

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

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC

TRUSTEES: M. Hampvent (Committee Chair), S. Haines, P. Ruth

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent, N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer, K. Kerr, Director of Instruction, R. Collison, Manager of Facilities and Transportation, Phil Luporini, District Principal of Technology, S. Mackenzie, CUPE Local 801, S. Knauff, CUPE Local 801, L. Leskie, CUPE Local 801, E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: S. Leech, Trustee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Trustee Hampvent.

2. Summer Work Report

Facilities Manager, Rob Collison, highlighted work completed over the summer break – a detailed account can be found in the written report included in the September Operations Committee agenda package.

In addition, Mr. Collison shared the following data:

- Solar array at Langdale Elementary was generating more energy than used by the school during the period of April to September.
- Solar array at Pender Harbour Secondary was generating more energy than used by the school during the period of May to September.
- The district's overall building energy usage has dropped by 42% since 2011.
- The district's overall carbon emissions per square metre has dropped 48% since 2011.
- Energy reduction efforts have resulted in a total avoided energy cost of approximately \$2.43 million since 2011.

The committee applauded the district's ongoing efforts to reduce carbon emissions and overall energy usage and suggested that the information be shared with the Environmental Committee, to consider as part of their action plan.

3. Regulations for Review:

a. 3090 – Food in Schools

Director Kerr indicated that further consultation with community partners, the Healthy School Committee and District Parent Advisory Council would occur prior to

recommending changes to the regulation. The revised regulation will be presented to the Operations Committee after consultations have taken place.

4. Local Government OCP and Zoning Referrals (standing item)

a. Gambier Island Local Trust - OCP & LUB Referral

As the referral was received after the final Operations Committee meeting for the 2018-19 school year, and the board's interests were clearly unaffected by the proposed changes, the district responded on behalf of the board during the summer hiatus.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick requested guidance on how the board would like such referrals handled in the future and offered that in cases where the district's interests are clearly unaffected, such as in small subdivision referrals, or where the board has already shared a position, as in the case of previous cannabis referrals, that staff could use best judgement in order to reply within the referrals requested timelines. The committee discussed the potential of developing a decision making matrix to assist in the process.

b. District of Sechelt – Questa Subdivision

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the district's interests were unaffected by the subdivision proposal.

c. District of Sechelt – Dunton Subdivision

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the district's interests were unaffected by the subdivision proposal.

d. Town of Gibsons – Supportive Housing Referral

Board Chair Ruth reported that the referral was received during the summer months and a response regarding student safety was provided in the interim as the committee had not had an opportunity to discuss the referral in detail. Since that time, the board chair and district staff have attended several information sessions regarding the proposed low-barrier development.

The committee discussed the referral and the response provided and determined that no additional response was required at this time. The committee chair agreed to highlight the referral at the October board meeting to allow an opportunity for full board input and discussion.

e. Town of Gibsons – BC Cannabis Referral

The application was withdrawn and a response was not deemed necessary.

The committee discussed the need for ongoing student education on the dangers of substance abuse and vaping, and supporting the student body in making good decisions.

The committee suggested including supportive data in any future responses to related referrals to support the board's position for a strong buffer zone between school sites and cannabis operations.

The committee suggested the matter be considered by the board as a whole. Board Chair Ruth agreed to discuss at agenda setting.

f. District of Sechelt – Rosina Giles Way and Teredo Street Subdivision Referral

The committee determined that the district's interest were unaffected by the application.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.