



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

Held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: B. Baxter (Chair), D. Mewhort, G. Russell, P. Ruth, L. Pratt, C. Younghusband, M. Baines (Student Trustee)

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
P. Bishop, Director of Instruction
V. White, Director of Instruction
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: L. Dixon, Trustee

#87. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chair Baxter acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the territory of the Squamish Nation.

#88. Celebrating Education: Aboriginal History Month and Aboriginal History Day

District Principal Kerry Mahlman supported by aboriginal education staff members; Raven Barudin, Tamara Forsyth-Jacobsen, Rita Poulsen, Melissa Bell, Sheila MacPherson, as well as students from across the district, spoke to some of the many aboriginal education projects.

Teachers and students shared their experiences regarding:

- Welcome pole at Pender Harbour Secondary School. Student shared original drawings for the pole.
- Wampum belt was gifted to the lieutenant governor during a recent visit. Beaded belt represents stories of conflict in nature.
- Project to share messages with residential school survivors. Students created hearts, rocks and tiles with messages of hope.
- Kinnikinnick dance group shares their appreciation of traditional clothing, connection to the dance and to each other. The group is working on new regalia, including elk aprons and paddle vests.
- Programs support learning about the local environment, including identifying local plants and trees and discussing traditional uses.

#89. Public Question Period

Chair Baxter welcomed those in attendance.

- There were no questions.

#90. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

“THAT the agenda of June 14, 2017 be adopted.”

Carried.

#91. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2017 be adopted.”

Carried.

#92. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Superintendent’s Report

The report was submitted as written. Superintendent Bocking highlighted training for “Leveled Literacy Intervention” that will support young students struggling with reading.

A correction was made to the report, the Coastal Voices Celebration planned for June will be rescheduled to September due to publishing issues.

Director Bishop reported on an upcoming thank you event for work experience employers to acknowledge their work in supporting student learning, as well as an end of year celebration for international students.

ii. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 3.f. – Sechelt Indian Band and Squamish Nation & Goal 1.j. – Indigenous and Other Cultures

The report was submitted as written.

2. Goal 1.k. – Experiential Learning/Inquiry

The report was submitted as written.

3. Goal 2.g. – Celebrations

The report was submitted as written.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report and highlighted the following:

- The district is benefiting from ongoing reductions in annual carbon offsets due to the increased efficiency of district sites.
- The Joint-Use Agreement with SCRD will take effect in September. Staff are meeting to determine how to best implement the agreement.
- An application for funding for restorative space has been approved for West Sechelt, Davis Bay Elementary and Cedar Grove Elementary. Funding will be used to

renovate the annex at Davis Bay Elementary and add a portable at both West Sechelt and Cedar Grove Elementary Schools.

1. Expenditure by Object – May 2017
The report was submitted as written.
2. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of May 2017
The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

Chair Baxter reported on a recent Intergovernmental Meeting, noting that local governments discussed four major issues: sustainable energy, waste management and reduction, water supply and conservation, public safety and affordable housing.

1. BCSTA Report

Trustee Ruth recently attended a BCSTA professional learning committee meeting to discuss the fall training academy, the committee will meet again in October. Trustees were reminded that motions to BCSTA Provincial Council are due by September 22, 2017.

2. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Younghusband reported on a recent regional meeting where parties discussed, among other items, establishing a vision statement for 2019 bargaining.

3. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Haines reported that the DSLT were taking part in Graduation Exit Interviews, to gain a better understanding of how SD46 prepares students for post-secondary learning and other opportunities. Student Trustee Haines thanked trustees for their support during her term. Chair Baxter thanked Student Trustee Haines for her work in representing the students of School District No. 46.

ii. Operations Committee Notes – May 30, 2017

The notes were submitted as written. Vice-Chair Pratt noted that the capital plan discussed at the May 30th meeting required a motion for approval.

1. 2018/19 Capital Plan

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2018/2019 Capital Plan as presented.”

Carried.

2. 2017/18 Budget

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/18, in the amount of \$44,683,696, be read for a first time.”

Carried.

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/18, in the amount of \$44,683,696, be read for a second time.”

Carried.

Trustees unanimously approved to a third reading of the bylaw.

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2017/18, in the amount of \$44,683,696, be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that the district had not yet received approval for their CEF plan and indicated that the board might need to consider a special meeting prior to the end of June.

iii. Committee of the Whole Notes – May 16, 2017

The notes were submitted as written.

Chair Baxter reported on the trustee evaluation process and highlighted outcomes:

- Trustees expressed interest in professional learning regarding:
 - collective bargaining,
 - chairing skills (Roberts’ Rules) and
 - improved understanding of financial documents.
- Areas for extra attention include:
 - succession planning and community outreach, such as information sessions for individuals interested in seeking office as a trustee;
 - staff/board relations, including clarity of roles and how to best support staff while maintaining a governance role; and
 - an increased opportunity for informal meetings for trustees to provide a better understanding of each other at the table.

iv. Education Committee Notes – May 24, 2017

The notes were submitted as written. Trustee Ruth highlighted the report from District Principal Mahlman regarding aboriginal education in the district.

Superintendent Bocking presented the new website that forms the District Report to the Ministry, available online at www.sd46studentexcellence.ca. Trustees spoke in favour of the website as a reporting mechanism.

MOTION: Ruth/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2016/17 District Report to the Ministry available at www.sd46studentexcellence.ca”

Carried.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

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

- A member of the audience inquired as to the nature of the cheques to Stephen McNichols. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the payments were for consulting fees relating to heating and ventilation upgrades at Davis Bay Elementary School and Pender Harbour Secondary School.
- A member of the audience asked for clarification on the district’s CEF application. Chair Baxter reported that the funding amount was notional and that the district was only able to apply for a justifiable amount under the guidelines.
- A member of the audience noted shared concerns that the budget line for substitutions be maintained as the district continues to hire additional on call staff. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the Substitutes line item in the Expenditure by Object report includes teacher professional development along with other object items.
- A public meeting announcement will be made should a special meeting of the board be required.

#94. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on September 13th, 2017.

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#95. Adjournment

MOTION: Mewhort/Ruth

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Carried.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer