



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION
(SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)
Held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: S. White, Chair; L. Pratt, Vice-Chair; F. Heppell;
D. Mewhort; J. Scott; K. Sinnott

REGRETS: Trustee G. Russell

STAFF: D. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools
T. Hierck, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
D. Ready, Secretary-Treasurer
C. McPhedran, Administrative Assistant

#47 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Chair White acknowledged the meeting was being held on the traditional territories of the Squamish Nation.

#48 Presentation – (10 minutes in total)

“The State of Children’s Development – Locally & Provincially” – K. Deasey

Chair White thanked K. Deasey for her presentation on Early Development Instrument (EDI).

#49 Public Question Period – (10 minutes in total)

Chair White welcomed members of the audience noting the attendance of both union’s representatives and Christine Wood from the Coast Reporter.

The Board received and responded to questions from the public.

#50 Adoption of the Agenda

A late addition to New Business – (c) Trustee Variance was added to the agenda.

MOTION: Sinnott/Heppell

“THAT the agenda of the January 11, 2011 meeting be adopted as amended.”

Carried.

#51 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Pratt/Heppell

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2010 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of December 14, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

#52 Reports

(a) Executive Report:

The following information items were presented:

- Cheques issued December 2010
- Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent’s Reports
- Full Day Kindergarten Update
- Early Childhood Development Strategic Plan

(b) Board/Committee Reports:

1. Policy Committee – Notes from December 11, 2010 meeting.

As submitted.

Chair White reported there were no changes to the Committees but with the Board’s interest in more public involvement, the following members of the public have been asked to join the committees:

- E. Brooks – Policy Committee
- M. Labelle – Education Committee
- E. Machado – Finance and Facilities Committee
- R. Clayton, Principal – Finance and Facilities Committee

Principals and staff have also been invited when time permits.

MOTION: Pratt/Scott

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#53 Correspondence

- (a) G. Nohr, SCRD Chair – Playing Fields Collaboration 2011

Chair White will follow up with SCRD.

MOTION: Mewhort/Sinnott

“THAT the correspondence be received.

Carried.

#54 New Business

- (a) Regulation for Circulation
(i) Regulation 1590 – Head Lice

Superintendent Palmer reported that Regulation 1590 – Head Lice will be back in circulation until March 8, 2011 and invited public input.

- (b) Bylaw 10.0 Voting – First and Second Reading

MOTION: Scott/Heppell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) agrees to a second reading of the following motion regarding Bylaw 10.0 Voting:

Delete: 10.3 If a trustee wishes to have their vote recorded, he or she must so request before or immediately after the vote is taken.

Change: 10.5 Voting shall be by show of hands and only the results recorded unless a member requests recording of names before the vote is taken. Where names are recorded both positive and negative votes shall be recorded.

To: 10.4 Voting shall be by show of hands and votes in the negative shall be recorded.”

Carried.

MOTION: Scott/Heppell

THAT the motion to amend Bylaw 10.0 Voting be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

(c) Trustee Variance

MOTION: Pratt/ Sinnott

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) explore the options of reducing the number of trustees from seven to five and changing electoral areas, including an “elected-at-large” model.”

Trustee Pratt provided the rationale for this motion. Chair White announced that a public meeting would be scheduled to receive public input with the results to be presented at the February 8, 2011 Board Meeting.

Discussion followed.

Carried.

#55 Questions and Inquiries From the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

The Board received and responded to questions from the public.

#56 Next Meeting


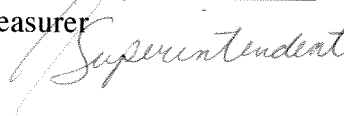
The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on February 8, 2011.

#57 Adjournment

MOTION: Pratt/Scott

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Chair


Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent