

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 08, 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:**

Lao Peerless	Kiara Brady
Jay Thompson	Laverne Hamilton
Steve Goffic	

**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**

Board Chair Moraes called the meeting to order at 1807 hours.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions brought forward at this time.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

R21030801	MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Young SECONDED BY Trustee Denooij
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THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the agenda with the following additions.

- 12.10 – Motion Roofing Tender Approvals
- 13.01 – Correspondence

MOTION CARRIED

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

R21030802	MOTION BY: Trustee Breese SECONDED BY: Trustee Denooij
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THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the January 26, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as presented

MOTION CARRIED

**5.2 – February 24, 2021 In-Camera Rise and Report**

R21030803 MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
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 February 24, 2021 In-Camera Meeting.

**5.3 – February 28, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

R21030804 MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij  
SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the February 28, 2021 Special board meeting minutes as presented

MOTION CARRIED

**5.4 – March 8, 2021 In-Camera Rise and Report**

R21030805 MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
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 March 8, 2021 In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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

**6.1 – After School Program at Sk'aadgaa Naay**

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented a cost breakdown for the After School Program at Sk'aadgaa Naay. The monthly cost to parents for this program will be \$248.84 per student and will cover wages for 2 employees.

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

Superintendent Stewart reported that the committee met and consulted with Jaskwaan Bedard to review the Haida Language terms. The next step is to take the terms to the Haida Education Council committee

**6.3 – New Bus update**

Secretary-Treasurer Black provided an update on the new bus. The arrival of the bus has been delayed further than initially expected.

**6.4 – Safer Schools Together**

Superintendent Stewart acknowledged the planning for Safer Schools Together workshops began in January, with the hopes of having the workshops available to students and parents within the next 2 months.

**7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

There were no delegations or presentations at this time.

## **8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Board Chair Moraes reported that she has attended various committee meetings. Including: Strategic Planning, Provincial Council meeting, Council of the Haida Nation and Northern Health Authority meeting. As well as the Early Learning Forum which was fantastic.

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **9.1 – Superintendent Newsletter**

Superintendent Stewart presented the February Newsletter which showcased the wonderful things happening in the schools throughout the district. Superintendent Stewart extended a Haawa to all teachers for all their work.

### **9.2 – Student Trustees**

Student Trustee Brady was in attendance and reported along with Board Chair Moraes on the work being done to the Student Trustee Policy.

Superintendent Stewart will be scheduling monthly meetings with Student Trustees.

## **10. INDIGENOUS EDUCATIONS**

### **10.1 – Human Rights Special Application**

Superintendent Stewart reported on the successful application to the Human Rights Tribunal. Secretary-Treasurer Black explained that the Special Program Approval provides the district with the ability for preferential hiring of staff with Haida and/or other indigenous ancestry. The Special Program is in effect for five years at which time an application for renewal can be submitted.

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

### **11.1 – Calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

Board Chair Moraes explained that sections of Bill 41 - Declaration of Indigenous Rights: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will be read at future board meetings.

### **11.2 – February Enrolment Projections for 2021/22**

Superintendent Stewart reported on the projected student enrollment for 2021/22. These numbers will play a pivotal role in next years budget. The enrollment data was shared with the Ministry of Education in February in order to meet their deadlines.

### **11.3 – BCPSEA AGM.**

Vice Chair Young reported that she attended the BCPSEA AGM. The budget was passed, Presentation around compensation freeze and elections of Board Positions.

### **11.4 – BCSTA Update**

Vice Chair young reported that she will be attending the upcoming BCSTA AGM. Vice Chair Young will be nominated to be on BCSTA. Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that all senior staff will be registered as well as trustees to attend the virtual BCSTA AGM.

### **11.5 – Child Care Policy Update**

Secretary-Treasurer reported that there is no update at this time and will be presented at the April Regular Board meeting.

### **11.6 – Student Trustee Policy**

The Student Trustee Policy was reviewed in section 9.2.

### **11.7 – Inclement Weather**

Superintendent Stewart reported that the senior staff has updated the inclement weather guidelines. Trustee Denooij has requested this be added to April's Regular board meeting to discuss the policy for staff traveling on the ferry to work.

**11.8 – 2021/2022 School Calendar Draft**

Superintendent Stewart presented the district calendar for 2021/22.

R21030806

MOTION BY Trustee Breese

SECONDED BY Vice-Chair Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) accept the 2021/22 Calendar as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**12. OPERATIONS**

**12.1 – Budget Planning Process 2021/22**

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented the 2021/22 Budget planning process timeline to be underway by March 15, 2021 and will be opened to feedback from stakeholders.

**12.2 – Federal Safe Return to Class Fund Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Black updated the Federal Safe Return to Class. Explaining that this budget is spent on safety equipment, plex glass, sanitizers, and gloves.

**12.3 – January 2021 Finance Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures**

R21030807

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the January 2021 Finance Vouchers and Trustee Expenditures as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**12.4 – Masset Schools Update**

Superintendent Stewart reported the Town Hall was held on March 1, 2021. Discussion included the future plans for the Tahayghen School building, totem poles and the cultural protocols that need to be honored such as giving recognition to the name, Tahayghen.

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported on the learning process around the development of this project. The steering committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 2021.

**12.5 – IT Update**

IT Manager Goffic provided an update on the Enhanced Cyber Security implementation. Mr. Goffic also reported that the implementation of the 1:1 iPad program was almost complete.

There are now charging stations in majority of School District no. 50 schools with the final stations being installed later this week.

Secretary Treasurer Black extended gratitude to IT Manager Goffic and IT Technician, Ryan Brown for their hard work on the 1:1 iPad program.

**12.6 – New Health and Safety Guidelines**

Superintendent Stewart reported that the new kindergarten to grade 12 Health and Safety guidelines have been implemented throughout the district.

**12.7 – Exposure Notification Update**

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on Northern Health Authority's exposure notification protocol that the District follows. The School District is in discussion with Northern Health Authority regarding the possibility of a second Covid-19 town hall meeting.

**12.8 – Tahayghen Field Trip Application**

R21030808                      MOTION BY: Trustee Breese  
                                            SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the Tahayghen Elementary school seaweed gathering field trip for April 29, 2021

MOTION CARRIED

**12.9 – Cancellation of March 30, 2021. Regular Board Meeting**

R21030809                      MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij  
                                            SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) cancel the March 30, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**12.10 –Roofing project at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary and Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay      Secondary**

R21030810                      MOTION BY: Trustee Breese  
                                            SECONDED BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) accept the bid from CIMS Limited Partnership

MOTION CARRIED

**13.      CORRESPONDENCE**

**13.1 – Haida Gwaii Teachers' association.**

Board Chair Moraes informed the public that correspondence from the Haida Gwaii Teachers' Association was received, responded to and filed.

**14.      QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions brought forward at this time.

**15.      ADJOURNMENT**

R21030811                      MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board meeting at 1931 hours.

MOTION CARRIED

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer