

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD
VIA TEAMS
TUESDAY, January 24, 2023**

PRESENT WERE: Dana Moraes, Chairperson
Roeland Denooij, Vice-Chair
Ashley Currie, Trustee
Wilson Brown, Trustee (joined at 1820 hours)
Miranda Post, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Manu Madhok, Interim Superintendent
Kevin Black, Secretary-Treasurer
Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Manager
Calida Erickson, Confidential Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Via Teams):

Steve Goffic	Ian Keir	Tracy Morton
Leighann Rodger	Kaitlyn Bailey	Sian Nalleweg
Lao Peerless	Tammy Gates	

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

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

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Moraes called the meeting to order at 1805 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.

No questions.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda reviewed by Trustees, January 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting to proceed as presented.

6.2 Labour Management

Chairperson Moraes reported that Trustee Post accepted the appointment of Labour Management Portfolio Representative.

Chairperson Moraes reported that Vice-Chair Denooij accepted the appointment of Labour Management Portfolio Alternate.

6.3 Cultural, District Sports

Chairperson Moraes reported that Trustee Brown accepted the appointment of Cultural & District Sports Portfolio Representative.

Chairperson Moraes reported that she accepted the appointment of Cultural & District Sports Portfolio Alternate.

6.4 Professional Development

Chairperson Moraes reported that Trustee Post accepted the appointment of Professional Development Portfolio Representative.

Chairperson Moraes reported that Trustee Currie accepted the appointment of Professional Development Portfolio Alternate.

6.5 Haida Education Council

Chairperson Moraes reported that Trustee Brown accepted the appointment of Haida Education Council Portfolio Representative.

Chairperson Moraes reported that she accepted the appointment of Haida Education Council Portfolio Alternate.

6.6 Local Education Agreement

Chairperson Moraes reported that Trustee Brown accepted the appointment of Local Education Agreement Portfolio Representative.

Chairperson Moraes reported that Vice-Chair Denooij accepted the appointment of Local Education Agreement Portfolio Alternate.

6.7 BCSTA Alternate

Chairperson Moraes reported that Vice-Chair Denooij accepted the appointment of BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Portfolio Alternate.

6.8 BCPSEA Alternate

Chairperson Moraes reported that Vice-Chair Denooij accepted the appointment of British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Portfolio Alternate.

6.9 Community Relations & Wellness

Chairperson Moraes reported that Vice-Chair Denooij accepted the appointment of Community Relations & Wellness Portfolio Representative.

Chairperson Moraes reported that Trustee Currie accepted the appointment of Community Relations & Wellness Portfolio Alternate.

6.10 Sexual Orientation Gender Identity

Chairperson Moraes reported that she accepted the appointment of Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) Portfolio Representative.

Chairperson Moraes reported that Vice-Chair Denooij accepted the appointment of Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Portfolio Alternate.

6.11 DPAC

Chairperson Moraes reported that Vice-Chair Denooij accepted the appointment of District Parent Advisory Council Portfolio Representative.

Chairperson Moraes reported that Trustee Post accepted the appointment of District Parent Advisory Council Portfolio Alternate.

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7.1 – BC Ferries

Principal Ian Keir spoke to the cost of student travel via BC Ferries. He compared the student discount provided on certain day-trip routes throughout the province to the overall cost of a multi-day off-island trip, typical of most student travel from Haida Gwaii.

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MOTIONED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) write a letter to the Minister of Transportation regarding the fees associated with extracurricular travel for students from Haida Gwaii.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Moraes acknowledged this as the first Board Meeting of 2023. Chairperson Moraes reported that she has attended virtual Indigenous Education Committee meetings leading up to the in-person IEC meetings that she will be attending February 23 & 24.

Chairperson Moraes has participated in several Board Chair calls and will be attending the BCSTA Education Partner and Liaison Meetings on February 9 & 10.

Chairperson Moraes spoke to the importance of the Parent Advisory Councils and encouraged parents and caregivers to attend. Some schools in our District do not currently have active PACs.

Chairperson Moraes invited Trustees to comment on their recent activities.

Vice-Chair Denooij attended the recent District Parent Advisory Council meeting. He will also be attending the upcoming BCPSEA AGM on January 26-27. Trustee Denooij reported that he has recently visited the Masset School site and is excited about the progress and the future of the project.

Trustee Post reported that she recently attended the GKNS PAC Meeting.

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

9.1 – Superintendent’s Update

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the Superintendent’s Report as attached.

Interim Superintendent Madhok took a moment to welcome Leighann Rodger to her new role as Principal of Early Learning and Childcare.

Interim Superintendent Madhok also reported that he has been working with Coast Mountain College regarding the possibility of dual credits.

9.2 – Student Trustee Update

Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that he will be following up with the students in Masset who may be interested in becoming Student Trustees and is hopeful there might be students in attendance at the February Board Meeting.

10. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

10.1 – Local Education Agreement

No update this month.

11. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

11.1 – Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Trustee Currie read Bill 41 Article 22.

11.2 – BCSTA Update

Education Partner & Partner Liaison Meetings being attended by Secretary-Treasurer Black and Chairperson Moraes February 8-10.

Provincial Council Meeting being attended by Trustee Currie, February 24-25.

Indigenous Education Committee Meeting being attended by Chairperson Moraes, February 23-24.

11.3 – BCPSEA update

AGM being attended by Secretary-Treasurer Black and Vice-Chair Denooij, January 26-27.

11.4 Policy Update

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that the Board will be moving forward to work with a consultant on policy updates. He reported that the process of updating the entire policy manual could take a full year to complete.

11.5 Conflict of Interest

Trustee Post disclosed that she will be providing small bags of granola to the Early Learning Forum organizers for a fee. Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that this potential conflict of interest was discussed with BCPSEA who advised that it would not be a problem and Trustee Post can proceed as planned.

12. OPERATIONS

12.1 – December 2022 Financial Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures

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MOTIONED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the December 2022 Financial Vouchers and Trustee Expenditures as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

12.2 – Operating Grant Summary

Secretary-Treasurer Black spoke to the Operating Grant Summary as presented.

12.3 – 2nd Quarter Operating Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Black provided a verbal report for the 2nd Quarter Operating Financial Update. He reported that SD50 is in good standing following the 2nd Quarter.

12.4 – Masset Schools Update

Manager of Operations Peerless gave a verbal update of the Masset Schools project.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 – North Coast Regional District, Regional Housing Need Workshop Invitation

The NCRD Regional Housing Need Workshop on February 24 will be attended by Interim Superintendent Madhok, Vice-Chair Denooij, and Trustee Post.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The public brought forward questions regarding:

No questions.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Moraes adjourned the January 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 1905 hours.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer