

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD  
VIA TEAMS  
TUESDAY, January 16, 2024**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kevin Black, Secretary-Treasurer  
Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Manager  
Misty Surtees, Confidential Administrative Assistant  
Lief Morton, Student Trustee  
Arilyn May, Student Trustee  
Riley Duke, Student Trustee

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

Tammy Gates                                      Sian Nalleweg                                      Steve Goffic

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY**

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

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair 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.

- No questions
- No additions to agenda

**4. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

The January 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda Package was reviewed and approved by Trustees.

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

**5.1 December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

R24011601                      MOTION BY: Trustee Post  
  SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 approve the December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**5.2 January 16, 2024 In-Camera Rise and Report**

R24011602                      MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
  SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 report that property, personnel, and pupil matters were discussed at the January 16, 2024 In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

No delegations or presentations this month.

**7. CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Moraes welcomed everyone back from the break and reported that the next Indigenous Committee meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Brown shared that both the wrestling and basketball teams have performed well at off-island tournaments.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**8.1 Superintendent's Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Black briefly reported on the Superintendent's Report as attached.

**8.2 Student Trustee's Update**

Student Trustees Duke, Morton & May provided a general update that included information on the Sr. boys' basketball off-island tournament, the high school wrestling tournament win in Prince George, the upcoming School lip-sync competition, the recent successful Clan

Tournament, Jr. basketball games, and the Grade 8 class winners of the donation challenge at Winter Feast.

## **9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that this item was covered in the 8.1 Superintendent's Report as attached.

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

### **10.1 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation**

Student Trustee Duke read Bill 41 Article 31.

### **10.2 BCSTA Update**

Trustee Currie reported no update this month.

### **10.3 BCPSEA Update**

Trustee Post reported that she and Human Resource Manager Benoit will attend the virtual BCPSEA AGM on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **10.4 Transportation Assistance Policy**

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented the updated Transportation Assistance Policy, which was approved at the December 12, 2023 meeting. The policy has since been amended to include missing housekeeping items reflecting the per family maximums. Tlell to Port Clements area holds special consideration that was approved by the Board a few years ago.

R24011603

MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 to circulate the updated Transportation Assistance Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

## **11. OPERATIONS**

### **11.1 Operation Grant Summary**

Secretary-Treasurer Black reviewed the Summary as presented in the meeting agenda package. The overall budget is slightly higher due to increases in the student enrolment and special needs funding.

### **11.2 Operations Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Black reported that the district is at the final phase of the Masset Schools Project and on budget. Additionally, the Daycare tenders have closed and are currently being reviewed. Once more information is available, it will be shared with the public.

### **11.3 December 2023 Financial Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures**

R24011604

MOTION BY: Trustee Currie

SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

### **13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions were brought forward.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Moraes adjourned the January 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 1825 hours.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer