



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

Held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools  
G. Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer  
D. Wagner, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

REGRETS: Trustee D. Mewhort

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#62. Call to Order

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

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

#63. Presentation

(a) Celebrating Education: ACE-IT Carpentry / Skills Canada Competition

District Principal Phil Luporini thanked the Board for inviting ACE-IT students Sean Parfitt and Dustin Sigurdson, and teacher Carl Brownstein, to discuss the Carpentry Program. This is a growing program and the support of the Board is appreciated. The program operates out of the Habitat for Humanity site.

Mr. Brownstein presented a slideshow of the students using different tools and doing cabinetry work. Sean and Dustin are participating in the Skills Canada Provincial Competition in Abbotsford following their first place standing at the lower mainland competition. Dustin is in the Cabinet Making Division and Sean is in the Carpentry Division.

The students provided background on what they have done relevant to the carpentry trade. They conveyed how they feel very prepared and knowledgeable because of the ACE-IT program. They felt that the possibility of becoming Red Seal carpenters by the time they are 21 years old is a phenomenal opportunity.

District Principal Luporini indicated that there are nine students enrolled in the program this year. Next year, 10 students are interested in carpentry, 30 students in the culinary program and registration for the automotive service technician program is also looking good. The district has over 100 students in the workplace on work experience. Students can then see what they like to do and seek apprenticeships.

Chair Baxter thanked the teacher and students for their presentation and encouraged the students to tell their peers about this program to help continue its growth.

#64. Public Question Period

Carolyn Smith (CUPE), Sharon MacKenzie (DPAC), Marnie Baba (CUPE), Christine Wood (Coast Reporter), Deborah Luporini (Principal), Phil Luporini (District Principal) were acknowledged as attendees at the meeting.

April 28<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Mourning for workers that were killed on the job. There will be a ceremony at Dougall Park at 11:00 am that day. Marnie Baba invited everyone to the event and requested that schools lower their flags to half-mast that day. Superintendent Bocking indicated that he will follow-up on this request.

#65. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the agenda of April 8, 2014 be adopted.”

Carried.

#66. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2014 be approved.”

Carried.

#67. Reports

(a) Executive Reports

(i) Strategic Plan Update: Environmental Education

Superintendent Bocking submitted the report as written, indicating pride in the district’s efforts towards Environmental Education. Trustee White commented that the recent presentation at the *Civic Governance Food for Thought* conference regarding the Davis Bay Nature Primary Program was well received by attendees. Trustee Dixon requested additional information on the efforts being made by the school district to encourage environmental education. Superintendent Bocking commented that the Environmental Education Committee is looking at how to move the district forward in this initiative.

(ii) Student Voice: District Student Leadership Team (DSLTL) Report

Superintendent Bocking commented that the DSLTL had recently discussed a successor for Student Trustee Maya Treuheit. Student members are very excited about the student forum with trustees on April 30<sup>th</sup>. An agenda has been developed based on input in the fall from the students. Student Trustee Treuheit indicated that students from each high school would attend the forum. She noted that students would focus on solutions to student issues, not just problems. The format of the forum will have tables with five students, one

trustee and one administrator. Trustees are encouraged to RSVP their attendance to Erica Reimer.

(iii) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report, highlighting the following:

- Grant received from the Ministry for curriculum implementation,
- Education Implementation Committee meeting,
- Upcoming presentation to Sechelt Indian Band Chief and Council on April 30<sup>th</sup>,
- Learning Together Team's recent presentation in Burnaby,
- Changes to the music program that will see the district doubling the amount of music that K-3 students will receive next year.

Trustee White commented on the Learning Together Team presentation to the Metro districts and how exciting it was to have it shared. Trustee Dixon spoke about the Education Committee meeting and the iPad that she had the opportunity to use. She questioned if the district could have the SIB First Nations language loaded on iPads. Superintendent Bocking indicated that this is an interesting topic to pursue.

Assistant Superintendent Kitchen reported that the 2014-2015 school calendar has now been published as a final calendar.

**MOTION:** White/Russell

“THAT the 2014-2015 School Calendar be adopted.”

Carried.

(iv) Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided an update on the Gibsons Elementary School rebuild, noting that some classroom contents will be moved in June and that the new building is still on target for occupancy in September 2014.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on the ministry's recent announcement regarding self-funding of capital projects and indicated that the change to Ministry policy will require school districts to fund up to 50% of all capital projects from existing surplus cash.

**MOTION:** White/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the Minister expressing concern regarding the use of reserves for capital projects.”

Carried Unanimously.

Chair Baxter commented that the President of BCSTA has arranged to meet with ministry staff for further clarity. Trustees indicated the need to advocate opposition to this change very strongly.

1. Disposal of Land Bylaw – BC Hydro / Telus Right of Way

**MOTION:** Russell/Younghusband

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Disposal of Property Bylaw No. 2014-001 be read for a first time.”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Russell/Younghusband

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Disposal of Property Bylaw No. 2014-001 be read for a second time.”

Carried.

There was no objection to a third reading.

**MOTION:** Russell/Younghusband

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Disposal of Property Bylaw No. 2014-001 be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried Unanimously.

(v) Information Items:

The following reports were provided as written.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of March 2014.
2. Expenditures by Object.

(b) Board/Committee Reports

(i) Board Report

Chair Baxter spoke to the written report, noting that she and Secretary-Treasurer Weswick had recently attended a meeting with the District of Sechelt to discuss a connector road from West Sechelt area to Kinnikinnick Elementary School.

**MOTION:** Dixon/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the District of Sechelt indicating that a preferred route for the connector road is to connect Nickerson Road to Crowston Road and Ripple Road, by way of Reeves Road.”

Carried.

Trustees requested a formal delegation at the District of Sechelt’s next meeting and that the delegation speak to the letter submitted. Chair Baxter indicated that the suggested process is to submit a letter of request and once it is received, a delegation would be considered.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Dixon/White

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the District of Sechelt and become a delegation.”

Carried.

1. BCSTA AGM Motions

Chair Baxter indicated that there will be four delegations at BCSTA AGM. The extraordinary motions were included in the package, with further motions received after the printing deadline of the board agenda.

(ii) Education Committee Notes – March 26, 2014

Trustee Younghusband submitted the committee notes as written and expressed her enjoyment of the Student Support Services and Nature Primary Program presentations.

Trustee White asked about environmental education courses at Pender Harbour. Superintendent Bocking indicated that the initial idea was to use provincially authorized courses at Pender Harbour with the intent that they are brought to the board next fall.

(iii) Operations Committee Notes – March 27, 2014

Trustee Pratt spoke to the meeting notes as presented.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the SCR D formally requesting to be advised of upcoming Youth Services meetings or meetings concerning youth. ”

Carried.

Trustee Dixon requested clarification around surplus. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to the breakdown that was published and provided clarity around targeted and restricted funds. He clarified that some operating grants from the ministry are targeted for specific purposes and if those grants are unspent, they then become part of the restricted operating surplus. Chair Baxter informed the meeting that the district is very vigilant about distributing unrestricted surplus money back to the schools when it is unspent.

(iv) Committee of the Whole Notes – March 25, 2014

The notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** White/Russell

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#68. Correspondence

(a) R. Emerson – Roberts Creek Elementary School

(b) Minister Stone – Madeira Park Crosswalk (224186)

**MOTION:** Russell/Pratt

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

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

Carolyn Smith asked if CUPE members would be involved in the Gibsons Elementary classroom move on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that this item would be discussed.

Christine Wood requested clarification about helping other districts in their capital projects with funding from our school district. Chair Baxter indicated that the announcement was that districts fund up to 50% of their own capital projects.

#70. Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 13, 2014 at the School Board Office.

**MOTION:** Russell/Youngusband

“TO approve the committee meeting agendas.”

Carried.

Chair Baxter indicated that there would be additional information on the agendas so that committee chairs have sufficient information on the meetings topics. There will also be an introductory item listed on each agenda.

Trustees discussed removing the policy review item regarding student trustee from the Committee of the Whole agenda.

**AMENDED MOTION:** White/Youngusband

“THAT the policy review item regarding student trustee be removed from the Committee of the Whole agenda.”

Carried.

#71. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Pratt/Youngusband

“TO adjourn the meeting.”

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer