



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)  
Held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

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

STAFF: D. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools  
C. McPhedran, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: T. Hierck, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
D. Ready, Secretary-Treasurer  
Trustee K. Sinnott

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**#80 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair White opened the meeting by acknowledging that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Squamish Nation.

**#81 Presentation – (10 minutes in total)**

B. Boyd and B. Hetherington – Gibsons Recycling  
*“There is No ‘Plan B’ – Moving From Wasting to Zero Waste in our Schools”*

Chair White welcomed B. Boyd and B. Hetherington as the presenters for the meeting.

Mr. Boyd spoke about recycling on the Sunshine Coast and provided a slide presentation giving examples of how the School District could become more involved.

Trustees asked several questions.

Chair White welcomed Patrick Bocking and introduced our incoming Superintendent to the audience. Also in attendance was S. MacKenzie, DPAC; C. Smith and R. Emerson, M. Baba, CUPE; J. Garrels, SCTA; K. Mahlman, Principals Association; I. Abbott, CKAY, C. Wood, Coast Reporter and Erin Brooks.

**#82 Public Question Period – (10 minutes in total)**

The Board received and responded to questions from the public.

#83 **Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: Russell/Scott

“THAT the agenda of the April 12, 2011 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#84 **Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings**

MOTION: Russell/Mewhort

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2011 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of March 8, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

#85 **Reports**

**(a) Executive Report:**

In addition to the information items included in the report, the following topics were reviewed with trustees:

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. School Calendar 2011-12**

MOTION: Russell/Mewhort

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2011-12 School Calendar as presented.”

Carried.

Trustee Russell commented on the progress of the Full Day Kindergarten Portable at Cedar Grove Elementary School.

**(b) Chair's Report:**

**1. Trustee Variance**

Chair's report as submitted. Chair White provided information for the Special Olympic Event 'Gala of Stars' taking place on May 28, 2011.

Chair White reported on the Trustee Variation process and of the correspondence sent to the Board after the Public Input meeting.

Several trustees commented on the input from the public meeting and correspondence.

Trustees each gave their preference and discussion followed.

MOTION: Pratt/Scott

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the Minister of Education to request that:

- a. the number of trustees in School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) be reduced from seven to five and
- b. change the electoral areas to one area at-large.”

Discussion followed.

Opposed: Mewhort, Russell, Heppell  
**Defeated.**

MOTION: Russell/Heppell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that the electoral areas be changed as follows:

West Howe Sound, Gibsons, Elphinstone and Roberts Creek having 3 trustees, Sechelt and the SIGD having 3 trustees and Halfmoon Bay, Pender Harbour/ Egmont having 1 trustee.”

Trustee Russell explained his rationale.

Discussion followed.

Opposed: Pratt, Scott  
**Carried.**

**(c) Board/Committee Reports:**

**1. Education Committee Notes – March 31, 2011**

As presented with a correction to the date of the next Education Committee Meeting. The next meeting will be at the School Board Office on **April 28, 2011**.

MOTION: Scott/Mewhort

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) direct staff, working with the Education Committee, to organize a forum, prior to the end of 2010-11 school year, with the goal of generating discussion regarding expanding educational opportunities.”

Discussion

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

Amend the motion to read:

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) direct staff, working with the Education Committee, to organize a forum, **by the end of 2011**, with the goal of generating discussion regarding expanding educational opportunities.”

Discussion.

Carried

Chair White spoke to the original motion of May 2010 regarding the support of smaller schools and asked for clarification.

“That the Board renew our support for our smallest schools and **explore the possibility** of a redistribution of district programs and funding.”

Trustees each gave their interpretation of the motion.

**2. Policy Committee Meeting Notes – March 8, 2011**

Report as submitted. Trustee Pratt announced that a new Trustee Handbook would be presented at the May board meeting.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#86 **Correspondence**

- (a) Minister Shirley Bond – Gibsons Way and North/School Road Intersection
- (b) Minister George Abbott, 2011/12 Annual Facility Grant Funding
- (c) Mayor Janyk, Town of Gibsons – Intergovernmental Meeting
- (d) Chair Nohr, SCR D – Invitation to attend “One Coast, One Climate: Events  
Event planned for April 13 tomorrow is postponed for the fall.

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT all correspondence be received.

Carried.

#87 **New Business**

(a) **Regulation 2200 - Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting of Student Results**

Superintendent Palmer explained that the regulation was included in the March Agenda package but the motion to approve was inadvertently missed.

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve Regulation 2200 – Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting of Student Results.”

Carried.

#88 **Questions and Inquiries From the Public Relating to the Board Meeting**

The Board received and responded to questions from the public.

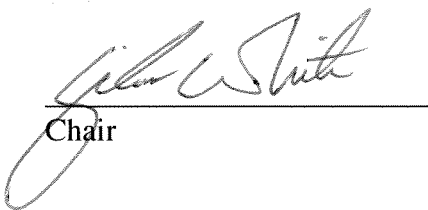
#89 **Next Meeting**

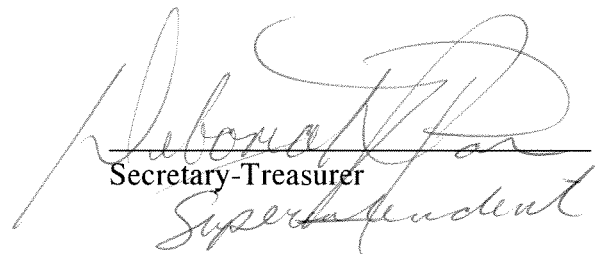
The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on May 10, 2011.

#90 **Adjournment**

MOTION: Heppell/Russell

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Superintendent