



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

Held on Friday, April 19, 2013
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

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

#91. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

#92. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the agenda of April 19, 2013 be adopted.”

Carried.

#93. Davis Bay Elementary Motion

Chair White reported that the Special Meeting was called to address a recommendation coming from the April 15th Committee of the Whole, in order to allow staff the most flexibility to implement the change.

MOTION: Baxter/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) return grade 6/7s to Davis Bay Elementary School, allowing staff to implement the reconfiguration in the best possible way.”

Trustees debated the motion.

Carried.

Trustee Dixon arrived at the meeting after the vote took place.

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

SCTA President, L. Herle, sought clarification on the process leading up to the motion, the urgency of the special meeting, and if the board had fully considered the impact of the change on other schools in the district. Chair White responded, indicating that Davis Bay Elementary had been a topic of discussion at board committees for several months, and further elaborated that the special meeting was called to enable staff to create appropriate staffing plans as soon as possible. Superintendent Bocking reported that requests to return grade 6 and 7 students to Davis Bay were heard from staff and parents during the Sechelt School Capacity Discussions that had taken place over January and February. He reported that Davis Bay and Kinnikinnick Elementary principals had working plans to address the motion if it were to pass. He noted that the reconfiguration would likely not change the number of divisions at Davis Bay but could affect the number of divisions at Kinnikinnick.

CUPE Local 801 president, C. Smith, requested that CUPE staffing plans for Davis Bay take into consideration the increased number of students in light of the reconfiguration and the addition of the Nature Primary school.

A member of the public asked for clarification whether both grade 6 and 7 students would return in the coming school year. Chair White responded that the decision on how to implement the reconfiguration was being left to staff and the principal and indicated that consultation would take place with Davis Bay Elementary parents.

A member of the public asked for clarification on the timeline for implementation. Superintendent Bocking responded that further conversation was required with the school's principal and that the intent is to move forward as quickly as possible. Decisions will be made by May 1st for surplus list needs.

Coast Reporter staff writer, Christine Wood, asked for history on why the school was originally reconfigured as a K-5 school. Chair White and SCTA President, L. Herle, offered rationale for the original change. Comments were also heard from a Davis Bay Elementary parent.

Thanks were offered to the board for their willingness to work with parents in this matter.

#95. Next Meeting

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

#96. Adjournment

MOTION: Pratt/Youngusband

“TO adjourn.”

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer