



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

Held on Tuesday, October 14, 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)

#19. Call to Order

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

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

#20. Swearing-in of Student Trustee

Superintendent Bocking presented Kailyn Pritchard as the elected Student Trustee for the 2014-2015 school year. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick swore in Student Trustee Pritchard.

#21. Presentations

a. Student Writing Anthology – J. Lussier and J. Davidson

John Lussier provided information on the student writing anthology, Coastal Voices, which is in its fourth year of publication. He read a student poem from the anthology and presented school trustees with copies. It was reported that there were 350 entries received for the anthology. All entries were divided by grade and reviewed by four adjudicators who then select the works to be published.

#22. Public Question Period

An audience member asked if the school district would be hiring additional casual custodians as staff are seeing shortages in the workplace. Assistant Superintendent Kitchen provided a response.

An audience member asked for information on ministry funding received for distance learning programs and for information on who pays for rental of space at Camp Byng for SPIDER programs. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a response.

#23. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Russell/White

“THAT the agenda of October 14, 2014 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2014, the Record of the Closed Meeting of September 9, 2014 and the Record of the Special Closed Meeting of September 18, 2014, be adopted as presented.”

Carried.

#25. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update: Technology Plan

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and responded to questions.

ii. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bocking presented his report and responded to questions from trustees regarding sponsorship of the Association for Community Education in British Columbia, the ACE-IT Automotive Technician Program and Roots of Empathy funding.

1. Achievement Contract

Discussion was deferred to later in the meeting, under the report from the Education Committee.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided an update on construction at Gibsons Elementary. He reported that civil work is expected to take place during the month of December, up-to and including the winter break.

iv. Information Items

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of September 2014

The report was provided as written.

v. Grad Survey Prize Draw

Each year the school district invites past graduates to complete an online survey. Those who complete the survey are entered into a draw. The board drew the following winners:

- \$1000 – Justin Brown
- \$750 – Tara Duffy
- \$500 – Danni-Anne Paul

vi. Administrative Regulations Circulating – until December 8, 2014

The following regulations will be in circulation to December 8, 2014. Information on how to submit feedback regarding these regulations is available on the school district’s website at: <http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/regulation>.

1. Regulation 2820 – Student Leadership
2. Regulation 4410 – Honoraria

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was provided as written. Chair Baxter indicated that the board has submitted feedback to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on the 2015-16 provincial budget. Trustees discussed and spoke in favour of requests for a crosswalk at Madeira Park Elementary and enforcement of the speed zone at Roberts Creek Elementary. A request will be taken to the SCR D Transportation Committee meeting.

ii. Education Committee Notes – September 24, 2014

The notes were submitted as written.

MOTION: Younghusband/White

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 approve the *2014-2017 Achievement Contract*.”

Carried.

iii. Operations Committee Notes – September 18, 2014

The notes were submitted as written. Reports referenced in the minutes will be attached to the notes and made available on the school district website at:

<http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/2014-15-board-meetings#ops>

iv. Committee of the Whole Notes – September 23, 2014

The notes were submitted as written.

v. Board Evaluation Working Session Notes – July 2, 2013

Chair Baxter indicated the meeting notes from the previous year’s board evaluation were missing from the September meeting package and were provided for information.

MOTION: White/Pratt

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#26. Correspondence

- a. R. Emerson – School-Community Teaching/demonstration garden
- b. BCPSEA – September 25, 2014
- c. Deputy Minister Byng – Capital Cost Sharing (Ref: 177019)
- d. Minister Fassbender – September 24, 2014 (Ref: 177290)

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

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

- An audience member asked if safety concerns at the Gibsons Elementary School crosswalk had been heard at the SCR D Transportation Committee. Chair Baxter provided a response.

- An audience member asked for additional information on community school funding and the Roots of Empathy program. Chair Baxter and Superintendent Bocking provided a response.

#28. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on November 18, 2014.

MOTION: White/Pratt

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#29. Adjournment

MOTION: Dixon/Pratt

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Carried.


Chair
Secretary-Treasurer