

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT GUDANGAAY TLAATS'GAA NAAY SECONDARY
BOARD ROOM AND VIA TEAMS ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021**

PRESENT WERE: Dana Moraes, Chairperson
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

ABSENT WAS: Adeana Young, Vice-Chairperson

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay

Sheri Disney

TEAMS:

Ben Simonsen, Student Trustee
Chantal Davis, Student Trustee
Kuuyas Collison-Robertson, Student Trustee
Sian Nalleweg
Tammy Gates, HGTA President

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

Chairperson Moraes asked for a moment of silence in honour of Laura Jormanainen (Williams).
Chairperson Moraes respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was being 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

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.
There were no questions brought forward at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R21102601

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the following amendments:

Move agenda item 9.4 to 6.1 – Student trustees, renumbered 6.1 and 6.2.

MOTION CARRIED

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

5.1 – September 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R21102602

MOTION BY: Trustee Brown

SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the September 28, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 – October 26, 2021 In-Camera Rise and Report

R21102603

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

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 October 26, 2021, In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 – Student Trustees

Superintendent Stewart was pleased to announce there are now three student trustees. He noted that we now have two Student Trustees from Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary, Ben Simonsen and Chantal Davis and one from GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary, Kuuyas Collison-Robertson.

6.2 – Letter to BC Ferries

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on the letter to BC ferries. BC Ferries offered a small discount to travelling sports teams, they will be in contact to discuss transportation fares further.

6.3 – Permanent Tribute

Superintendent Stewart opened discussion for a permanent tribute dedicated to Residential School Survivors.

Action: Keep Permanent Tribute on future Board Meeting Agendas.

7. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Moraes provided a verbal report. The Chairperson reported that she currently sits on the BCSTA Indigenous Committee. This committee has developed a knowledge series on topics such as Tripartite, BC Declaration of Rights, Language and Culture, Relationships and Local Education Agreements, Truth and Reconciliation and actions.

Trustees Denooij, Breese, and Brown presented verbal report and reported on the PAC meetings they have attended.

Chairperson and Trustees would like the public to know there is a need attendance at PAC meetings.

8. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Alissa MacMullin, Recreation Coordinator of Haida Gwaii Recreation (HGREC) presented a request to formalize the current informal user agreements between HGREC and School District No. 50 to enhance and support local sports and recreational activities.

R21102604

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct the Superintendent to work with Haida Gwaii Recreation to develop a district-wide joint use agreement to broaden access to the district facilities for community use.

MOTION CARRIED

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

9.1 – Superintendent Newsletter

Superintendent Stewart presented his monthly Superintendent Newsletter. This was a general letter to share thoughts on ensuring children start the day off with a good rest and good meal.

9.2 – Student Population 2 Year Trend

Superintendent Stewart presented the 2020-21 and 2021-22 student enrollment trend. As per attached in the Regular Board Package.

9.3 – District Literacy Update

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on the District Literacy initiative to hire Christine Fraser to work with School District No. 50 teaching staff. Christine will be working with students at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary for a three-week period. There is funding in place for this program through Literacy and Numeracy.

10. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

10.1 – Indigenous Education Update

Superintendent Stewart presented a report from the District Principal of Indigenous Education, Joanne Yovanovich, welcoming new staff: Janine Wilson, Erica Reid, and Kelsey Pelton. In the report Principal Yovanovich also mentioned the new statutory holiday for Truth and Reconciliation.

10.2 – Old Massett and Skidegate LEA Update

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on the current work on the Local Education Agreement with Skidegate Band and Old Massett Village Council.

11. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

11.1 – Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Chairperson Moraes explained that this will be a standing item on our agenda and will be read out and discussed on how we will implement this within our district.

Trustee Breese and Trustee Brown read out Bill 41, Articles 10 and 11.

Trustee Denooij brought forward a discussion on the murals that have been painted over at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay and requested a restoration of the murals. Trustee Brown would like artist Robert Davidson involved in this to share the history of these murals.

11.2 – Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on the Strategic Plan. Working sessions with Principals took place in October. Working sessions with Trustees will take place November 9-10, 2021. Working sessions will support phase 3 of the Strategic Plan.

11.3 – BCSTA Update

Vice-Chairperson Young was not present to provide an update.

11.4 – BCPSEA update

Vice-Chairperson Young was not in attendance to provide an update.

11.5 – Child Care Policy Update

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on Child Care Policy D. 5.

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) direct Superintendent to circulate the amended Child Care Policy G.5 to stakeholders for a 30-day review period for feedback.

MOTION CARRIED

11.6 – Mandatory Vaccine

Chairperson Moraes provided an update on the provincial mandatory vaccine policy. There will be a special in-camera meeting to discuss the possibility of vaccine requirements for School District No. 50 staff.

Action: Provide information to Trustees on the mandatory vaccine to prepare for their decision.

12. OPERATIONS

12.1 – SD50 Auction

Secretary-Treasurer Black informed the public that there will be an auction starting on November 1st, 2021, at 12:00pm and closing November 5, 2021, at 5:00pm.

The Secretary-Treasurer also stating that if an item is not successfully sold at auction, it may be placed on the district website for sale.

12.2 – September 2021 Financial Vouchers

R21102606

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij
SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

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

MOTION CARRIED

12.3 – 1st Quarter Operating Financial update

Secretary-Treasurer Black provided a summary of the 1st Quarter Operating Financial Update as included in the Regular Board Meeting Package.

12.4 – Auditor Appointment

R21102607

MOTION BY: Trustee Breese
SECONDED BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) appoint Carlyle Shepherd & co. chartered professional Accountants for year-end June 30, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

12.5 – Masset Schools Update

Secretary-Treasurer Black provided a report on the Masset Schools Amalgamation Project: A Steering Committee meeting was held. Potential uses for outdoor areas were discussed. There will be another information session in November held at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay. The district is hoping for the project to start in January 2022.

Action: Request ideas for the permanent tribute from public at the information session.

Action: Provide updates for the Masset Schools Amalgamation the School District website.

12.6 – Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis (FSD&A)

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented the draft Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis (FSD&A) which is meant to be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements. This document will be posted to the school district website for review and comments.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 – StrongerBC Youth Leaders Council

Superintendent Stewart shared correspondence regarding the opening of applications for the StrongerBC Youth Leaders Council.

Correspondence attached in Regular Board Meeting Package

14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were brought forward at this time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

R21102608

MOTION BY: Chairperson Moraes

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 1755 hours.

MOTION CARRIED



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer