



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Held on September 17, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Dave Mewhort, Chair; Lori Pratt; Betty Baxter
STAFF/OTHERS: Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Rob Collison,
Manager of Facilities and Transportation; Phil Luporini, District Principal of
Technology and Careers; Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Trustee Greg Russell

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

1) Summer Work Review and Discussion

Rob Collison spoke to his written report highlighting the water savings from the switch to waterless urinals, completion of the Roberts Creek Elementary renovations, asbestos abatement at select sites and topsoil dressing on school fields.

2) Minor Capital Project Applications – Review and Discussion

Rob Collison reported that district has submitted a Minor Capital Project application to the ministry. Minor Capital funding is provided for select projects over \$100,000 and must have substantial completion by March 31st of the following year. An application was submitted for:

- Direct digital control upgrades at all sites
- Boiler plant replacement at Madeira Park Elementary
- Boiler replacement at Halfmoon Bay Elementary
- Various roofing projects

The committee requested clarification of items and discussed the application in general.

3) District of Sechelt Referral – Spani Developments OCP and Zoning Amendment

The committee reviewed an OCP and zoning amendment referral provided by the District of Sechelt for the property neighboring Chatelech Secondary School. The committee noted the following concerns:

- Overall height of the proposed building will impact the ocean view from the property, thereby impacting the value of the property should all or part be deemed disposable in the future.
- Duration of construction and safety concerns with several schools and early learning programs in the area (CSF, StrongStart, Chatelech Secondary, Sechelt Learning Centre, Alternative School)
- Preference given to building heights closer to those in the OCP
- Proposed height of building could impact microwave link to hospital, which provides internet service to Chatelech Secondary School.

4) Regulation 3350 (Disposal of Surplus Property) Amendment

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that amendments to the regulation are required in order to better align with ministerial processes and regulations. The committee discussed the amendments to the regulation and suggested a definition of property be included in the regulation and that the term “property” then be used consistently throughout the regulation. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick agreed to make adjustments and bring to the board meeting to begin the circulation cycle.

5) Safe Stop Program Correspondence

The committee discussed a request to support the Safe Stop program, introduced by School District No. 60, to highlight the legal requirement of motorist to stop when school bus lights are flashing red. A report was read from Trustee Younghusband, as the request had recently been discussed at an SCRDP Policing Committee. The following feedback was provided from that meeting:

- current fines are too low,
- fines should be advertised on school buses,
- motion will be brought forward to UBCM,
- Alberta use surveillance on buses,
- bus drivers need to record license plates in order to report.

The committee discussed the feedback from the Policing Committee, shared personal histories and anecdotal reports of incidents on the Sunshine Coast.

Recommendation:

“THAT the board endorse the SafeStop program and share for support higher fines, advertising on buses and the use of surveillance. Correspondence to be copied to ThirdWave and MLA Nicholas Simons.”

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2015 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the School Board Office.