



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

Held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

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

**REGRETS:** Trustee G. Russell and Student Trustee M. Treuheit

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**#53. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Trustee White joined the meeting by conference call from Vancouver due to his involvement in provincial bargaining.

**#54. Presentations**

**a. Gathering of Elders, Clan Mothers, and Pipe Carriers – K. Mahlman, B. Higgins and J. Dixon**

District Principal Kerry Mahlman provided an introduction for shísháhlh Elders Xwu’p’a’lich (Barbara Higgins) and Mus-swiya (Jamie Dixon), highlighting their strong contributions towards aboriginal education on the Sunshine Coast.

Xwu’p’a’lich addressed the Chair and provided information on a planned Elders Gathering that will invite attendance from all 203 British Columbian aboriginal bands. The gathering will provide an opportunity to discuss environmental concerns, including issues surrounding watersheds, over-hunting and ocean pollution. Invitations to the event will be distributed in a traditional way, during the Tribal Journeys canoe voyage to Bella Bella in July 2014. A crowd sourcing campaign will launch shortly under the title “Mother Earth Warriors of the Heart” through the Indiegogo website to help fund the monumental gathering. Additional information will be provided to District Principal Mahlman as event plans are determined.

Chair Baxter thanked Xwu’p’a’lich for her presentation and for her donation of a J. Bradley Hunt print commemorating the Sechelt Elementary School Pole Raising ceremony.

**#55. Public Question Period**

Peter McConnell, teacher and staff representative at Chatelech Secondary, read a statement and requested information on why Physics 12 and Calculus 12 are not being offered when courses with similar enrolment have run in the past. Chair Baxter thanked Mr. McConnell for bringing his concerns forward and indicated that a response would be provided.

Chair Baxter acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

#56. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the agenda of March 11, 2014 be adopted.”

Carried.

#57. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

**MOTION:** Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT the Record of the Closed Meeting of February 11, 2014 be adopted and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2014 be adopted with corrections.”

A correction was noted to the date on the draft minutes of the February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

#58. Reports

a. Executive Report

i. Strategic Plan Update: Student Support Services

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and highlighted the presentation made on the same topic to the Education Committee meeting by District Principal Vanessa Clarke.

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

Superintendent Bocking provided a report in Student Trustee Treuheit’s absence:

- Upcoming student led meeting with DSLTL, secondary students and trustees will take place on April 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Recent meeting between Student Trustee Treuheit, Vancouver School Board Student Trustee Nick Milum, and the Minister of Education.
- Discussion to take place at DSLTL regarding the process to select students for next years’ team and the student trustee position.

iii. Superintendent’s Report

The report was provided as written. Superintendent Bocking highlighted collaboration with other organizations, school districts and community schools. He noted that the annual Satisfaction Survey has begun with responses due by April 2014. Appreciation was given to Diane Wagner for her work updating the school district’s social media feeds.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Dixon

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) continue with further consultation regarding the school calendar with respect to the two week spring break.”

A motion to amend followed.

**AMENDMENT:** Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) continue with further consultation regarding the school calendar with respect to possible calendar changes.”

Carried.

**SECOND AMENDMENT: White/Pratt**

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) continue with further consultation regarding the school calendar with respect to possible calendar changes for the 2015/2016 school year.”

Carried.

Trustees spoke in favour of the original motion, as amended. Upon voting, the motion carried.

Carried.

iv. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

1. Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) Bylaw

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the district’s request for CNCP funding for boiler upgrades at Elphinstone Secondary had been approved. As a result of the upgrades, the district expects to see a yearly savings of \$22,000 per year saving and a lower carbon footprint. To fund the full cost of the boiler upgrade, the district will match a portion of funds through the Annual Facilities Grant. The cost to the district will be realized through savings in approximately 6 years.

**MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband**

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126703 (2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program), in the amount of \$210,093 be read for a first time.”

Carried.

**MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt**

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126703 (2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program), in the amount of \$210,093 be read for a second time.”

Carried unanimously.

There were no objections to a third reading.

**MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt**

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126703 (2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program), in the amount of \$210,093 be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

v. Administrative Regulations for Circulation:

1. Regulation 4220 – Donations

The revised regulation was presented to the Operations Committee where a recommendation was made to begin the circulation phase. The regulation will circulate for feedback until May 6, 2014.

vi. Information Items:

The following information items were provided as written.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of February 2014

2. Expenditures by Object

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

Trustees spoke to the written report and provided additional information on school successes and recent PAC meetings. It was further noted that the BC211 support line is now active for those seeking information on local social and government services. Additional information was provided on a recent Vancouver Coastal Health Intergovernmental meeting where district representatives raised mental health as an issue. Trustee Dixon provided information on a recent article in the Coast Reporter regarding a possible hotel being developed near the Sechelt golf course. A suggestion was made that the board indicate their support for a new road linking West Sechelt to the future development site, should public consultation occur.

1. BCSTA Provincial Council Report

Trustee Mewhort spoke to his written report, noting that he attended as a substitute for BCSTA Provincial Councilor White who was unable to attend due to calendar conflict.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the Minister of Education restating our position that:

- 1) We feel it is important to resolve contract talks through the bargaining process,
- 2) That whatever changes occur, either through the failure of the government’s appeal or any other process, that increases in operating costs to boards be fully funded, and
- 3) Throughout the process, the stability of our students’ education must come first.”

Trustees spoke in favour of the motion. Upon voting, the motion carried.

Carried.

ii. Education Committee Notes – February 26, 2014

The meeting notes were submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband indicated her appreciation for the rich dialogue that occurs at the committee table and requested student representation to round out the discussions.

iii. Committee of the Whole Notes – February 25, 2014

Chair Baxter spoke to the meeting notes.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) add the following language to Policy 11 (Role of the Superintendent): ‘*Approve School Plans in compliance with the School Act.*’”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) amend Policy 2 (Role of the Board) as follows:

2 *ROLE OF THE BOARD*

*On behalf of the students and citizens of the Sunshine Coast, the Board shall:*

- 2.1 *Ensure the school district operates with a clear set of Values, a Vision and a Mission Statement that are reflective of our community, and our students' needs.*
- 2.2 *Develop, carry forward and regularly evaluate a Strategic Plan that sets for School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast).*
- 2.3 *Adopt and review policies that establish a clear assignment of roles, responsibilities, accountability and evaluation among the Board and senior administration.*
- 2.4 *Protect the integrity of the community, students and public education by fostering an atmosphere of trust, respect and confidence free of discrimination, harassment, and any financial or ethical impropriety.*
- 2.5 *Make decisions and communicate publicly as a corporate body, with individual trustees having no authority to direct staff, or act or speak for the Board or school district, unless otherwise delegated to do so in Board policy.*
- 2.6 *Adopt and amend an annual budget.*
- 2.7 *Select and evaluate the Superintendent of Schools.*
- 2.8 *Support the annual selection and participation of a student trustee and District Student Leadership Team (DSLTT).*
- 2.9 *Comply with other statutory responsibilities such as the appointment of an auditor, and submission of Achievement Contract, School Plans, Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement, School Calendar and Capital Plan.*
- 2.10 *Emphasize strong and balanced communications in support of the Board's Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Plan by facilitating community involvement in district and school planning, and informing the community about (a) education issues, (b) services, programs and processes, and (c) local and provincial goals, plans and policies*
- 2.11 *Create appropriate partnerships with other agencies to coordinate effective and efficient delivery of education and other services to the citizens of the Sunshine Coast.*
- 2.12 *Promote the continuity of governance capability by training and developing its trustees, including prompt orientation of new members."*

Carried.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) amend Policy 4.9 as follows, and delete Procedural Bylaw 62.3:

4.9 *Upon consultation with all trustees, appoint members and chairs of Board Standing Committees and Ad-hoc Committees, and representatives/liaisons to external organizations and committees.”*

Opposed: Dixon.  
Carried.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) agrees to a first reading of amendments to Procedural Bylaw 62 – Committees:

To delete Procedural Bylaw 62.3: *‘The trustee members of each Standing Committee shall select their Committee Chair at the January Regular Board Meeting by consensus, or by the election procedures outlined in 50.3, presided by the Board Chair. If no Committee Chair is elected, the Board Chair shall appoint one.’*”

Opposed: Dixon.  
Carried.

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Trustees debated the motion.

Opposed: Dixon.  
Carried.

There were no objections to third reading.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the motion to amend Procedural Bylaw 62 - Committees be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Opposed: Dixon.  
Carried.

iv. Operations Committee Notes – January 30, 2014

The notes were submitted as written. Trustee White spoke to the newspaper article regarding developments in the Sechelt area that Trustee Dixon had highlighted earlier in the meeting. It was further suggested that the secretary-treasurer and board chair seek a meeting to discuss and indicate that a connector road be a condition of the development.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

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

- A comment was made thanking trustees for their motion to consult for the 2015/2016 school calendar and giving sufficient time to consider a two-week spring break.
- A comment was made thanking trustees for their motion to advocate to the Minister of Education for funded bargaining resolution.

#60. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on April 8, 2014

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#61. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Carried.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer