



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

**Held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

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

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

**REGRETS:** Trustee C. Younghusband

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**#47. Call to Order**

Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and indicated that the list of presentations would be reordered to accommodate the children who were performing as part of the Sunshine Coast School of Celtic Music Association presentation. He also indicated that the recognition of Elphinstone's Senior Girls Volleyball team would be postponed to the February board meeting.

**#48. Presentations**

**(a) Sunshine Coast School of Celtic Music Association**

The presentation opened with an enthusiastic live performance by a talented group of young Sunshine Coast fiddlers. Ann Law followed with her presentation on behalf of the Sunshine Coast School of Celtic Music Association. Ms. Law began by providing a history of the evolution of the association and their highly successful summer Celtic camp that takes place at Roberts Creek Elementary each July. While the camp is primarily a fiddle camp, instruction is also offered in guitar, cello, piano accompaniment, folk choir, flute, and harp, depending on the year. Elective classes include improvisation, history of Celtic music, ornamentation, percussion, and dance, and workshops are offered on a variety of topics. Ms. Law went on to describe the collaborative, multi-generational, enthusiastic learning that takes place at the camp, and thanked the school district for their support.

Vice-Chair Baxter thanked Ms. Law for the presentation and for the fiddlers' performance.

(b) Celebrating Education: Mind Up

Stacia Leech and Ron Skene presented on the benefits and success of the Mindfulness Education Program (Mind Up) that has been running in the district since 2009. The classroom-based project, funded by Health Canada, delivers training and activities designed to increase social and emotional competence and build resiliency in grade 8 students. The core activity of the project is the 15-week Mind Up curriculum, which has been delivered to Chatelech grade 8 students since 2010. Currently, 54 teachers and support staff within School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) have been trained to deliver the Mind Up curriculum. Ms. Leech and Mr. Skene went on to further explain the theories behind Social Emotional Learning and the Mind Up program, along with the benefits gained by students in the program.

Chair White thanked Ms. Leech and Mr. Skene for their presentation and for their involvement in the success of the program.

(c) Recognition of Elphinstone Sr. Girls Volleyball Team has been postponed to the February board meeting.

Chair White welcomed the audience and recognized the following individuals; Chief Feschuk, Sechelt Indian Band; M. Baba, CUPE Local 801; C. Smith, CUPE Local 801; Erin Brooks Wilson, DPAC; S. Mackenzie, DPAC; C. McCrone, SCTA; L. Herle, SCTA; as well as district principals in attendance.

#49. Public Question Period

Chief Feschuk wished the board a happy new year and indicated that he had originally come to address a safety concern that he later found had been rectified by the school board office early that same day. Chief Feschuk explained that there had been a problem where children were being picked up by the bus service on a blind corner on a dangerous stretch of road. He indicated that he was happy to hear that the issue has been addressed and that the bus pick up location will be moved to a safer location. He indicated that he has also asked RCMP to provide additional support in monitoring traffic in the area.

Chair White provided background information on the issue and indicated that Superintendent Bocking was able to resolve the problem earlier that day in collaboration with the bus company.

Chief Feschuk invited the board to attend an honouring ceremony for two elders who have received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medals. Details will be provided at a later date.

Trustee Dixon requested an audit of transportation services under contract with the district. Trustee Mewhort clarified that the Operations committee has investigated transportation issues in the past year.

#50. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Baxter/Pratt

“THAT the agenda of January 8, 2013 be adopted as amended.”

Carried.

#51. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

Two corrections were requested in the draft minutes: on page 4 of 8 the list of opposing votes to the motion regarding the discussion of trustee honorariums should include Trustee Pratt and on page 5 of 8 the motion regarding reports should indicate that the reports were received rather than approved.

MOTION: Russell/Dixon

“THAT the amended minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2012 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of December 11, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

#52. Reports

(a) Executive Report

(i) Strategic Plan Update: Special Education

Dan Galazka spoke to his written report, which was provided as a handout at the meeting. He highlighted the district's strong identification process in assessing students under the designation of special education criteria as well as an increased use of assistive technologies within the district. Mr. Galazka provided an overview of the district's goal of enhancing student achievement by building safe, caring and orderly schools and the steps involved in that process.

Mr. Galazka thanked School District No. 46 for the support he received during his time with the district.

(ii) Other Reports

1. Superintendent's January Report

Superintendent Bocking thanked Mr. Galazka and wished him all the best in his new position with the Delta school board. He welcomed Vanessa Clarke to her new role as district principal.

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his report and brought attention to the Sechelt Region Reconfiguration Consultations that will be taking place over the coming weeks.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick clarified the information provided in the preliminary versus amended budgeted revenue report that was included in the meeting package.

Trustees engaged in a discussion about funding.

(iii) Information Items

1. Larger cheques issued in the month of December 2012.

(b) Board/Committee Reports

(i) Board Report

Provided as written.

Chair White took a moment to acknowledge that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and apologized for not having done so earlier. He went on to elaborate a new process for selecting chairs for board committees. He indicated that Trustee Younghusband had expressed an interest in continuing as chair of the Education committee. Committee members supported this request. Trustee Russell suggested Trustee Mewhort for the position of chair of the Operations Committee. Trustee Mewhort accepted the position.

Trustee Russell requested that he be assigned as liaison to the Sunshine Coast Alternative School PAC.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the report be received.”

Carried.

#53. Correspondence

(a) Assistant Deputy Minister K. Miller – 2012/13 Recalculated Funding Allocations  
(Ref: 164278)

(b) M. Hartley – Environmental Education

MOTION: Pratt/Baxter

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#54. New Business

- (a) Administrative Regulations to be received:  
Regulation 3750 – Portable Soccer Nets

MOTION: Baxter/Mewhort

“THAT the regulation be received.”

Carried.

- (b) Regulation for circulation:  
Regulation 1730 – Process for Administrative Regulations

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the changes to the regulation were primarily house keeping items.

Trustee Dixon requested that the process described in the regulation involve a loop where raw data from the circulation process be disclosed to the relevant board committee. It was suggested that her request be made by way of the draft regulation response form.

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

There were no questions from the public.

#56. Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on February 12, 2013

MOTION: Baxter/Mewhort

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#57. Adjournment

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“TO adjourn.”

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm



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Chair



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Secretary-Treasurer