

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD  
AT PORT CLEMENTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and Via TEAMS  
TUESDAY, February 21, 2023**

**PRESENT WERE:** Dana Moraes, Chairperson  
Roeland Denooij, Vice-Chair  
Ashley Currie, Trustee  
Wilson Brown, Trustee (via Teams)  
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):**

Tammy Gates	Ian Keir	Lao Peerless
Naveed Ali	Jacqui Ferraby	Julia Breese (in person)
Leighann Rodger	Ken Evans	Steve Goffic
Jenny Kellar	Sian Nalleweg	Joanne Yovanovich

**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 1803 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.

- Is there a reason we aren't using CUPE staff for the gym floor maintenance?

A: Shipping delays last year prevented it from getting done as scheduled in summer 2022. The GKN gym floor will be done this summer by CUPE staff trained in this work.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda and Additions reviewed by Trustees, February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting to proceed as presented.

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

5.1 – January 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R23022101 MOTIONED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the January 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 – February 21, 2023 In-Camera Rise and Report

R23022102 MOTIONED BY: Trustee Post  
SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) reported that property, personnel, and pupil matters were discussed at the February 21, 2023 In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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

6.1 Letter to BC Ferries Follow-Up

Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that a letter was sent to BC Ferries regarding the cost of student travel, and a response was received. An article regarding this matter appeared in the Black Press. Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that he anticipates a meeting with BC Ferries happening in the next couple of weeks.

**7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 – Tahayghen/Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay SD74 Team

Principal Ian Keir reported on the recent trip to SD 74 Gold/Trail, where he and a team from Tahayghen and GTN visited three K-12 amalgamated schools. Principal Keir reported that, Teresa Downs, Superintendent for SD74, was able to speak to them practically about the process of amalgamation. Principal Keir and his team reported that they were welcomed by the staff and students at the schools they visited, and were able to observe that an amalgamated school is a lot more than a physical move, and it is important to be patient with the process. The team also reported that the SD74 visit highlighted the importance of the closing and renaming process, and that a recurring theme was cultural connection being built into the school structure and the importance placed on

the senior students having their own space within the schools.

Principal Keir also reported that the visit to SD74 highlighted the phenomenal work that is being done by educators on Haida Gwaii, and how much positivity there is in the happenings throughout SD50.

## 7.2 – Student Mental Health

Haida Gwaii Teachers Association President, Tammy Gates, gave a report on SD50 student mental health. She presented data from the schools as attached and reported that:

- Counselling waitlists are unacceptably long due to shared counsellor resources throughout the district.
- Students are seen for counselling once every 3 weeks on average.
- Between 1/3 and 1/2 of students have been identified as needing counselling.
- It is difficult to recruit TOCs for TAH because of the high occurrence of bullying and violent incidents.

SD50 Trustees discussed the information presented and decided they would like to see further information to get a bigger picture of the mental health of SD50 students.

R23022103

MOTIONED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) directs the Interim Superintendent to provide a mental health report card at the next Regular Board Meeting on April 25, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

## 8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Moraes provided a verbal report on her recent and upcoming activities. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she was unable to attend the BCSTA Partner Meetings in early February. Chairperson Moraes reported that she has taken part in the SD50 budget process meetings and will be attending the BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee meetings taking place on February 23 & 24. Chairperson Moraes also attended a BCSTA Northwest Branch meeting, and reminded Trustees that the BCSTA AGM is taking place April 27-30. Chairperson Moraes invited other Trustee to comment on their recent activities.

Vice-Chair Denooij reported that he attended the BCPSEA AGM in January where he learned a lot about the recent bargaining processes. He also reported that there will not be an in-person BCPSEA AGM next year.

Trustee Currie reported that she will be attending the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**9.1 – Superintendent’s Update**

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

**9.2 – Student Trustee Update**

Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that no students have come forward to sit as Student Trustees to-date this school year.

**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 Post read Bill 41 Article 23.

**11.2 – BCSTA Update**

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

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

**11.3 – BCPSEA update**

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

There will be a BCPSEA Northwest Regional meeting on May 5 in Terrace.

**12. OPERATIONS**

**12.1 – January 2023 Financial Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures**

R23022104

MOTIONED BY: Trustee Brown

SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the January 2023 Financial Vouchers and Trustee Expenditures as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## 12.2 – Amended Annual Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Black discussed the Amended Annual Budget as presented.

R23022105                      MOTIONED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij  
  SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2022/23 for School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) for the total budget amount of \$15,824,405 be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R23022106                      MOTIONED BY: Trustee Brown  
  SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2022/23 for School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) for the total budget amount of \$15,824,405 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

**The Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) unanimously agreed to give the 2022/23 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw a third and final reading at the February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.**

R23022107                      MOTIONED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij  
  SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2022/23 for School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) for the total budget amount of \$15,824,405 be given third reading and be adopted as policy.

MOTION CARRIED

## 12.3 – Masset Schools Update

Manager of Operations, Lao Peerless, gave a verbal presentation on Phase Two progress. An updated schedule is expected in mid-March.

## 12.4 – Enrollment Projections 2023/24

Secretary-Treasurer Black provided a verbal report on student enrollment estimates.

## 12.5 – Budget Plan 2023/24

Secretary-Treasurer Black discussed the Draft Budget process plan as presented.

12.6 – Draft School Calendars 2023-2026

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the draft school calendars as attached.

R23022108

MOTIONED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) accepts the DRAFT School Calendars for 2023-2026 as presented pending no major revisions by March 17, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

12.7 – IT Update

IT Manager, Steve Goffic, presented the IT Update as attached.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

13.1 – Letter from GKNS Athletes Regarding Gym Floor

It was discussed that the GKNS gym floor is scheduled to be re-finished in the summer of 2023. Received and filed.

13.2 – DPAC Letter to SD50 Trustees

SD 50 Trustees reviewed the letter from DPAC.

Vice-Chair Denooij reported that funding for future PACs is negatively affected when there are not PACs in place during the previous school year.

Received and filed.

14. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

The public brought forward questions regarding:

- Student Mental Health

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Moraes adjourned the February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 1951 hours.



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer