

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

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC

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

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

REGRETS: P. Ruth, Trustee; P. Luporini, District Principal of Technology

1. Call to Order

Trustee Hampvent called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. The committee engaged in a short mindfulness exercise before moving forward with the meeting's agenda.

2. Preliminary Budget Timelines

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reviewed the draft budget consultation schedule and timelines, noting that several meetings were still being arranged, and highlighted significant dates. The Ministry of Education has reported that the outcome of the funding model review is expected to be announced on March 15, 2020.

3. Cameras on Buses

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that a number of parents and organizations in the Pender Harbour area have been lobbying for the addition of dash cameras on buses in to help address drivers passing school buses while their stop lights are engaged.

The district has discussed the request with Thirdwave Bus Services and has received their support. Thirdwave has offered to supply dual lens cameras at no additional cost and has provided a camera to the district for testing purposes. The district has tested the equipment and has concerns that that quality of the capture may not be sufficient for the intended purposes. Other dual lens dash camera models will be tested. Thirdwave has agreed to work within the district's regulation on video surveillance, to ensure student privacy is protected.

Superintendent Bocking and Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that internal facing cameras may also help to address concerns regarding student or driver behaviours.

The committee requested that additional information be provided, including statistics, if available, from the RCMP on the number of infractions as well as feedback from SD47 regarding their experiences after having added cameras to their fleet of school buses.

Assistant Manager of Facilities and Transportation, Mike Martens, reported on an extended stop arm that is being piloted in Canada. The extended stop arm creates a physical barrier that prevents cars from passing.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick agreed to collect additional information and report back at a future meeting.

4. Regulations for Review:

4.1 Reg. 3110 – Head Lice

Director Kerr reported that the district sought feedback from Vancouver Coastal Health's public health nurse and the Healthy Schools Committee when reviewing the regulation. The changes to the regulation reflect the recommendations from those discussions.

4.2 Reg. 3300 – Menstrual Products

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the new regulation was developed on direction of the Ministry of Education to provide menstrual products to students. The regulation outlines how products will be made available. The district will install coin-free dispensers in female and gender neutral student washrooms in the fall. The district plans to incur the costs for installation and the initial product order, currently estimated at \$20,000-\$25,000. Dispensers will be installed in both secondary and elementary schools, per the ministry's direction.

4.3 Reg. 4150 – Soccer Nets

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the regulation had been reorganized in order to add a rationale. The committee discussed whether the regulation would cover other items, such as shade tents. Secretary-Treasurer indicated that the regulation was specific to soccer nets, however the district would expect that any outdoor tent be secured in a safe manner.

4.4 Reg. 4170 – Use of Board Property for Licensed Child Care

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the regulation had been re-formatted and a rationale had been added. The committee reviewed the regulation.

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

- a. District of Sechelt - Public Notice for Consideration of a Cannabis Retail Store for 5670 Cowrie Street

The committee reviewed the notice and requested Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provide a response that conveys the board's previous assertion that a 300m buffer zone be maintained from schools and that advertising be consistent with provincial legislation.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.