

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD
AT GUDANGAAY TLAATS'GAA NAAY SECONDARY AND VIA TEAMS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

PRESENT WERE:

Miranda Post, Acting Chair
Ashley Currie, Trustee
Dana Moraes, Trustee (via TEAMS)

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Manu Madhok, Interim Superintendent
Kevin Black, Secretary-Treasurer (via TEAMS)
Maureen Benoit, Human Resources Manager
Misty Surtees, Confidential Administrative Assistant (via TEAMS)

ABSENT WERE: Roeland Denooij, Vice-Chair
Wilson Brown, Trustee

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Via Teams):

Steve Goffic (via TEAMS) Riley Duke (via TEAMS) Lief Morton (via TEAMS)
Tammy Gates

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY

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

2. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Post called the meeting to order at 18:04 hours.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

HGTA President Tammy Gates inquired about a letter sent from a Tahayghen family regarding the school's name change. Interim Superintendent Madhok responded that Invitations will go out once a consultation has been completed.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The November 14, 2023 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 – October 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R23111401 MOTIONED BY: Trustee Currie
SECONDED BY: Trustee Moraes

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education - School District No. 50 approve the October 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 – November 14, 2023 In-Camera Rise and Report

R23111402 MOTIONED BY: Trustee Moraes
SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education - School District No. 50 reported that property, personnel, and pupil matters were discussed at the November 14, 2023 In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORT ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Superintendent Madhok shared that the concerning incident at a school that was shared at the October public meeting is being worked on and that the individual who raised the concerns will be contacted directly.

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

8. CHAIR REPORT

Acting Chair Post read an announcement on behalf of the Board relating to the recruitment of a new Superintendent. This document is included in the board agenda package.

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

9.1 – Superintendent’s Update

Superintendent Madhok summarized the November update that is included in the agenda package and available on the Haida Gwaii School District’s website.

9.2 – Indigenous Education

Superintendent Madhok presented changes to the School Act. These documents are included in the board agenda package.

9.3 – Student Voice Report

Student Trustee Riley Duke presented a verbal update about sport achievements in the district.

10. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

10.1 – Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation

Trustee Currie read Bill 41 Article 29.

10.2 – BCSTA Update

Trustee Currie reported that she will be attending a virtual orientation on November 16, 2023 with the focus on “Planning For Success”. Trustee Currie will also be attending the BCSTA Academy next week in Vancouver along with Trustee Wilson Brown, Kevin Black, and Maureen Benoit.

10.3 – BCPSEA update

Acting Chair Post attended the BCPSEA Symposium earlier this month which included presentations promoting healthy workplaces.

10.4 – Policy Renovation update

Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that the final stages of the review of Section 1: Governance is underway. The policy will be available for viewing on the website for input from shareholders.

10.4.1 – Section 1: Governance

Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that the Policy Renovation Committee has completed the work on Section 1: Governance. Upon approval of Section 1, the following current policies will be repealed: 1.0 Aims, A.2 Board Governance, A. 2.2 Annual Board Committee Schedule, A.2.3 Role of Trustee, A.2.4 Role of Chair and Vice-Chair, A.3 Board Staff Relationships and A.4 Executive Limitations. Any other current remaining policies not included in the proposed Section 1 will be addressed in another section of the policy manual.

The Haida Gwaii Board of Education - School District No. 50 will circulate the Draft Governance Section of the policy manual as presented for public feedback.

10.4.2 – Public Interest Disclosure Policy

The purpose of The Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA or the Act) is to provide a mechanism for current and former employees in the BC public sector to raise serious or systemic issues of wrongdoing without risk of retaliation. The Haida Gwaii Board of Education - School District No. 50 will circulate the Draft Public Interest Disclosure policy as presented for public feedback.

10.4.3 – Transportation Assistance

Secretary-Treasurer recommended a 15% increase in transportation assistance per policy Regulation G.6.2. The Board agreed to put the policy out for public review with a potential start date of December 1, 2023 if approved at the December board meeting.

11. OPERATIONS

11.1 – October 2023 Financial Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures

R23111403

MOTIONED BY: Trustee Currie

SECONDED BY: Trustee Moraes

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

MOTION CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- Outgoing Letter of Support to UNBC re: Online B.Ed. Program
- Outgoing Letter of Support to Daajing Giids Municipal Council re: Foundry Centre

14. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The public brought forward questions regarding:

- Tsunami tower washroom facilities
- Tsunami tower funding

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Haida Gwaii Board of Education - School District No. 50 adjourns the November 14, 2023 Regular Board meeting at 1832 hours.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair





Secretary-Treasurer