility to tsunami tower
- Placement of bathrooms (Masset Schools Project)

Action: Superintendent Stewart will set meetings with Principal/Vice-Principal and school staff.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Young closed with a prayer in Haida.

R21012607

MOTION BY: Board Chair Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 1954 hours.

MOTION CARRIED



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer