



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

Held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: **TRUSTEES:** S. White (Chair), B. Baxter (Vice-Chair), L. Dixon,
D. Mewhort, L. Pratt, C. Younghusband

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
 G. Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
 N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
 C. McPhedran, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: Trustee G. Russell

#80. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Trustees Pratt and Younghusband joined the meeting by teleconference.

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

#81. Presentations

(a) Celebrating Education: Professional Development – P. McCallum

P. McCallum, Professional Development Committee Chair for the Sunshine Coast Teachers Association, outlined professional development in the district. Mr. McCallum spoke to the PD committee's goals for 2013/14, which are: a) to extend professional accountability and ownership, b) to encourage inquiry-based professional learning, c) to support collaborative models of engagement, d) to increase access to additional funding, and e) to expand teacher mentorship. Additional details can be found in the presentation attached to these minutes.

(b) Chatelech Community School – S. Lamb

S. Lamb provided an update on the newly developed Chatelech Community School and their current programs. Ms. Lamb provided context for the development of the community school at Chatelech and outlined her history with the Halfmoon Bay Community School. She described the many activities that are being offered in support of their association's goals of providing a welcoming school environment, supporting student achievement, and encouraging restorative

practices. Two handouts were provided at the meeting and will be included with the meeting's minutes.

Chair White welcomed the audience members and acknowledged those who were attending in a district capacity.

#82. Public Question Period

There were no questions at this time.

#83. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Baxter/Dixon

“THAT the agenda of April 9, 2013 be adopted.”

Carried.

#84. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Mewhort/Baxter

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2013 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of March 26, 2013 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#85. Reports

(a) Executive Report

1. Budget Preparation

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided an overview of the budget preparations to date and reiterated that the proposed budget will see increases to school base funding amounts, to per pupil amounts at the elementary level, as well as to levels 2 and 3 special education amounts. Staffing plans are expected in the near future and the preliminary budget for the 2013/14 school year will be presented at the May board meeting.

(i) Other Reports

1. Superintendent's April Report

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his report, highlighting the Early Years Fair, the Service Recognition Awards, the upcoming Bursary Tea and the

Gibsons Elementary Groundbreaking Ceremony. He recognized Donna Joe as the recipient of the France Fleming Award.

Assistant Superintendent Greg Kitchen provided an update on the ERASE Bullying program.

(ii) Information Items

1. Larger cheques issued in the month of March 2013.

Provided as written.

2. Expenditures by object

Provided as written.

(b) Board/Committee Reports

(i) Board Report

Submitted as written.

Trustee Pratt provided an update on the Voice on the Coast initiatives in light of the upcoming election and reported that an All-Candidates meeting will be taking place in early May.

(ii) Committee of the Whole Notes – March 26, 2013

Submitted as written. Chair White reported that he has received confirmation that additional funding will be coming to the district to support teacher benefits. The funding amount will be announced on the 15th of April.

(iii) Education Committee Notes – March 27, 2013

Submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband highlighted the provincial curriculum initiative attached to the committee notes and encouraged people to provide their feedback on the draft curriculum. More information on the feedback process can be found at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/drafts.php>.

MOTION: Baxter/Younghusband

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#86. Correspondence

- (a) Deputy Minister Gorman – Discover Your School Web Tool (Ref: 161937)

(b) Minister McRae – Cooperative Gains Mandate Response (Ref: 165392)

MOTION: Mewhort/Baxter

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#87. New Business

(a) Administrative Regulations to be received:

Regulation 5670 – Procedure for Filling Principal and Vice-Principal Vacancies

Superintendent Bocking introduced the regulation and provided rationale for the proposed process included therein. He indicated that feedback was received regarding the number of trustees involved in the process. He clarified that trustee representation is very important on the committee and that limits were placed on the number of trustees involved to keep the committee size manageable and efficient.

Trustees engaged in a discussion regarding the pool and requested clarification on the length of time that successful candidates remain active and if training would be provided for those in the pool. Superintendent Bocking responded that candidates remain active in the pool for two years before having to reapply. He also indicated that the district is developing a leadership-training program, with the assistance of retired principal, Dave Hunt, for those in the pool as well as any one else interested in a leadership role.

MOTION: Mewhort/Dixon

“THAT the regulation be received.”

Carried.

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

A member of the audience asked when committee agenda items are made available to the public. Chair White clarified that the committee agendas are posted on the district’s website on the Friday prior to the Board meeting week.

#89. Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on May 14, 2013.

Additional items were added to the committee agendas.

MOTION: Pratt/Baxter

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#90. Adjournment

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

“TO adjourn.”

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer