

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT VIA TEAMS ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021**

PRESENT WERE: Dana Moraes, Chairperson
Adeana Young, Vice-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
Steve Goffic, Information Technology Manager
Ben Simonsen, Student Trustee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
Tammy Gates

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

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

2. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary-Treasurer Black called the meeting to order at 1812 hours.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Secretary-Treasurer requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Education effective December 14, 2021.

Board Chairperson: Dana Moraes (Acclaimed)

The Chairperson requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Education effective December 14, 2021.

4. 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.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R21121401

MOTION BY: Trustee Brown

SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

6.1 – October 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R21121402

MOTION BY: Vice-Chairperson Young

SECONDED BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the October 26, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 – November 23, 2021, In-Camera Rise, and Report

R21121403

MOTION BY: Trustee Breese

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 November 23, 2021, In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 – December 14, 2021, In-Camera Rise, and Report

R21121404

MOTION BY: Trustee Brown

SECONDED BY: Vice-Chairperson Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) reported that property, personnel, and student matters were discussed at the December 14, 2021, In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

7. PORTFOLIOS

Chairperson Moraes requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education effective December 14, 2021.

7.1 – Vice Chairperson – Adeana Young (Acclaimed)

7.2 – Committee Representatives:

Chairperson Moraes requested nominations from Trustees for Committee Representatives effective December 14, 2021.

The 2021/2022 Trustee Committee Representatives are as follows:

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

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

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

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

7.2.5 – Haida Education Council, Local Education Agreement:

W. Brown / Alternate: A. Young (Acclaimed)

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

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

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

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

8. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 – Permanent Tribute

Superintendent Stewart reported that he and the Student Trustees have discussed the sensitive nature of this item. The Student Trustees are looking for ways to gather more information.

8.2 – Mural Restoration

Superintendent Stewart received a proposal of the estimated cost for the restoration of the murals at \$50,000. Trustee Breese suggested that we look for other partner groups to support the funding of this project. Chairperson Moraes will be forward a link to a grant that may apply to this project.

8.3 – Mandatory Vaccine Update.

Superintendent Stewart provided a verbal report on the number of COVID-19 exposures and the vaccination rates on Haida Gwaii and reported that the Ministry of Education has published guidelines for the creation of vaccination policies and procedures, beginning with gathering information. The District will be sending out an anonymous and voluntary staff survey. Senior staff met with both Unions, SBC and OMVC Education Administrators on the matter.

Action: Add the K-12 Vaccination Mandate Guidelines in the next month's Regular Board Meeting package.

9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations or presentations.

10. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Moraes provided a verbal report. Last month, the members of Board and Senior Staff attended the BCSTA Trustee Academy where Chairperson Moraes, as a member of the Indigenous Education Committee, presented on several topics. The Board held several Strategic Plan meetings, held a Special In-Camera Meeting and Chairperson Moraes attended a PAC Meeting.

11. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

11.1 – Superintendent Newsletter

Superintendent Stewart presented his monthly newsletter for November and December 2021.

11.2 – Student Trustee Report

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on the work he is doing with the new student trustees. Student Trustee Ben Simonsen reported on a new partnership with Carleton University where Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay students will have the opportunity to connect with the university students on items of interest.

12. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

12.1 – Local Education Agreements

Superintendent Stewart reported on the progress and development of the Local Education Agreements with the Skidegate Band Council and Old Massett Village Council. Last month, the Superintendent reached out to both Education Administrators and continues to work with them on 5-year plans.

13. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

13.1 – Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Trustee Denooij and Breese read Bill 41 Article 12 and 13.

13.2 – Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Stewart provided an update on the strategic plan working sessions attended by Trustees and Facilitator Anne Cooper and informed that the District is on track with the Board's strategic planning timeline.

13.3 – BCSTA Update

Vice-Chairperson Young provided a verbal update for the BCSTA. Trustees and senior staff travelled to the BCSTA Academy held in Vancouver this month.

13.4 – BCPSEA Update

Vice-Chairperson Young provided an update for the BCPSEA. There will be an AGM held in Vancouver in January that Vice-Chairperson Young will be attending along with 2 senior staff members.

13.5 – Child Care Policy Update

Superintendent Stewart informed the board that the Child Care Policy G. 5 was sent out to the public for review for one month. No additional feedback was received.

R21121405

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij
SECONDED BY: Trustee Breese

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the Child Care Policy G. 5 as presented by the Superintendent.

MOTION CARRIED

14. OPERATIONS

14.1 – SD50 Auction

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that auction items are expected in January 2022.

14.2 – October and November 2021 Financial Vouchers

R21121406

MOTION BY: Trustee Breese
SECONDED BY: Chair-person Young

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

MOTION CARRIED

14.3 – Masset Schools Update

Secretary- Treasurer Black provided an update on the Masset schools amalgamation project. Manager Operations Peerless, reported that the tenders will close January 12, 2022. On November 30th an info-session was held at GTN. At that meeting, the school plans were presented and information provided to members of the public in attendance. The documents are on the SD50 website, including all the meetings and notes.

Action: Continue to post the on-going engagement opportunities on the website.

Action: Prepare a FAQ or Fact Sheet that can easily communicate the steps of the amalgamation process and address the concerns of the community.

14.4 – Information Technology (IT) Update

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented Information Technology Manager Steve Goffic's IT Update as included in the meeting agenda package.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

16. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were brought forward on the following:

- Doorways at GTN
- Rapid Testing
- Elementary School Sports

17. ADJOURNMENT

R21121407

MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 1938 hours.

MOTION CARRIED

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer