



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

Held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

#58. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

#59. Presentations

(a) Recognition: Elphinstone Girls Volleyball Teams

Chair White recognized the accomplishments of the girls' volleyball teams. Vice-Chair Baxter offered congratulations on a great season on behalf of the Board of Education.

(b) Celebrating Education: Spiderlings – S. Thicke

Sally Thicke, Principal, David Barnum, full-time SPIDER program teacher, and several students and parents provided an overview of the SPIDER program, focusing on the program's "Learning in Community Time" and their Tuesday activities at Camp Byng. Two SPIDER students, Nadia Behji & Gong Gong Graham, spoke to the trustees on the benefits of homeschooling. Their individual presentations also demonstrated the public speaking skills that they acquired through a toastmaster program that was part of the Learning in Community sessions. Gina Graham, parent and active member on the planning committee, commented on the success of the program and its continual growth and improvement over the years. Finally, Zach Mansbridge-Fafard, a grade 10 student in the Ace-it culinary program shared his experience in leading the program's participants in a three-part Learning in Community session. At the end of these sessions, SPIDER students served and plated a three-course meal.

Chair White thanked the presenters and opened the meeting by acknowledging that it was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation. He welcomed the

audience and took a moment to recognize CUPE and SCTA executives, as well as those attending in a district role.

#60. Public Question Period

E. Brooks-Wilson questioned the technical inventory included in the meeting package and reminded the board that some of the computers listed were provided by PAC funding, the purpose of which is to enhance student learning and not to take the place of technological needs.

S. MacKenzie asked when the board expected the 2013/2014 school calendar would be approved. Assistant Superintendent Kitchen responded that the Ministry of Education has changed dates whereby school boards need to approve their calendar. He reported that the calendar would be brought to the March board meeting however the change in the Ministry's timelines would prohibit any major adjustments to next years' calendar.

C. McCrone thanked staff for the transparent process in the Sechelt School Configuration discussions and asked when the board would be making their decision. Chair White responded that the board had yet to review the feedback received and that the topic would be discussed at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting on February 26, 2013.

#61. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Baxter

"THAT the agenda of February 12, 2013 be adopted."

Carried.

#62. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Pratt/Baxter

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2012 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of January 22, 2012 be adopted as circulated."

Carried.

#63. Reports

(a) Executive Report

(i) Strategic Plan Update: Early Learning

As a supplement to Superintendent Bocking's written report, Early Learning Coordinator, Kirsten Deasey, provided additional information on the success of the district's many programs including SPARK!, Imagination Library, Ready, Set, Learn!, Early Years Fair, StrongStart, KinderSPARK! And PALS.

Ms. Deasey noted that the Early Years Fair will be taking place at the Early Years Hub at Sechelt Learning Centre on April 13th from 10-1 pm.

(ii) Other Reports

1. Superintendent's February Report

Provided as written.

Trustee Russell requested clarification on the 0.4 FTE coordinator's position. Superintendent Bocking confirmed that the position was temporary and was being funded by federal French funds accumulated over the past four years.

Trustee Russell also requested that information collected on environmental initiatives be shared with the board. Superintendent Bocking agreed to provide the information at the next Education Committee meeting – to be included with the notes.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Amended Budget Bylaw

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reviewed the Amended Annual Budget for 2012/2013, specifically the operating budget, changes in special purpose funds and capital revenue and expenses. He reported that, as a result of an enrolment decline, provincial revenue was lower than expected. This decline also represented a reduction in teaching salaries. He clarified that carbon tax reimbursements and carbon offsets were previously not reported but have now been included in the amended budget. He also pointed out that student transportation had typically been under budgeted in past years and that this has now been corrected.

A motion was requested.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2012/2013, in the amount of \$41,680,224 be read for a first time.”

Carried.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2012/2013, in the amount of \$41,680,224 be read for a second time.”

Carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2012/2013, in the amount of \$41,680,224 be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

(iii) Information Items

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

Provided as written.

(b) Board/Committee Reports

(i) Board Report

Provided as written. Chair White noted that the Educating the Heart presentation by Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl was also well attended.

1. Substantive Motion to 2013 BCSTA AGM

Chair White provided additional information on the proposed resolution.

MOTION: Baxter/Pratt

“BE IT RESOLVED: That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to relax the School Act and Trustee Variation Guidelines in order to give Boards of Education the flexibility to hold elections for, or appoint, supplemental trustees to represent “at large” communities such as student, Aboriginal/First Nation or other specific populations.”

Trustees engaged in a discussion.

AMENDED MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“BE IT RESOLVED: That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to relax the School Act and Trustee Variation Guidelines in areas where First Nations Communities have achieved self-government, to ensure these First Nations Communities have full participation in local educational decision-making.”

Trustees debated the amended motion.

Opposed: Younghusband, Baxter,
Russell, Pratt
Defeated.

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT the motion be referred to committee.”

The motion to refer was adopted.

Opposed: Baxter
Carried.

(ii) Operations Committee Notes – January 22, 2013

Two corrections were indicated to the notes of the January meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 14 at 12:30 pm at the School Board Office.
- Trustee Younghusband should be listed as present.

Chair White took the opportunity to report that earlier that day, the Board of Education had accepted the recommendation from the Gibsons Elementary School Project Evaluation Team to select Bouygues Building Canada Ltd and KMBR Architects as the preferred proponent for the project. He expressed sincere thanks to the Evaluation Team for the many hours that they've put into the project on behalf of the district.

(iii) Education Committee Notes – January 23, 2013

Trustee Younghusband spoke to the meeting notes, pointing out that a rich discussion took place at the meeting around the suggested Intensive French Program brought forward by a group of Roberts Creek Elementary parents.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#64. Correspondence

- (a) Minister D. McRae – International Education Strategy (IES) (Ref: 164314)
- (b) Minister D. McRae – Savings Plan Follow Up (Ref: 165074)
- (c) SCRD – Youth Issues (2 letters – responded asking for more information)

Trustees discussed the correspondence.

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#65. New Business

(a) Administrative Regulations to be received:

Regulation 1745 – Responding to a Threat or Potential Violent Behaviour

MOTION: Baxter/Younghusband

“THAT the regulation be received.”

Carried.

(b) Regulation for circulation:

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

Superintendent Bocking spoke to the revised regulation, which outlines the current practice. He indicated that the Principal/Vice-Principal pool has already proved to be successful as the district was able to fill several positions that had become available without much advance warning thanks to the process.

Trustee Russell expressed concern that the proposed changes to the regulation would significantly reduce the role of the board in the selection committee. He noted that the current regulation included the entire board in the decision making process while the revised regulation includes only 2 trustees.

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

Christine Wood requested additional information on the selection of the GES build/design team and next steps in the Gibsons Elementary School rebuild process.

Ruth Emerson commented that she had not been aware of the regulations circulating. Superintendent Bocking agreed to look into how revised regulations are being distributed to staff. She also indicated that she was disappointed in the lack of a public meeting for budget input in the previous year and hoped that one take place for the upcoming budget.

#67. Next Meeting

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

MOTION: Baxter/Younghusband

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

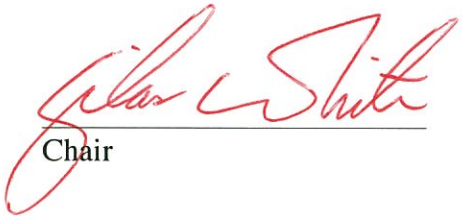
#68. Adjournment

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“TO adjourn.”

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer