

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN DAAJING GIIDS and Via TEAMS  
TUESDAY, October 17, 2023**

**PRESENT WERE:** Dana Moraes, Chair (via TEAMS)  
Roeland Denooij, Vice-Chair (via TEAMS)  
Miranda Post, Trustee  
Ashley Currie, Trustee (via TEAMS)

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

**ABSENT WAS:** Wilson Brown, Trustee

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

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| Steve Goffic (via TEAMS) | Riley Duke  | Leighann Rodger           |
| Arllyn May               | Lief Morton | Marni York                |
| Tammy Gates (via TEAMS)  | Vince White | Fallon Crosby (via TEAMS) |

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAIDA TERRITORY**

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

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moraes called the meeting to order at 1806 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 were brought forward.

**4. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

The October 17, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Agenda and Additions and Attachment Package were reviewed and approved by Trustees.

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

5.1 September 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R23101701

MOTION BY: Vice Chair Denooij  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the September 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 October 17, 2023 In-Camera Rise and Report

R23101702

MOTION BY: Trustee Currie  
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 October 17, 2023, In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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

None

**7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 Vince White–Provincial School Outreach Program.

Vince White is the Director of the new Provincial School Outreach program. This program specifically focuses on supporting rural and remote school districts. In-person outreach services are prioritized for school districts that are currently without one or more specialist personnel.

7.2 Marni York presented on an incident that occurred at Tahayghen and asked the Board to review the Room Use

**8. CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Moraes provided a verbal update on her district activities. Chair Moraes met with the Indigenous Education Committee and has been working closely with the Ministry of Education to help guide indigenous work.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

9.1 Superintendent's Update

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the October 2023 Superintendent's Report as attached to the Additions and Attachments Package. The Superintendent thanked

Roberta Toth and the teachers that attended the Thinking Classrooms workshops last month, and Dave Quinn, a Teacher Teaching on Call who recently attended Mount Moresby Adventure Camp and provided a thoughtful submission for the monthly report. See report for more information.

#### 9.2 Indigenous Education

Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that Joanne Yovanovich would like to thank schools for their participation with Orange Shirt Day.

#### 9.3 Enrolment Confirmation

Superintendent Madhok confirmed enrolment numbers following the 1701 submission. There are just under 480 students enrolled in the Haida Gwaii School District as of September 30, 2023.

#### 9.4 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report (FESL) 23-24

Superintendent Madhok presented the data contained in the FESL report, The full report is posted to the District website.

#### 9.5 Massett Schools Update

Superintendent Madhok presented a statement announcing the delay of opening the K-12 school until September 2024. Official communication is forthcoming.

### 10. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

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

Student Trustee Lief Morton read Bill 41 Article 28.

#### 10.2 BCSTA Update

Trustee Currie reported that she will be attending Provincial Council October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Vancouver. Chair Moraes added that all the keynote speakers and presented will be Indigenous.

#### 10.3 BCPSEA Update

Trustee Post will be attending the BCPSEA 2023 Symposium at the beginning of November along with Secretary-Treasurer, Kevin Black, and Human Resources Manager, Maureen Benoit.

#### 10.4 Policy Renovation Update

Interim Superintendent Madhok reported that the Board met with Anne Cooper; the bulk of Section One will be ready for public input at the November Board Meeting.

## 11 OPERATIONS

### 11.1 September 2023 Finance Vouchers

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented the September 2023 Finance Vouchers and Trustee Expenditures.

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MOTION BY: Trustee Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

### 11.2 First Quarter Financial Operating Update

Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Black presented the First Quarter Financial Operating update.

### 11.3 Operations Update

Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Black reported that this item was covered under agenda item 9.5. Trustee Post thanked all the folks that helped make the gym happen.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from ALM PAC regarding street safety was received and filed.

## 13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

FESL and recognition of teachers work.

Timeline for last two schools to receive Haida names.

Percentage goal for Haida teachers in the District.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Moraes adjourned the October 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 1934 hours.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer