



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

Held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools  
P. Bishop, Director of Instruction  
V. White, Director of Instruction  
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer  
E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: M. Haines (Student Trustee)

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#49. Call to Order

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

Chair Baxter acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the territory of the Squamish Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

#50. Celebrating Education: Chatelech and Elphinstone Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs)

Melissa Bell, counselor at Chatelech Secondary School, and students; Emma Cramer, Sam Fink-Jensen and Isabel Diebel, involved in the Chatelech Sexuality and Gender Acceptance group (SAGA), spoke to their goal to bring knowledge and acceptance of gender identities to their school. Madi Dempster and Quinton Ruth, students involved in the GSA at Elphinstone Secondary, reported on activities at their school, including the designation of a gender neutral washroom. Students in both groups had an opportunity to take a field trip to the Qmunity centre in Vancouver. GSA provide a safe space for students of all gender identities to connect and raise awareness. Both groups are planning activities to celebrate the Day of Pink on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#51. Public Question Period

- There were no questions.

#52. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Russell/Younghusband

“THAT the agenda of February 8, 2017 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Ruth

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2017 be adopted with corrections, and the Record of the Closed Meeting of January 11, 2017 be adopted as presented.”

Carried.

A correction was noted on page 5 of the regular meeting minutes. The corrected minutes will reflect that Trustee Younghusband provided the BPSEA report.

#54. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 1.d. – Social Emotional Learning

Director White spoke to her written report and responded to questions from trustees.

2. Goal 2.a. – Professional Development

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and shared the district’s goal to support employees with their professional learning.

3. Goal 3.b. – Collaborations and Goal 3.d. – Local Governments

The report was submitted as written.

ii. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bocking highlighted district professional development activities planned for February 10<sup>th</sup>, ongoing kindergarten registration and partnerships with community libraries.

Director Bishop reported on an upcoming emergency preparedness session and provided an update on the principal pool.

1. Administrative Regulations to be received:

a. Regulation 4450 (Purchasing)

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on revisions to the regulation and responded to queries from trustees.

2. Administrative Regulations in circulation:

a. Revised: Regulation 1730 (Process for Administrative Regulations)

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that the revised regulation includes a process to repeal regulations, with a 30 day circulation period for feedback. The regulation will be in circulation until April 7, 2017.

b. To be repealed: Regulation 1300 (Condom Machines)

Director White reported on intentions to repeal the regulation as public health nurses ensure condoms are available to students free of charge in baskets in counselling offices. The regulation will be in circulation for feedback until March 2, 2017.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report. Discussion on the Amended Budget was deferred to the Operations Committee report later in the agenda.

iv. Information Items:

1. Expenditure by Object – January 2017
2. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of January 2017

The reports were submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written. A suggestion was made to invite CUPE and SCTA presidents to join in future trustee school tours.

1. BCSTA Report

Trustee Ruth reported on the deadline for submission of motions to BCSTA AGM.

2. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Pratt reported back on the BCPSEA Symposium. Trustee Younghusband spoke to materials in the package and reported on the advisory committee.

3. Student Trustee Report

Superintendent Bocking reported that the DSLT planned talent show is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> at Chatelech Secondary and the Student Forum will be taking place on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the SLC. A suggestion was made that the DSLT assign an alternate to attend meetings if the student trustee is unavailable.

ii. Operations Committee Notes – January 19, 2017

The notes were submitted as written.

1. 2016/17 Amended Budget

Secretary-Treasurer reported on the amended budget, ongoing transportation funding and the unrestricted surplus. It was noted that transportation funding received in 2016/17 would be used to purchase activity buses to replace 15 passenger vans and that the district is continuing to consult with the community

regarding the best use for the funding in future years. Unrestricted surplus funds will be factored into the 2017/18 budget.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017, be read for a first time.”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Ruth

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017, be read for a second time.”

Carried.

Trustees unanimously approved to move to a third reading.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017 be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

iii. Committee of the Whole – January 24, 2017

The notes were submitted as written. Trustees noted their appreciation for the reports provided on professional development funds by Janice Budgell and Paddy McCallum.

1. 2017/18 School Calendar

Chair Baxter clarified that the proposed calendars must circulate to the public for 30 days prior to a recommendation to approve. The board will have an opportunity to review calendars again at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

iv. Special Committee of the Whole Notes – January 31, 2017 (*motion*)

Chair Baxter

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Russell

“THAT the board proceed with three regional public consultations, taking place during February-April, on the following options:

- 1) Option A: Listing SIGD lands within the geographic region that borders them,
- 2) Option B: Including the excluded SIGD lands in the Sechelt TEA and combining Gibsons with Areas D,E & F”

Carried.

v. Education Committee Notes – January 25, 2017

The notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** Russell/Mewhort

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

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

- A member of the press requested clarification on the condom machine regulation. A response was provided.

#56. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Ruth

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#57. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Mewhort

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried.



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Chair



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Secretary-Treasurer