

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD
AT AGNES L. MATHERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and Via TEAMS
TUESDAY, May 14, 2024**

PRESENT WERE: Dana Moraes, Chair
Miranda Post, Trustee (via TEAMS)
Ashley Currie, Trustee (via TEAMS)
Wilson Brown, 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 (via TEAMS)

ABSENT WAS: Roeland Denooij, Vice-Chair

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Via Teams):

Lao Peerless	Tammy Gates (via TEAMS)	Lief Morton
Steve Goffic (via TEAMS)	Sian Nalleweg	Riley Duke

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 1717 hours.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

THAT the 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 were brought forward.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The May 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved by Trustees with the following additional attachments:

- 8.1 – Superintendent's Update
- 9 – Haida Education Committee (HEC) May Meeting Agenda
- 10.6 – Agnes L. Mathers School Plan

- GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary School Plan
- Port Clements Elementary School Plan

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

5.1 April 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

R24051401 MOTION BY: Trustee Post
SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

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

-Trustee Post noted a correction, this has now been amended.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 May 14, 2024 In-Camera Rise and Report

R24051402 MOTION BY: Trustee Currie
SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 reported that property, personnel, and pupil matters were discussed at the May 14, 2024 In-Camera Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

7. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Moraes having been out of country last month reported briefly on having sent some correspondence to the Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) and confirmed that she will be attending a 2-day IEC planning meeting in August. Attended a Policy and Audit meeting and has been focusing on policy work.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

8.1 Superintendent's Update

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the May 2024 Superintendent's Report as attached. This month's report included four school plans. Principal Keir and Vice-Chair Westbrook are working on their plan for Daaxiigan Sk'adáa Née and will be submitted prior to the June meeting. All school plans are in alignment with the district's strategic plan. Interim Superintendent Madhok was grateful for the unique opportunities offered to our students through the district's various partnerships and offered a big thank you to staff for their hard work organizing amazing field trips to our students.

8.2 Student Trustee Update

Lief Morton and Riley Duke reported on various sporting competitions and athletic accomplishments. Member of Parliament Taylor Bachrach and Council of the Haida Nation President Jason Alsop are planning a visit to GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary. Staff and students have been working with Skidegate Haida Immersion Program to adjudicate dogwood graduates.

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

9.1 Haida Education Committee May Meeting Agenda was circulated as an attachment to the agenda.

10. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

10.1 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Student Trustee Lief Morton read Bill 41 Article 34.

10.2 BCSTA Update

Trustee Currie reported attending the Annual General Meeting alongside Vice-Chair Denooij and Secretary-Treasurer Black. Presentation on Artificial Intelligence (AI) was informative. Trustee Currie noted it will be interesting to see the movement with new technology arising for students.

10.3 BCPSEA Update

Trustee Post reported attending the BCSTA Leadership training on May 11th. Connections with Trustees from various areas up North and many similarities were noted. Resources to be shared regarding education, policy, equity and inclusion.

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

Interim Superintendent Madhok presented the draft policy manual Section 2: Haida Culture, Expectations, Communications & Engagement which was circulated for feedback for thirty days.

SECONDED BY: Trustee Post

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education School District No. 50 approve Section 2 - Haida Culture, Expectations, Communications & Engagement as circulated and repeal the current policy F.1 Cultural Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

10.5 Cell Phone Restrictions in Schools

The Province has announced restrictions on cell phone use in school. This draft will be supported in the language of the school codes of conduct and should be circulated for public for feedback. The policy will be brought to the to the Board for approval in June.

R24051404

MOTION BY: Trustee Currie

SECONDED BY: Trustee Brown

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 circulate the Draft Policy Restrictions on Student Use of Personal Digital Devices as presented for public feedback.

MOTION CARRIED

10.6 School Plan Updates

Thank you to Principals and staff to get plans to the Board. Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary, Agnes L. Mathers Elementary, Port Clements Elementary and GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary School Plans were shared. Daaxiigan Sk'adáa Née school plan will be available at the June 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

11. OPERATIONS

11.1 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget First Reading

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented the 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and the process undertaken to get to this point. The Secretary-Treasurer recommended that the Board accept the budget as presented and present a motion for first reading. Second and third reading and adoption will take place at the June Regular Board meeting.

R24051405

MOTION BY: Trustee Brown

SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2024-2025 for Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 for the total budget amount of \$18,861,546 be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

11.2 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Black gave a verbal update on the annual budget planning progress for the 2024-2025 school year as included in the agenda package.

Manager of Operations Peerless provided a brief breakdown of the proposed projects and the allocation of funds as outlined in the memo included in the agenda package.

11.3 Operations Update

Manager of Operations Peerless provided an update on the progress at Daaxiigan Sk'adáa Née which included a description of the open house held last month. Form work has been completed on the daycare project, there are many summer projects planned such as HVACs, boilers systems etc.

11.4. April 2024 Finance Vouchers & Trustee Expenditures

R24051406

MOTION BY: Trustee Post

SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

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

MOTION CARRIED

11.5 2025-2026 Five Year Capital Plan Proposal

Manager of Operations Peerless presented the 2025-2026 Five Year Capital Plan listing the District's capital projects that will be submitted for inclusion in the Ministry's capital plan. Information Technology (IT) Manager Goffic, spoke of the IT proposed projects to secure data retention and decommissioning facility as well as server room upgrades.

R24051407

MOTION BY: Trustee Post

SECONDED BY: Trustee Currie

THAT the Haida Gwaii Board of Education of School District No. 50 adopt the 2025/2026 Five Year Capital Plan Proposal as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

11.6 Field Trip Applications

The following field trips have been approved by the Superintendent since April 16, 2024:

• Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay	Trip to Yaan	May 17 2024
• Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay	Traditional Halibut Hook Testing	May 2024
• Tahayghen	K'aayxada Camp	May 13 – 17. '24
• Tahayghen	Grade 7 Boat Trip	June 13 '24
• Tahayghen	Grade 7 Hiellen Camp	May 19 – 24 '24
• Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay	K'aayxada Camp	May 20 – 26, '24
• GidGalang Kuuyas Naay	Kayaking – Semester 2	
• GidGalang Kuuyas Naay	Grade 12 Rediscovery	June 2024
• Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay	Horse Camp	May '24
• Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay	Coast Day – Seaweed Gather	May 8 '24
• Sk'aadgaa Naay	K'aayxada Camp	June 10 – 14, '24
• Sk'aadgaa Naay	T'aalan St'mang	June 16 – 19, '24

12. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

10-Dollar Daycare
Daycare Funding
Gym Improvement Costs
Exempt Board Staff at Daaxiigan Sk'adáa Née
School Plans

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Moraes adjourned the May 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 1822 hours.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer