



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

Held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

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

REGRETS: Trustee L. Dixon

#55. Call to Order

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

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

#56. Presentations

- a. Celebrating Education: Nature Education for Sustainable Todays and Tomorrows (NEST) Program – Glen Smith, Linda Russell and Jenny Groves

Davis Bay Principal, Glen Smith, introduced the NEST program to trustees and provided information on the program’s purpose. NEST teachers, Linda Russell and Jenny Groves, spoke to their practice as teachers for the program, providing a summary of a typical day for students. The program has received support from the superintendent to shed traditional reporting scales, rather parents will be advised to their child’s progress at school through the Fresh Grade reporting program. Trustees requested additional information on how the program aligns with changes to the curriculum.

#57. Public Question Period

- There were no questions.

#58. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“THAT the agenda of February 10, 2015 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

MOTION: Ruth/Pratt

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of January 26, 2015 be adopted as presented.”

Carried.

#60. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update

1. Community Partnerships

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report.

2. International Education

Assistant Superintendent Kitchen spoke to his written report.

ii. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking highlighted the district music program, the transition to the MyEducationBC system and the new hot breakfast program at Kinnikinnick Elementary School.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The report was submitted as written. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick drew attention to the cross boundary changes at Gibsons Elementary School.

iv. Information items

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of January 2015

Submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

Submitted as written. Chair Baxter responded to questions from trustees.

1. BCPSEA Report

Submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband spoke to the report and the amended motion regarding the request for a return of trustee governance in the bargaining process.

2. BCSTA Proposed Motions

Trustee Baxter indicated that the proposed motions were included as placeholders for discussion.

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“TO move to into a Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

Trustees discussed proposed motions relating to mental health and conflict of interest. provided in the meeting package. Trustees indicated their support of a motion relating to supports for youth mental health.

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“TO move out of a Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

“To urge the Minister of Education to review mental health support and increase collaboration between all provincial ministries that works with youth.

To urge the minister to increase financial support for school district to address student mental health”

Carried.

MOTION: Younghusband/Ruth

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding student mental health.”

Carried.

3. Student Trustee / DSLT Report

Student Trustee Pritchard spoke to her experiences attending the school visits with trustees.

ii. Committee of the Whole Notes – January 27, 2015

Submitted as written.

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT section 5.8 (iii) of board policy 5 (Role of Board Committees) be updated as follows:

(iii) Superintendent Evaluation Committee

*Terms of Reference: The Superintendent Evaluation Committee shall be responsible for promoting professional growth and development through ongoing dialogue with the Superintendent, providing opportunities for reflection and collaboration. The Committee shall be chaired by the Board Chair, and will include **all** trustees. Its meetings, called in coordination with the Superintendent Evaluation Cycle, will be Closed Sessions due to personnel matters.”*

AND THAT section 5.8 (v) be added to board policy 5 (Role of Board Committees) as follows:

(v) Committee of the Whole

Terms of Reference: The Committee of the Whole shall consider board orientation and evaluation; review the Governance section of board policies and bylaws; strategic planning and public consultation; appeals bylaw review and review school calendar and school growth plans each year. The Committee of the Whole shall act as the Audit committee for the school district. The Committee of the Whole is also the forum where the Board as a whole may discuss emerging issues in the structure and planning of provincial education and educational organizations and authorities, e.g.: BCPSEA, BCSTA or Ministry of Education consultations or initiatives.

Carried.

iii. Operations Committee Notes – January 27, 2015

Submitted as written.

1. Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2014/2015 be read for a first time.”

Carried.

MOTION: Russell/Mewhort

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2014/2015 be read for a second time.”

Carried.

Trustees agreed unanimously to a third reading of the amended budget bylaw.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2014/2015 be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

iv. Education Committee Notes – January 28, 2015

Submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband highlighted the course proposal from Pender Harbour Secondary School.

MOTION: Younghusband/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) support the Board/Authority Authorized Course Proposal: *Coastal Ecological Stewardship*.”

Carried.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

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

- A member of the press shared information on a youth summit supporting youth mental health.

#62. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on March 10, 2015.

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#63. Adjournment


MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. G. K.', written over a horizontal line.

Chairperson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. W. J.', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary-Treasurer