

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD
VIA TEAMS
TUESDAY, December 12, 2023**

PRESENT WERE: Dana Moraes, Chair
Roeland Denooij, Vice-Chair
Ashley Currie, Trustee
Wilson Brown, Trustee
Miranda Post, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Manu Madhok, Interim Superintendent
Kevin Black, Secretary-Treasurer
Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Manager
Misty Surtees, Confidential Administrative Assistant
Lief Morton, Student Trustee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Via Teams):

Tammy Gates	Sian Nalleweg	Steve Goffic
Jaskwaan Bedard	Joanne Yovanovich	Tara Sjolund

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

Secretary-Treasurer Black respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was held on the unceded and traditional territory of the Haida Nation.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order at 1804 hours.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Secretary-Treasurer Black requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Chair of the Board of Education effective December 12, 2023.

Board Chair: Dana Moraes (Acclaimed)

Secretary-Treasurer Black turned the meeting over to the newly acclaimed Chair.

4. ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIR

Chair Moraes requested nominations from Trustees for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Education effective December 12, 2023.

Vice-Chair: Roeland Denooij (Acclaimed)

5. 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.

- Tahayghen family letter

6. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda Package was reviewed and approved by Trustees.

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

7.1 November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R23121201 MOTION BY: Trustee Post
SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 approve the November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 December 12, 2023 In-Camera Rise and Report

R23121202 MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooij
SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 report that property, personnel, and pupil matters were discussed at the December 12, 2023 In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

8. PORTFOLIOS

Following Chair Moraes' inquiry regarding any requests for changes to the assignment of portfolios for 2023-24, and hearing no requests from Trustees, the 2023-24 portfolios remain unchanged.

Cultural, District Sports
Professional Development
Haida Education Council
Local Education Agreement

Wilson Brown, Alt. Dana Moraes
Miranda Post, Alt. Ashley Currie
Wilson Brown, Alt. Dana Moraes
Wilson Brown, Alt. Roeland Denooij

Finance & Audit	Dana Moraes, Alt. Roeland Denooij
BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)..	Miranda Post, Alt. Roeland Denooij
BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA)	Ashley Currie, Alt. Roeland Denooij
Community Relations, Wellness	Roeland Denooij, Alt. Ashley Currie
Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI)	Dana Moraes, Alt. Roeland Denooij
District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)	Roeland Denooij, Alt. Miranda Post

9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Haida Language & Curriculum Implementation Teacher Jaskwaan Bedard and District Principal of Indigenous Education Joanne Yovanovich shared a newly created resource that ties directly to one of the District's Strategic Plan goals, embracing unique culture and territory. These guidelines provide ten examples of how everyone can honour Xaayda Kil and Xaad Kil.

10. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Moraes was away for the past month, no report was presented.

11. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

11.1 Superintendent's Update

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the Superintendent's Report as attached. Gratitude was expressed to those who collaborate to provide amazing programming to all our schools.

11.1.1 EDI (Early Development Instrument)

Interim Superintendent Madhok shared a slide presentation with the most recent Early Development Instrument wave results for the district.

[Trustee Brown left the meeting 1847]

11.2 Indigenous Education

District Principal of Indigenous Education Joanne Yovanovich reported that the Haida Education Committee (HEC) and the next Equity Meeting will be held on December 19th via TEAMS. Haida Language Program updates will be shared at the meeting.

11.3 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Morton provided a general update that included several sports achievements throughout the district. Other notable activities included a food drive for the winter hamper, a new lunch program, an ugly sweater contest, lunchtime intramurals, yearbook club, and a talent show.

12. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

12.1 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation

Trustee Denooij read Bill 41 Article 30.

12.2 BCSTA Update

Trustee Currie reported on the BCSTA Academy which had many great speakers and presentations, notably on the 'importance of being kind'. Trustee Post shared some highlights of the mental health plenary by Kevin Lamoureux. A Virtual Trustee orientation will be held on January 11th and will be focused on financial and resource management.

12.3 BCPSEA Update

BCPSEA AGM is coming up in January and is being held virtually. Trustee Post and Human Resource Manager Benoit will be in attendance.

[Trustee Brown rejoined the meeting at 1901]

12.4 UPDATE Public Interest Disclosure Policy

R23121203 MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooij
SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 approve Policy E13: Public Interest Disclosure Policy as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

12.5 UPDATE Transportation Assistance Policy

R23121204 MOTION BY: Trustee Currie
SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 approve the suggested Transportation Assistance Policy as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

12.6 –UPDATE Section 1 Board Governance Revisions

R23121205 MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooijer
SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 approve Policy Manual Section 1 relating to Board Governance as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

13. OPERATIONS

13.1 Operations Update

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that the basketball court cement pad at ALM needs repair. This work is expected to be completed in 2024.

13.2 November 2023 Financial Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures

R23121206

MOTION BY: Trustee Wilson

SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

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

MOTION CARRIED

13.3 Masset Schools Update

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that progress continues on the Masset schools project. Administration has moved into the new space. He advised that glazing for classrooms and corridors is almost complete and new flooring has been installed. He noted that work is now occurring in library section of the building. It was noted that the telephone system will be in place over holidays. The next update will be available on the District website on December 19th.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to file.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The public brought forward questions regarding:

- BCTF Booklet on Truth and Reconciliation

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Moraes adjourned the December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 1913 hours.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer