



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

Held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

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

#9. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

#10. Presentations

There were no presentations.

Chair Baxter opened the meeting by acknowledging that it was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and acknowledged those in attendance, including members of the District Student Leadership Team.

#11. Public Question Period

A member of the audience shared concerns regarding planned changes to the Pender Harbour Secondary bus route. She indicated that under the new route, students residing in Halfmoon Bay would be looking at approximately one hour and 20 minutes of travel time per day. Chair Baxter indicated that further discussion would take place.

#12. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the agenda of September 9, 2014 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

MOTION: White/Pratt

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2014, the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 27, 2014 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of June 10, 2014, be adopted as presented.”

Carried.

#14. **Reports**

a. **Executive Reports**

i. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Learning Environments: Safe and Welcoming Schools

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report.

ii. Other Reports:

1. Superintendent's Report

The report was provided as written. Superintendent Bocking highlighted a new child sized long house at the Sechelt Learning Centre. He further highlighted the hiring of David Barnum for the position of Coordinator of Transitions.

Assistant Superintendent Kitchen provided information regarding the current labour dispute and indicated that the school district is discussing how best to support students when schools re-open.

Clarification was requested as to the term of Mr. Barnum's position. Superintendent Bocking clarified that it will be an ongoing position with the district. Clarification was requested regarding the use of the child sized longhouse as well as the learning environments and curriculum with which it would be used. Superintendent Bocking provided a response.

Trustee White requested an update on the new Gibsons Elementary School. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the occupancy permit is expected to be issued in the week of September 15-19, 2014.

Assistant Superintendent Kitchen listed the steps being taken to ensure a smooth transition back to school once the labour dispute ends. He noted that, despite all efforts, there would be challenges due to the unique nature of the start of the school year.

a. Administrative Regulations to be Received:

Superintendent Bocking and Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to the new and revised regulations.

MOTION: White/Mewhort

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) receive Regulation 5350 (How to Communicate with Us), Regulation 5630 (Maintaining a Respectful Workplace) and Regulation 3850 (Use of Board Property by a Licensed Child Care Provider).”

Carried.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. Audited Financial Statements

Secretary-Treasurer provided an overview of the financial statements. He noted that 1.2 million of the unrestricted surplus has been distributed back to schools under direction of a board motion from the special meeting of August 27, 2014.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2013/14 Audited Financial Statements, as presented.”

Carried.

b. Shared Services

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared planned responses to a BCSTA survey and asked trustees for additional input.

iii. Information Items

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of June, July and August 2014

The report was provided as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was provided as written. Chair Baxter shared a motion that was passed at the board’s closed meeting earlier that evening:

“THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) urge BCPSEA/the provincial government and the BCTF to jointly request that Vince Ready publicly release a report with non-binding recommendations on how both parties can change their bargaining positions to reach an agreement as soon as possible, including the consideration of arbitration and what, if any, conditions around arbitration might be appropriate.”

MOTION: Dixon/Mewhort

“THAT the letter to the Ministry and BCTF be an open letter, copied to local newspapers.”

Carried.

ii. Board Evaluation Working Session Notes

Chair Baxter noted that the meeting notes from the previous year’s board evaluation were missing from the meeting package and would be provided at the October meeting.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#15. Correspondence

a. SCR D – Youth Funding Fall Meeting

b. M. Coulter – Public Education

MOTION: White/Mewhort

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

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

- Clarification requested on acronyms EDCO and ERAC, as listed in the responses to the BCSTA Shared Services survey. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick clarified that EDCO stood for the Educational Cooperative Purchasing group, a consortium of 25 school districts and post secondary institutions, and that ERAC stood for the Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium, a separate purchasing consortium that offers discount pricing to members for software licensing and other offerings.

#17. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on October 14, 2014.

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

“TO approve the committee agendas”

Carried.

#18. Adjournment

MOTION: White/Younghusband

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Carried.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer