



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

Held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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**PRESENT:**    **TRUSTEES:**    B. Baxter, L. Dixon, 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)

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#93.    Call to Order

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

Chair Baxter opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of the recent passing of a school district student.

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

#94.    Presentations

- a.    Celebrating Education: Changing Results 4 Young Readers (CR4YR) – B. Craig and K. Deasey

Bev Craig and Kirsten Deasey provided information on the Changing Results 4 Young Readers initiative, currently in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The provincial initiative is founded on the premise that the earlier intervention is made available to at risk readers, the greater the improvement. There are 25 teachers involved in the project within the school district and over 700 province wide. Educators receive release time to engage in collaborative learning and inquiry, sharing their own personal experiences with students. Each year, educators involved in the initiative select a student as a case study and share their experiences and successes with each other. Teachers have seen reported improvements in reading skills through 1:1 support, safe and supportive relationships and personalized learning experiences. Primary teachers Patti Dressler, Michelle Smart and Sandi Magnussen shared their experiences with students as case studies and reflected on the success of the initiative. Additional information is available at <http://cr4yr.com/>.

Chair Baxter welcomed members of the audience.

#95.    Public Question Period

- There were no questions.

#96.    Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Ruth/Pratt

“THAT the agenda of June 9, 2015 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2015 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of May 12, 2015 be adopted as presented.”

Carried.

#98. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update: Aboriginal Education

The report was submitted as written. Superintendent Bocking highlighted the “Nurturing the Learning Spirit” paddling journey and the shashishalhem language program offerings for Kinnikinnick and Chatelech students.

ii. Superintendent’s Report

The report was provided as written. Superintendent Bocking distributed the recently published “[\*Learning Together Inquiry 2012-2015\*](#)”. Learning Together Steering Committee Chair, David Barnum, and Co-Chair, Bev Craig, provided a report on the process of teacher collaboration and inquiry. Thanks were given to the board for their support of the project.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a brief report:

- Recently met with SCRD representatives in Madeira Park to discuss a system of walkways and bike paths that are being suggested for the area.
- Attended BCASBO AGM where discussion took place on the ministry’s intent to review administrative efficiencies and the capital decision making model.

iv. Information items

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of May 2015

The report was submitted as written.

2. Expenditures by Object

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written. Chair Baxter highlighted the community-use library in Halfmoon Bay and provided additional information on the collaborative arrangement between the local community school and Sechelt Library.

1. Strategic Plan 2015-2019

Chair Baxter and Superintendent Bocking provided information on a number of small revisions that had been executed in the final Strategic Plan, based on feedback received from principals and the greater community.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Dixon

“To accept the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan.”

Carried.

Superintendent Bocking reported that a draft implementation plan would be presented to the board at their September meeting, describing how the district plans to achieve the goals presented in the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan.

2. BCPSEA Report

There was no report.

3. Student Trustee / DSLT Report

Student Trustee Pritchard provided a summary of items discussed at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the District Student Leadership Team (DSLST). The team has been evaluating changes for the Grad Survey and has offered the following suggestions:

- Include questions about financial preparedness.
- Include questions to determine if some grades were more of an obstacle than others.
- Make the survey more personal
- Allow for in-depth responses
- Include non-offensive, non-binary gender option
- Don't offer “skip question” option

The DSLST discussed the process for application for the 2015/16 DSLST and have invited all applicants to attend the final DSLST meeting of the 2014/15 school year. The team also discussed the process for electing a new student trustee for 2015/16.

Student Trustee Pritchard shared her gratitude for the many experiences she enjoyed during her incumbency as student trustee and thanked the board for their support.

ii. Committee of the Whole Notes – May 26, 2015

The meeting notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** Russell/Dixon

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) reinstate a Policy Committee with regularly scheduled meetings to address a number of requests for policy revision.”

Carried.

iii. Operations Committee Notes – May 20, 2015

Trustee Mewhort noted typographical errors in the notes as presented. All errors will be corrected in the final version of the notes to be posted to the district website.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) endorse the 2015 Joint-Use Guiding Principles.”

Carried.

Opposed: Russell, Dixon

iv. Education Committee Notes – May 27, 2015

Submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband reported her appreciation for the report on Aboriginal Education and the continuation of Parent Engagement as a standing item on the committee's agenda.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#99. Correspondence

- a. Min. Fassbender to SD46 – Administrative Savings Plan (Ref: 180930)
- b. M. Maser to SD46 – “Choose News”

**MOTION:** Dixon/Pratt

“TO receive the correspondence.”

Carried.

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

- A member of the audience noted a typographical error in the Strategic Plan (item 2G “SUSTAINABLE”).
- Clarification was made regarding savings required by the Administrative Savings Plan, as summarized in the Operations Committee notes.
- A member of the audience highlighted that savings in expenditures due to lower than budgeted substitution costs. Information was requested as to the intended use of those savings. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick and Chair Baxter stated that the role of the board is to either designate surplus as restricted, for a designated purpose, or unrestricted. In the event of unrestricted surplus, funds are typically returned to schools by way of a board motion in late August or early September.
- An audience member noted her frustration that workers weren't being replaced throughout the year. Chair Baxter noted that staffing limitations had caused problems over the year, and further pointed that the issue was not due to budgetary restrictions.

#101. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on September 8, 2015.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Russell

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#102. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer