



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

Held on Tuesday, October 8, 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

#11. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

#12. Presentations

a. Celebrating Education: Music – S. Douglas

Music Teacher, Sara Douglas, and a number of enthusiastic elementary students from Cedar Grove and Kinnikinnick Elementary Schools delighted trustees with an unrehearsed African drumming presentation. Ms. Douglas explained that the techniques used in the performance were those that the students had acquired through a District Fine Arts drumming workshop presented by Milton Randall earlier in the school year.

b. Frank Bragg Recognition – B. Stuart

Gibsons resident, Brad Stuart, addressed trustees with a request to better commemorate a donation of land in 1932 to the Gibsons Elementary school site. Mr. Stuart, who had previously addressed the Operations Committee with a similar presentation, noted that a cairn acknowledging the donation was on the current school site but suggested that the school's rebuild presented an opportunity to better commemorate the generous donation to the school district.

Chair White thanked Mr. Stuart for his presentation and indicated that a motion would be coming to the board through the Operations committee to address his request.

c. Sunshine Coast Housing Committee – M. Thomson

Matt Thomson, coordinator for the Sunshine Coast Housing Committee, delivered a presentation regarding housing affordability on the Sunshine Coast. Mr. Thomson provided a brief history surrounding the need for lower income housing on the coast and clarified his role as part-time coordinator for the committee, which is funded by a Memorandum of Understanding struck between the Town of Gibsons, the District of Sechelt and the SCR.D. The committee is currently investigating the feasibility of a community land trust and is approaching the school district to see if there is an interest in partnership. Mr. Thomson

noted that there were many reasons for the district to consider a partnership in principal as more affordable housing options could attract more families to the coast.

The Sunshine Coast Housing Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every second month at 10:30 am at the SCRD office on Field road. The next committee meeting will take place in December.

#13. Public Question Period

There were no questions.

#14. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT the agenda of October 8, 2013 be adopted.”

Carried.

#15. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Younghusband/Russell

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2013 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of September 10, 2013 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#16. Reports

a. Executive Report

i. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Achievement Contract

Superintendent Bocking reported that the Achievement Contract had been discussed at the Education Committee meeting held on September 26, 2013 and requested a motion to approve the contract.

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2013/16 Achievement Contract, as presented.”

Carried.

Opposed: L. Dixon

2. Technology Plan

Superintendent Bocking reported that the Technology Plan had also been presented and discussed at the September Educational Committee meeting and thanked District Principal Luporini for that presentation. Trustees Russell and Dixon suggested that technology training for students would be a valuable careers training option.

ii. Other Reports

1. Superintendent’s Report

The report was submitted as written.

Superintendent Bocking highlighted that the District Student Leadership Team would be selecting a student trustee at their next meeting and that student trustee would be appointed to the board at the November regular meeting.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The report was presented as written. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that capital funds to increase capacity at West Sechelt Elementary were unlikely to be approved by the ministry. The board continues to discuss catchment area changes and consultation sessions with the school and the general public will be scheduled in the future.

Chair White requested information regarding the number of people working on the Gibsons Elementary school site. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick agreed to report back with that information.

3. Administrative Regulations for Circulation:

The following regulations will be in circulation to December 9, 2013. Information on how to submit feedback regarding these regulations is available on the school district's website at: <http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/regulation>.

- a. Reg 1600 – Information Technology: District-Wide Network and Internet Appropriate Use
- b. Reg 4450 – Purchasing

4. Administrative Regulations to be Rescinded:

- a. Reg 3500 – Rental of Audio Equipment
- b. Reg 3670 – School Maintenance

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the regulations be rescinded.”

Carried.

5. Grad Survey Prize Draw

Each year the school district invites past graduates to complete an online survey. Those who complete the survey are entered into a draw. The board drew the following winners:

- Kiel Strang (\$1,000)
- Geoff Warner (\$750)
- Ashlee Van Diessen (\$500)

Information was requested regarding the results of this year's survey. Superintendent Bocking agreed to provide those results to the Education Committee.

iii. Information Items

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of September 2013

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

Submitted as written.

1. Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

Chair White requested feedback concerning what funding priorities should be stressed in the board's submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services regarding the 2014/15 provincial budget. Trustees requested that sustainable funding for contractual increases be the top priority, followed by funding for apprenticeships/careers training/continuing education as well as investment in "non-enrolling" teachers.

2. BCSTA Provincial Council

In response to a request from BCSTA, trustees discussed a proposed motion to change the election cycle for school board trustees from three to four years. It was felt that the last minute nature of the request did not allow for thorough consultation. It was decided that Trustee Pratt, in her role as Provincial Councilor, would make an informed vote after hearing debate on the motion at the upcoming meeting. Trustee Pratt provided further information on several motions that will be presented at the October meeting, including motions regarding conflict of interest, the recommendation of a bargaining structure and an additional general meeting.

ii. Committee of the Whole – September 24, 2013 (*motion*)

The notes were submitted as written. Chair White spoke to a recommendation in the meeting notes to direct the board to strike a Policy Committee. Trustee Mewhort noted that the recommendation was vague and made a motion to refer the recommendation to committee.

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

“TO REFER the recommendation from the September 24, 2013 Committee of the Whole to committee”

Opposed: Russell, Dixon
Carried.

iii. Education Committee Notes – September 25, 2013

The notes were submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband extended thanks to Michael Jackson and Lee-Ann Ennis for their hospitality in hosting the committee meeting at the Iris Griffith Interpretive Center.

iv. Operations Committee Notes – September 26, 2013

The notes were submitted as written.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) consider commemorating Frank Bragg in the construction of the new Gibsons Elementary School.”

Chair White suggested that it was important to recognize that the donation of land was originally made to honour Mr. Bragg’s wife. A friendly amendment to the motion was made.

AMENDMENT: Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) consider commemorating the Bragg family in the construction of the new Gibsons Elementary School.”

Carried.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#17. Correspondence

- a. B. Steuart – Gibsons Elementary Frank Bragg Recognition
- b. Minister Stone – Pedestrian Safety (Ref: 218852)
- c. R. Lynde – Smoking Shelter on Ocean Avenue

Trustees discussed the request for support from R. Lynde. It was felt that the placement of the shelter did not have a direct impact on students within the school district. It was suggested that Ms. Lynde seek support from the District of Sechelt and the Workers Compensation Board on the matter.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#18. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A question was posed regarding the apparent lack of student interest in current trades programming. Chair White cited several reasons and noted that the district is creating a communications plan to better promote career training.
- A question was raised regarding timelines for meetings with the Town of Gibsons and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding safety improvements to the intersection at School Road in Gibsons. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a response and indicated that the district may be able to take advantage of capital funding if any suggested upgrades were to take place prior to completion of the new school.
- A comment was heard regarding the need for increased funding to support students with special needs. Chair White indicated that special needs funding is an ongoing concern and that the board would include it as a priority in their feedback to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

#19. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on November 12, 2013.

Two additions were made to upcoming committee agendas:

- “International Education Funding” to be added to the Operation Committee agenda
- “Grad Survey” to be added to the Education Committee agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

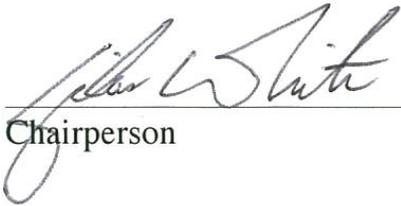
“TO approve the committee agendas, with additions.”

Opposed: Russell
Carried.

#20. Adjournment

MOTION: Mewhort/Baxter

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer