

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET  
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

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

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

**ABSENT WAS:**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**Google Meet:**

Joanne Yovanovich  
Ken Evans  
Lao Peerless  
Laverne Hamilton  
Sian Nalleweg  
Steve Goffic  
Steve Querengesser  
Warren McIntyre

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY**

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

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary treasurer Black called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

The Secretary-Treasurer requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Education effective December 15, 2020.

Board Chairperson: Dana Moraes (Acclaimed)

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions were brought forward at this time.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

R20121501

MOTION BY Trustee Denooij  
SECONDED BY Trustee Brown

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

- 13.4 – Skidegate Bus update.

MOTION CARRIED

**6. ELECTIONS**

Chairperson Moraes requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education effective December 15, 2020.

**6.1** – Vice Chairperson – Adeana Young (Acclaimed)

**6.2** – Committee Representatives:

Chairperson Moraes requested nominations from Trustees for Committee Representatives effective December 15, 2020.

The 2020/2021 Trustee Committee Representatives are as follows:

**6.2.1** – Finance and Audit: R. Denooij/Alternate: A. Young (Acclaimed)

**6.2.2** – Labour Management: A. Young/Alternate: J. Breese (Acclaimed)

**6.2.3** – Cultural, District Sports: W. Brown/Alternate: D. Moraes (Acclaimed)

**6.2.4** – Professional Development: J. Breese/Alternate: D. Moraes (Acclaimed)

**6.2.5** – Haida Education Council, Local Education Agreement: W. Brown/  
Alternate: A. Young (Acclaimed)

**6.2.6** – BC School Trustees Association: A. Young/Alternate: R. Denooij (Acclaimed)

**6.2.7** – District Parent Advisory Council: J. Breese/Alternate: D. Moraes (Acclaimed)

**6.2.8** – Community Relations, Wellness: R. Denooij/Alternate: J. Breese (Acclaimed)

**6.2.9** – SOGI: J. Breese/Alternate: A. Young (Acclaimed)

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

**7.1** – November 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R20121502

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the November 24, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented

MOTION CARRIED

**7.2** – December 15, 2020 In-Camera Rise and Report

R20121503

MOTION BY: Trustee Breese

SECONDED BY: Trustee Denooij

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

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

There were no reports from previous meeting at this time.

**9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

There were no delegations or presentations at this time.

**10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**10.1** – Superintendent Newsletter

Superintendent Stewart has presented the December edition of the Superintendent newsletter as attached in the regular board package. Highlighting:

- Well wishes for Holiday Season
- Erase Bullying: Information and online reporting tool. Information session will be available in the new year.

#### **10.2 – Student Trustees**

There were no Student Trustees in attendance.

### **11. INDIGENOUS EDUCATIONS**

#### **11.1 – Local Education Agreement Update:**

The Local Education for the south end schools was sent to the Skidegate Band Education Coordinator M. Piercey. A meeting will take place in the new year to form a committee.

The Local Education Agreement with Old Masset Village Council is in the planning process. There will be further updates in the new year.

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

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

Vice Chairperson Young reported on the School Trustee Academy held in November via Zoom.

Chairperson Moraes noted Jesse Hirsh's presentation on digital media and online learning in hopes to bring it forward to students.

#### **12.2 – Strategic Planning Update:**

Superintendent Stewart reported on the search for external consultants. He has sent out request for proposals to Lisa Wolf and Urban Systems with no response as of yet. Superintendent Stewart suggested reviewing the strategic planning work done previously with Piet Langstrat.

The Board of Education School District no. 50(Haida Gwaii) agreed to continue waiting for proposals to be submitted from external consultants.

#### **12.3 – Northern Health Town Hall Update:**

Superintendent Stewart reported on the Northern Health Town Hall virtual meeting held on December 3, 2020. Northern Health Authority (NHA) facilitators responded to 11 questions that were submitted by the public. Superintendent Stewart presented the response from the NHA to questions posted during the town hall. All questions and answers will be posted on the School District No. 50 website.

*Action: Senior staff will direct Principals to share the link to the Town Hall recording with parents*

#### **12.4 – iPad 1:1**

Superintend Stewart reported on the iPad 1:1 program. This program will provide an iPad to every student within School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) The District thanks the Skidegate Band Council and Old Masset Village Council for their support in securing the purchase of equipment.

*Action: Superintendent Stewart will include information on the iPad 1:1 program in the monthly January 2021 Superintendent Newsletter.*

#### **12.5 – Field Trip Policy Update:**

Superintendent Stewart presented changes of language to the Field Trip Policy and Higher Risk Field Trip permission form.

R20121504

MOTION BY Vice Chairperson Young  
SECONDED BY Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve to circulate to stakeholders the Field trips Policy D. 4 and the Higher Risk Field Trip permission form as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**12.6 – Expect Respect and a Safe Education**

Superintendent Stewart opened a discussion regarding safe schools; requesting feedback from the Trustees on respect and safe schools.

- The importance of feeling heard for both staff and students
- Student Trustees
- Safety Education
- District Policies

**13. OPERATIONS**

**13.1 – IT Update**

IT Manager Goffic presented the IT package as presented in the meeting package. Secretary Treasurer Black thanked the IT department for their work.

*Action: Add SD50 Auction as a standing item on the regular board meeting agenda.*

**13.2 – November 2020 Finance Vouchers**

R20121505

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairperson Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the November 2020 Finance Vouchers as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**13.3 – Shortage of Casual Employees**

Human Resources Officer Benoit, reported on the shortage of casual employees throughout the district. It was suggested to look further into social media advertising, as well as displaying notices in local public areas.

**13.4 – Bus Update**

Manager of Operations Peerless reported on the delay of the new bus to Haida Gwaii. There is no further information regarding the bus arrival at this time.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence at this time.

**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 items were discussed:

- Code of Conduct Policy D.1
- Ratio amendment of Higher Risk Field Trips Form

R20121506

MOTION BY: Trustee Breese

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairperson Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) form a small committee to review Policy D.1. that is comprise of one or two trustees and the Superintendent.

MOTION CARRIED

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

R20121507

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 1913 hours.

MOTION CARRIED



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Chairperson



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Secretary-Treasurer