



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

Held on Wednesday, December 13th, 2017

At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: L. Pratt (Acting Chair), D. Mewhort, G. Russell, P. Ruth,
C. Youngusband, P. Deasey (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; B. Baxter, Trustee

#27. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

#28. Public Question Period

- There were no questions.

#29. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Russell/Ruth

“THAT the agenda of December 13, 2017 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

- a. Regular Meeting – November 8, 2017
- b. Record of Closed Meeting – November 8, 2017

MOTION: Russell/Youngusband

“THAT the minutes of Regular Meeting of November 8, 2017 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of November 8, 2017 be adopted.”

Carried.

#31. Reports

- a. Executive Reports
 - i. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bocking submitted his report as written. The following items were highlighted:

- Indigenous learning in schools – week long learning taking place,
- SPARK 10 students working and playing at SLC,
- Nature Based Experiential Program – 17 teachers have now completed the program,
- Implementation of the Joint-Use Agreement will take place in the new year,
- Sunshine Coast Community Schools are planning for the use of a United Way of Lower Mainland Grant to support after-school programming,
- Events taking place for career programs and international programs.

1. Administrative Regulations to be Received:

a. Regulation 2210 – Automotive Training Program

The regulation has been updated, renamed and re-categorized.

b. Regulation 3600 – School Board Vehicles

The revised regulation points to the newly developed Fleet Safety Maintenance Plan and puts the plan into force and effect.

ii. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 1.b. – Reading & Goal 2.b. – Reading Teachers

The report was submitted as written.

2. Goal 2.e. – Healthy Staff

The report was submitted as written.

3. Goal 2.h. – Safe / Healthy Schools (Cultural)

The report was submitted as written.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the ministry funding announcement is expected for December 18th. The announcement will be discussed at the December Operations Committee meeting.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of November 2017

The report was submitted as written. A request was made for clarification on a payment to the Town of Gibsons. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick agreed to report back on the purpose of the payment at a later date.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written.

1. BCSTA Report

Trustee Ruth indicated that a survey of feedback on the Trustee Academy was available. The Trustee Academy was well received, as was the district's presentation at the academy. The BCSTA AGM is scheduled for April 26-29, 2018. The board discussed presenting and supporting motions to strengthen the student voice at the

board table. A suggestion was made to bring forward motions specific to coastal communities on behalf of the South Coast Branch.

2. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Younghusband reported that the move towards BCPSEA Governance seemed stalled and suggested preparing a statement for Provincial Council should the board not be in place by that time. A discussion will take place at the January board meeting.

3. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Deasey reported that the DSLT is looking to connect with students in elementary schools and is considering reviewing MDI results to formulate meaningful questions to engage students in grades 5-7. The DSLT is pleased to support the North vs. South Hockey Game on December 19th.

Student Trustee Deasey reported back on her experiences at the BCSTA Trustee Academy and requested consideration of a motion to the BCSTA AGM to promote student trustees. The request will be brought to agenda setting for discussion at a committee meeting.

ii. Operations Committee Notes – November 15, 2017

The notes were submitted as written.

The recommendation to develop a motion to advocate for stronger building codes in relation to the use of wired glass was referred back to committee for further discussion.

MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

“To refer to committee.”

Carried.

iii. Committee of the Whole Notes – November 28, 2017

The notes were submitted as written.

iv. Policy Committee – November 28, 2017

The notes were submitted as written.

MOTION: Younghusband/Russell

“THAT the following changes to policy be approved:

Policy 5 – Role of Board Committees

5.2 Shall support the work of the Board and will only speak or act for the Board if given the authority for specific, time-limited purposes

Policy 11 – Role of the Superintendent

11.7 Promote and ensure a harassment-free and intimidation-free environment for all employees, students, volunteers, families or community members while on school district-related business. Harassment or intimidation will not be tolerated.

Policy 13 – Annual Budget Development

13.8 *In the spring, a balanced budget shall be presented to the board in a public information session prior to adoption on or before June 30th at a public board meeting.*

13.9 *(Struck and remainder of policy renumbered)*

Carried.

v. Education Committee Notes – November 29, 2017

The notes were presented as written.

MOTION: Russell/Ruth

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

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

- There were no questions.

#33. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on January 10th, 2018.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

AMENDMENT: Younghusband/Russell

“TO approve the committee agendas with the addition of the recommendation to refer to the December 21st Operations Committee”

Carried.

#34. Elections

a. Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick assumed the role of chair for the purpose of the election of the board chair.

Nominations were called for Board Chair. A nomination was received for Trustee Pratt, who accepted the nomination. Seeing no further nominations, Trustee Pratt was acclaimed to the position of Board Chair and assumed the role of chair for the remainder of the elections.

b. Vice-Chair

Nominations were called for the role of Vice-Chair. A nomination was received for Trustee Ruth, who accepted the nomination. Seeing no further nominations, Trustee Ruth was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair.

c. BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Trustee Representative

Nominations were called for the role of BCPSEA Trustee Representative. A nomination was received for Trustee Youngusband, who declined the nomination. A nomination was received for Trustee Mewhort, who accepted the nomination. Seeing no further nominations, and upon accepting the nomination, Trustee Mewhort was acclaimed to the position of BCPSEA Trustee Representative.

d. BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Representative

Nominations were called for the role of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative. A nomination was received for Trustee Ruth. Seeing no further nominations, and upon accepting the nomination, Trustee Ruth was acclaimed to the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative.

#35. Adjournment

MOTION: Mewhort/Ruth

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer