



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

Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 7:00 pm
School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth, Board Chair, S. Leech, Vice-Chair, A. Amaral, Trustee,
M. Hampvent, Trustee, S. Haines, Trustee, S. Girard, Trustee,
T. Ste. Marie, Trustee, N. Davis, Student Trustee

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent, N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer,
P. Bishop, Director of Instruction, E. Reimer, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Celebrating Education: Aboriginal Education Month - K. Mahlman

District Principal Mahlman introduced staff and students attending the meeting in celebration of National Indigenous Cultures Month and reported that the district's Aboriginal Education department would be formally known as Indigenous Education Services as of September 2019. Staff and students shared their impressions of indigenous education opportunities in the district and spoke to the program's successes in English language development, aboriginal awareness, raising awareness and support for survivors of residential schools, and the connection of language and culture made possible in the *she sháshishálhem* language classes.

3. Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

- A member of the audience asked why they had not received a response from the board on prior correspondence. Chair Ruth apologized for the oversight.
- A member of the audience asked for a rationale on a district decision not to accept dashboard cameras purchased by the Lions Club. Superintendent Bocking responded that the district does see the value in installing cameras on buses and is working with the bus contractor on the matter. Matters of student privacy and secure storage of data are being considered.
- A member of the audience asked how much revenue the district receives from international student fees. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that the information was available on page 85 of the agenda package (\$106,208 in the 2018-19 school year). Superintendent Bocking noted that the program benefits our students by

providing experiences with international students as well as opportunities for outreach.

- A member of the audience asked why certain principals had indicated to parents that school supplies would be provided by the district in the 2019-20 school year when the budget had not yet been passed. Superintendent Bocking reported that he was not aware of such actions and was grateful to have them brought to his attention.
- A member of the audience asked if the decision to provide district-purchased school supplies to students was in reaction to a hardship identified by parents. Superintendent Bocking responded that indeed purchasing school supplies was a barrier to some families and that the shift in practice would help to ensure that all students be supported fairly.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Amaral

MOTION: "THAT the agenda of June 12, 2019 be adopted."

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

a. Regular Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2019

b. Record of Closed Meeting - May 8, 2019

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2019 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of May 8, 2019, be approved."

Carried

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking shared two student poems from the Coastal Voices anthology and highlighted the following items from his written report:

- The *Coastal Voices Celebration* took place on June 6 to celebrate the launch of the latest edition of the student writing anthology,
- Elementary students had an opportunity to play and learn in a District Ultimate Day,
- Concert and jazz bands performed and won medals at the Sun Peaks Con Brio Festival,
- The DSLT coordinated *SD46s Got Talent* show was well received on May 22,
- Mini garden grants were organized in order to help develop school gardens,

- The grade 3 learning program with the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre provided an exceptional learning opportunity,
- The newly developed strategic plan and district website will be discussed at the first DPAC of the new school year, September 26,
- Principals and vice-principals met with their colleagues at the Sea to Sky school district to interpret and discuss student data,
- Students and principals took part in the *Nurturing the Learning Spirit* canoe trip,
- The district will be screening a documentary around anxiety, titled “*Angst*”,
- Local governments shared their strategic plans at a recent intergovernmental meeting.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.h. - Experiential Learning

Superintendent Bocking and Director Bishop spoke to the written report, highlighting the applied design curriculum, opportunities for student mentorship and learning hands on skills.

2. Goal 1.j. - Indigenous Learning / Goal 3.f. - Sechelt and Squamish Nations

Superintendent Bocking submitted the report as written.

3. Goal 3.a. - Communicate and Celebrate

A correction was noted to the agenda where the goal was misidentified as “2.g. Celebrations” and was corrected to “3.a. Communicate and Celebrate”.

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and shared general information on an upcoming dinner series geared towards PACs to explore topics such as running effective meetings and facilitating engagement.

4. Goal 3.c. - International Education

In addition to his written report, Director Bishop indicated that nine international students plan to attend in the 2019-20 school year. The international education program’s goal is to reinforce positive personal cultural identity and provide an opportunity for global awareness.

The district is looking to implement BAA courses in the future, with a goal of offering an exchange program for students.

c. Administrative Regulations in Circulation

Details regarding the administrative regulations in circulation can be found in the committee notes of meetings taking place in May 2019. New and revised regulations will circulate for an eight (8) week period and regulations being repealed will circulate for a four (4) week period.

1. Reg. 3020 - Anaphylaxis

2. Reg. 5010 - Decentralized Decision Making

d. Administrative Regulations to be Received

The following regulation(s) completed the circulation phase and were received as part of the reports provided at the board meeting.

1. Reg. 1040 - Board / Authority Authorized Courses
2. Reg. 4060 - Environmental Sustainability
3. Reg. 4070 - Hazardous Materials
4. Reg. 4090 - Naming of Schools

e. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on changes to the five-year capital plan and provided an update on radon testing in schools.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of May 2019
The report was submitted as written.
2. Expenditures by Object - May 2019
The report was submitted as written.

f. Board Report

The report was submitted as written.

1. BCSTA Report
The disposition of motions presented at the AGM were included in the meeting package.
2. BCPSEA Report
There were no items to report.
3. Student Trustee Report
Student Trustee Davis shared the following:
 - Students have had an opportunity to take part in proms at secondary schools,
 - The annual fun day at Elphinstone took place in Vancouver at a variety of venues, including a trampoline park.
 - A number of physics classes have taken part in experiential learning opportunities at Playland,
 - The district talent show, *SD46's Got Talent*, showcased a range of student talents,
 - Students organized a climate panel at Elphinstone Secondary that involved all local governments.

Student Trustee Davis reported that the District Student Leadership Team (DSLTL) has chosen to select the student trustee for 2019-20 early so as to allow the student to take their oath of office at the September board meeting. The DSLTL has selected Jessica Carroll as the 2019-20 student trustee.

Trustee Ruth thanked Student Trustee Davis for his service over the course of the year and presented him with a token of appreciation on behalf of the board.

4. Trustee Honorarium Committee Notes - May 28, 2019

Trustee Amaral reported that the committee met to discuss the implications of a recent tax change that effectively reduced the net trustee stipend.

Vice-Chair Leech shared information on the rationale for the motion, noting that many other districts have also passed motions or are considering changes as a result of the revisions to the *Income Tax Act*.

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT the board recommend an increase of 8% to the trustee stipend, effective September 1, 2019, to offset the impacts of federal taxation changes."

Carried

1. Trustee Honorarium Committee Notes - April 23, 2019

The notes were disclosed by board motion at the May 8, 2019 Closed Board Meeting.

g. Committee of the Whole Notes - May 28, 2019

The notes were submitted as written.

1. 2019-23 Strategic Plan

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2019-23 Strategic Plan."

Carried

Superintendent Bocking reported that the final printed document will be provided at the September board meeting.

h. Education Committee Notes - May 22, 2019

The notes were submitted as written.

1. District Report to the Ministry (<https://sd46studentexcellence.ca/>)
Superintendent Bocking acknowledged the work of program staff in preparing the videos for the website.

Moved: Leech

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the District Report to the Ministry, available at www.sd46studentexcellence.ca"

Carried

i. Operations Committee Notes - May 16, 2019

Trustee Hampvent reported on discussions taking place at the Operations Committee meeting.

1. 2020-21 Five-Year Capital Plan

Moved: Hampvent

Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2020/2021 Five-Year Capital Plan."

Carried

2. 2019-20 Budget

Moved: Leech

Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020, in the amount of \$49,821,951, be read for a first time."

Opposed. (1): Hampvent
Carried (5 to 1)

Moved: Leech

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020, in the amount of \$49,821,951, be read for a second time."

Opposed. (1): Hampvent
Carried (5 to 1)

Trustees agreed unanimously to move to a third reading.

Moved: Leech
Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020, in the amount of \$49,821,951, be read for a third time, passed and adopted."

Opposed. (1): Hampvent
Carried (5 to 1)

Trustee Hampvent indicated that she felt that further discussion was required on the matter of district purchased school supplies.

j. Receipt of Reports

Moved: Girard
Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "TO receive the reports."

Carried

7. Correspondence

- a. C. Cooper - Purchasing of School Supplies / Band Equipment - May 2, 2019
- b. M. Shinkai - 2019/20 Preliminary Budget - May 3, 2019
- c. SCTA - Joint Trustee/Teacher Liaison Committee - June 4, 2019

Moved: Haines
Seconded: Amaral

MOTION: "TO receive the correspondence."

Carried

8. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A correction was noted on page 66 of the agenda package, in the Operation Committee notes a reference was made to regulation 2121. The correct regulation number is 2120.
- A member of the public asked for clarity on how the general public can access information on specific school budgets. Superintendent Bocking suggested reaching out to the school principal for clarity and information on their budget. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that consultation for school budgets takes place throughout the year through conversations with stakeholders and PACs.
- A member of the audience requested clarification on funding for students attending district schools through a Rotary exchange program. Director Bishop reported that

due to the nature of the exchange (student in / student out) the ministry treats the exchange student as a regularly funded seat.

- A request was made for clarification on the Decentralized Decision-Making regulation, in particular if the regulation was developed locally and if the decision regarding custodial staffing was a new practice. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick responded that the regulation was developed locally and that changes to custodial staffing had occurred previously. The changes to the regulation were made to acknowledge that change in practice.
- A member of the press asked for clarification on the move to an enhancement agreement with the Squamish nation, indicated on page 17 of the package. Superintendent Bocking responded that as four school districts have schools on Squamish territories, the districts intend to work collaboratively in developing an agreement with the Squamish nation.
- A member of the press asked Trustee Hampvent to elaborate on her comment relating to the 2019-20 school budget. Trustee Hampvent indicated that she felt discussions at DPAC and the committee level relating to the district purchase of school supplies were left unresolved.

9. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on September 11, 2019.

a. Committee Agendas

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "TO approve the committee agendas."

Carried

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Moved: Leech

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Signed original on file

Pammila Ruth - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer

