

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET  
ON TUESDAY JUNE 22, 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 Manager

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**Google Meet:**

Lao Peerless	Steve Goffic	Helen McPhee
Ken Evans	Laverne Hamilton [1808]	

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY**

Board Chair Moraes asked for a moment of silence for the children who did not return home from Indian Residential Schools.

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 1804 hours.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions brought forward at this time.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

R21062201                            MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
  SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the agenda with the attachment added to 11.2 – Strategic Plan Update.

MOTION CARRIED

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

R21062202                            MOTION BY: Trustee Breese  
  SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the May 25, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Action: Add isolation rooms topic to the next agenda.

**5.2 –May 25, 2021, In-Camera Rise, and Report**

R21062203

MOTION BY: Trustee  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) reported that property, personnel, and student matters were discussed at the June 22, 2021, In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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

**6.1 – Busing to Tlell**

Trustee Breese discussed the meeting that was held with Secretary-Treasurer Black, Superintendent Stewart, and the Port Clements PAC to discuss the current busing situation between Tlell and Port Clements. Trustee Breese is currently exploring funding possibilities as well as considering community feedback on alternative transportation options for students and community members. Manager of Operations Peerless informed the Board of the liability concerns regarding alternative transportations, specifically the School Act requirement that students be transported in a yellow school bus.

**6.2 – Before and After School Care**

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented a report on before and after school programs district-wide. It was discussed that the cost of \$26/day may be prohibitive for parents. The district will continue to explore the possibility of offering this programming and how the Seamless Day can support these plans.

**6.3 – Tenders Process Recommendations**

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that Michael Frost, Director of Procurement Services for Focused Education Resources reviewed SD50's tendering policy and recommended that Trustees not review tenders, rather senior staff present a recommendation to award.

R21062204

MOTION BY: Trustee Breese  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) hire a contractor to overview all SD50 policies once our Strategic Plan is completed.

MOTION CARRIED

**6.4 – Seamless Day**

Superintendent Stewart reported that a few schools throughout the province are running a pilot project for the Seamless Day; these schools are currently sharing policies and regulations with us. The district is now determining which Kindergarten teacher will be working with the Early Childhood Educator to provide this support at one of our school sites.

**7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

There were no delegations or presentations at this time.

## **8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Board Chair Moraes provided a verbal report, noting her attendance at the Metro Branch Meeting and announced her re-election as Co-Chair of the Indigenous Education Committee. Trustees are looking forward to attending a staff luncheon at each school to thank teachers and staff for their work throughout this challenging year. Board Chair Moraes extended a congratulations to all graduates throughout the district.

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **9.1 – Superintendent Newsletter**

Superintendent Stewart presented the June Superintendent Newsletter which provided an update on the graduations ceremonies and extended special recognition to the 2021 graduates.

### **9.2 – Covid Update**

Superintendent Stewart reported that the May 25<sup>th</sup>, BC Restart Plan does not impact the School Safety Plans. The district's safety protocols will remain the same until the September start-up. The district is looking forward to a regular start up in September with additional funding for cleaning. As well as there will be a meeting with local band councils to discuss additional support for students.

### **9.3 - Graduation Update**

Superintendent Stewart provided the 2020-21 graduation numbers:

Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary had 31 graduates

Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary had 14 graduates

### **9.4 – Student Trustees**

Superintendent Stewart thanked student trustees; Kiarah Brady and Kelsey Ross for the hard work and leadership they provided as Student Trustees.

Action: Purchase gift cards to present to Student Trustees as a thank you.

### **9.5 - Childcare BC Plan**

Superintendent Stewart reviewed a letter he received from Minister of State Chen and Ministers Dean and Whiteside regarding the BC Childcare Plan.

Action: Add this item to the September Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

## **10. INDIGENOUS EDUCATIONS**

### **10.1 – Local Education Agreement Update**

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on the 5-year Local Education Agreement (LEA) with Skidegate and shared that LEA reporting and meeting dates will be added to the 2021-22 District Calendar. Superintendent Stewart added that when youth career and training opportunities arise, the district will ensure that all students are informed.

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

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

Trustee Denooij read aloud article six and seven of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

### **11.2 – Strategic Plan Update**

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on phase 2 of the District Strategic Plan. Surveys with staff, Band Council and Village Offices have been completed. We are currently analyzing the data as we move towards phase three to determine our strategic plan priorities.

### **11.3 – BCSTA Update**

Trustee Young reported receiving an invitation from Stephanie Higginson, BCSTA President, to be a member on the Green Energy working group. Vice-Chair Young accepted the invitation and is currently awaiting details.

### **11.4 – Board Meeting Dates 2021-2022**

Superintendent Stewart presented the dates for the 2021-2022 Regular Board Meetings. The Board discussed the possibility of reinstating in-person meetings while still offering an online option. The Board accepted the proposed schedule including the recommendation to not hold a meeting in March 2022.

*Trustee Young left the meeting at 1943*

## **12. OPERATIONS**

### **12.1 – May 2021 Finance Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures**

R21062205

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **12.2 – Masset Schools Update**

Manager of Operations Peerless provided an update on the management firm's site visit. The geo-technical drilling to confirm ground composition is complete, the hazardous materials report is being done, as is work on the final design and structure.

### **12.3 – Auction Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Black informed the public that there will not be an auction held again until after the September 2021 Regular Board meeting.

### **12.4 – 2021/2022 Budget Third and Final Reading**

R21062206

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) to adopt the Annual Budget the 2021/2022 fiscal year in the amount of fourteen million five hundred thirteen thousand three hundred thirty-four be given third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence at this time.

## **14. QUESTION PERIOD**

- Before and After School Staffing
- Seamless Day Program

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

R21062207

MOTION BY: Trustee

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourns the Regular Board Meeting at 1953 hours.

MOTION CARRIED



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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer