

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD  
AT PORT CLEMENTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and Via TEAMS  
TUESDAY, February 20, 2024**

**PRESENT WERE:** Dana Moraes, Chairperson  
Roeland Denooij, Vice-Chair (via Teams)  
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  
Misty Surtees, Confidential Administrative Assistant (via Teams)  
Lao Peerless, Manager of Operations (via Teams)  
Joanne Yovanovich, Principal of Indigenous Education (via Teams)  
Steve Goffic, IT Manager (via Teams)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Via Teams):**

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| Tammy Gates | Marni York    | Lief Morton | Riley Duke  |
| Arilyn May  | Sian Nalleweg | Raina May   | Marin Davis |
| Dave Wahl   |               |             |             |

**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 1813 hours.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 invited members of the public to address agenda items during the Public Question Period.  
-No questions brought forward

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda reviewed by Trustees, February 20, 2024 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 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

R24022001                      MOTION BY: Trustee Currie  
    SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 approve the January 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**5.2 – February 20, 2024 In-Camera Rise and Report**

R24022002                      MOTION BY: Trustee Post  
    SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 reported that property, personnel, and pupil matters were discussed at the February 20, 2024 In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 – Verbal presentation by Dave Wahl, Raina May (student) and Marin Davies (student). On SNES Rediscovery Trip. Mr. Wahl shared personal experiences about trips he planned with students that were made possible with thanks to community fundraising. He is requesting the district to put aside \$100 for each grade 7 student for yearly trips district-wide.

**7. CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Moraes provided a verbal report on her recent and upcoming activities which included the BCSTA Indigenous Education committee. Although not in attendance at the in-person meeting, Chair Moraes presented student statistics that were shared. Chair Moraes informed the Board that members of the Kitsoo Nation are planning a visit to Haida Gwaii in May. Chair Moraes informed the board of BCSTA Leadership Series Terrace May, hoping Trustees and senior staff will be attending.

## **8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **8.1 – Superintendent's Update**

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the Superintendent's Report as attached and thanked the following for their work on Early Learning Forum (ELF):

- Janine Wilson, Early Learning Coordinator – Haida Gwaii School District
- Leighann Rodger, District Principal of Early Learning and Childcare – Haida Gwaii School District
- Joanne Yovanovich, District Principal of Indigenous Education – Haida Gwaii School District
- Jenna Inglis, Child Care Resources & Referral (CCRR) Family Resource Coordinator
- Florine Lawrence, CCRR Interim Program Coordinator
- Haley Fields, CCRR

Ministry of Education and Child Care has announced the plan to reduce the use of cell phones in schools. Interim Superintendent Madhok read a letter received from DPAC regarding cell phone use in schools.

### **8.2 – Student Trustee Update**

Student Trustee Lief Morton and Riley Duke reported on their work with the McCreary Society Adolescent Survey. Among other things, they are informing students about the position of a public health nurse. High school teams are participating in Zones and Provincials coming up.

## **9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that the Haida Education Committee meeting was held last week, and will be gathering with Haida educators this week.

## **10. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

### **10.1 – Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**

Student Trustee Lief Morton read Bill 41 Article 32.

### **10.2 – BCSTA Update**

Trustee Currie shared that the BCSTA Scholarship Deadline is February 29 for students graduating in 2024. The application is available on the BCSTA website -

<https://bcsta.org/resources-and-services/bcsta-scholarships/>.

### **10.3 – BCPSEA update**

Trustee Post reported that Bargaining Academies are being offered between May to November and that she and Human Resources Manager Maureen Benoit attended the on-line AGM in January.

### **10.4 – Section 2: Haida Culture, Expectations, Communications & Engagement**

Interim Superintendent Madhok introduced the policy revision work completed with Anne Cooper on Section 2: Haida Culture, Expectations, Communications & Engagement. Majority of the work on Section 2 is now ready for public feedback.

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 circulate the Draft Haida Culture, Expectations, Communications & Engagement policies 2.1.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.7 as presented for public feedback.

R24022003                      MOTION BY: Trustee Post  
                                      SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

MOTION CARRIED

10.5 Policy G.4 Utilization of Properties by General Public  
Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the amended Policy G.4 -Utilization of Properties by General Public.

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 circulate the Draft Policy G.4 Utilization of Properties out for circulation as presented.

R24022004                      MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
                                      SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

MOTION CARRIED

10.6 Transportation Assistance Policy  
The Transportation Assistance Policy has been out for public feedback for 30 days and having received none, Secretary-Treasurer Black recommended approval.

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education School District No. 50 approve Policy G.6.2 - Transportation Assistance - Road as presented.

R24022005                      MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooij  
                                      SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

MOTION CARRIED

## 11. OPERATIONS

### 11.1 – Amended Annual Budget

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

R24022006                      MOTION BY: Trustee Currie  
    SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2023/24 for Haida Gwaii School District No.50 for the total budget amount of \$17,447,849 be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

R24022007                      MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooij  
    SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2023/24 for Haida Gwaii School District No.50 for the total budget amount of \$ 17,447,849 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

The Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 unanimously agreed to give the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw a third and final reading at the February 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

R24022008                      MOTION BY: Trustee Post  
    SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2023/24 for School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) for the total budget amount of \$ 17,447,849 to be given third reading and be adopted as policy.

MOTION CARRIED

R24022009                      MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
    SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Board of Education agree to move \$140,000 out of Local Capital as part of the 2023-2024 Amended Annual Budget.

R24022010

MOTION BY: Trustee Post  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

MOTION CARRIED

11.2 – Operations Update

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

11.3 – January 2024 Financial Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures

R24022011

MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 receive and file the January 2024 Financial Vouchers and Trustee Expenditures as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11.4 – Enrollment Projections 2024/25

Interim Superintendent Madhok provided a verbal report on student enrollment estimates that were submitted to the Ministry.

11.5 – Budget Plan 2024/25

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

11.6 – Draft School Calendars 2024-2027

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the draft school calendars as attached. Draft 2026-2027 calendar proposes adding 6 minutes a day to school days. The draft calendar will be out for consultation until March 25, 2024.

11.7 – Auction Update

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that an auction item will be up for bid on the District website from February 21 to March 6, 2024.. The starting bid on the auctioned planer is \$750.

11.8 – Jordan's Principle

As the Haida Gwaii school district received funding from Jordan's Principle, there is paperwork that needs approval to access the funds.

R24022011

MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 approve Kevin Black and/or Duane Alsop as authorized signatories of the ISC Master Funding Agreement and Amendments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**12.1 General Update**

Trustee Post reported class size concerns from parents and requested clarification on ~~requested on~~ how class sizes are determined ~~formed~~. Interim Superintendent Madhok will prepare a presentation on class size information at the April Regular Board meeting.

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

The public brought forward questions regarding:

Library art at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School

Class size and composition discussion

**45. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Moraes adjourned the February 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 1930 hours.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer