

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AT  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN DAAJING GIIDS and Via TEAMS  
TUESDAY, September 26, 2023

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

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

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

Steve Goffic (via TEAMS)  
Steve Kietzmann (via TEAMS)  
Tammy Gates (via TEAMS)

Roberta Toth  
Leighann Rodger  
Sian Nalleweg

Riley Duke  
Arilyn May  
Lief Morton

**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 1808 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 September 26, 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 June 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R23092601 MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooij  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the June 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Sept 26, 2023 In-Camera Rise and Report

R23092602 MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) reported that property, personnel, and pupil matters were discussed at the September 26, 2023, In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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

None

**7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 Roberta Toth –Numeracy and Thinking Classrooms

Roberta Toth, SD91 Numeracy and Support Teacher, is on-island to facilitate Numeracy and Thinking Classrooms workshops at all district schools, followed by six more virtual Pro-D sessions. The workshops focus on engaging learners in Mathematics with the goal of improving literacy and numeracy for all learners. She will be presenting later this week at the DPAC meeting and New Teacher Orientation, and finally will facilitate a full-day session on Saturday at Port Clements Elementary School.

7.2 Audited Financial Statements 2022-2023

Secretary Treasurer Kevin Black and Steve Kietzmann of Vohora LLP presented the Audited Financial Statements for 2022-2023 as included in the Agenda Package.

R23092603 MOTION BY: Trustee Brown  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) approve the Audited Financial Statements for School District (Haida Gwaii) for the year ended June 30, 2023 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## **8. CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Moraes provided a verbal update on her district activities since the June Board Meeting. Chair Moraes reported attending monthly Indigenous Education Committee meetings. Unfortunately, the Committee's Summer Retreat was postponed due to wildfires. The retreat will be rescheduled and held virtually in the near future. The Chair also attended a Finance and Audit Committee meeting to carefully review the 2022-23 financial statements.

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **9.1 Superintendent's Update**

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the September 2023 Superintendent's Report as attached to the Additions and Attachments Package. Interim Superintendent Madhok thanked IT Manager Steve Goffic for his work on the action plan poster that will be displayed in all schools throughout the district. This year's Superintendent's reports will include monthly updates on the strategic plan goals.

### **9.2 Indigenous Education**

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented a report prepared by Joanne Yovanovich, District Principal of Indigenous Education outlining the Orange Shirt Day activities and Haida Language and Culture Implementation Teacher schedule.

### **9.3 Enrolment Confirmation**

Addressed under item 9.1 Superintendent's Update.

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

### **10.1 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission** Student Trustee Riley Duke read Bill 41 Article 27.

### **10.2 BCSTA Update**

Trustee Currie reported that there is a learning session in Prince George on October 13th & 14th.

### **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

Secretary-Treasurer, Kevin Black reported the Board will be meeting with Anne Cooper and senior staff on October 3, 2023 at 6pm to review a draft of Section 1 of the District Policy Manual. Section 1 is expected to be ready for review from the public and rightsholders at the regular board meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 11 OPERATIONS

#### 11.1 Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented the Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis report as included in the meeting agenda package. He noted the document will be posted on the district website.

#### 11.2 June, July & August Finance Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures

Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Black presented the June, July & August 2023 Finance Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures.

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MOTION BY: Vice-Chair Denooij

SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) receive and file the June, July & August 2023 finance vouchers and trustee expenditures as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

#### 11.3 Operations Update

Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Black thanked the SD Maintenance and Custodial teams, the leadership team and education teams at Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay for tolerating the ongoing construction work. The contractor has confirmed that the project is on track for completion in December, there will be areas outside of the building that will continue to have work completed. He noted that monthly updates are available on the District website, [www.sd50.bc.ca](http://www.sd50.bc.ca).

#### 11.4 IT Update

IT Manager Steve Goffic presented his IT report as attached in the agenda package.

### 12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Moraes adjourned the September 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 1917 hours.



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Chair



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Secretary-Treasurer