

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Sechelt Learning Centre - Sechelt, BC
5538 Shorncliffe Ave
Sechelt, BC

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, J. Carroll, Student Trustee

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

REGRETS:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Chair Ruth acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the *shíshálh* Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Celebrating Education: Early Learning - K. Deasey

District Principal Deasey shared information on the development of early learning programs in the school district since 2000. Early development instrument (EDI) data from 2009 to 2015 shows a steady decrease in vulnerability in young learners on the coast, from 21% to 3%. Trustees explored materials provided to young learners in the SPARK program.

3. Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

- There were no questions from the public.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Amaral

MOTION: "THAT the agenda of January 8, 2020 be adopted."

Carried

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

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2019
- b. Record of Closed Meeting - December 11, 2019

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Amaral

MOTION: "THAT the Regular Meeting December 11, 2019 and the Record of Closed Meeting of December 11, 2019, be approved."

Moved: Hampvent

Seconded: Ste. Marie

AMENDMENT: "THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2019 be approved with corrections to trustees present and that the Record of the Closed Meeting of December 11, 2019 be approved as presented."

Amendment: Carried
Motion as amended: Carried

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11 will be updated with corrections to trustees present at the meeting.

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking shared two student poems from the *Coastal Voices* student writing anthology and spoke to his written report. A copy of Superintendent Bocking's presentation is available on the district website at <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-01-Reg-Presentations.pdf>.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.b. - Early Learning

Superintendent Bocking spoke to the written report and highlighted

- Engaging with vulnerable families,
- The provincial Early Learning Framework,
- The district's EDI data,
- Sharing the success of the Kindergarten Survey with the Ministry of Education.

2. Goal 1.g. - Physical Health

Director Kerr spoke to her written report and noted:

- The Elementary Sports Committee has changed its name to the Physical Health Committee to broaden the scope of the committee,
- The After-School Sports and Arts Initiative (ASSAI) grant helps to fund after school programs, including a mountain biking program, coordinated by local community schools,
- Several vaping awareness and substance use panels have taken place at several schools,
- The district is working with community partners to develop an active transportation program.

3. Goal 2.a. - Healthy and Inspired Team

Superintendent Bocking shared a video of school district staff sharing their pride in working at SD46 and speaking about personal wellness. The video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H87xKoCiXfs>.

4. Goal 3.g. - International Student Program

Director Bishop spoke to his written report and highlighted next steps in the development of the International Student Program, including:

- Continuing the diversification of international students,
- Recruiting additional agents,
- Developing a relationship with the Sea to Sky school district.

c. Administrative Regulations in Circulation

Details regarding the administrative regulations in circulation can be found in the committee notes of meetings taking place in December 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. 3125 - Immunization
2. Reg. 3220 - Medical Alerts

d. Administrative Regulations to be Received

The following regulations completed the circulation phase and were received as part of the reports provided at the board meeting.

1. Reg. 3110 - Head Lice
2. Reg. 3300 - Menstrual Products
3. Reg. 4150 - Portable Soccer Nets
4. Reg. 4170 - Use of Board Property by Licensed Child Care Providers

e. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on a recent meeting with the West Sechelt Elementary PAC to discuss the approved school expansion project. He further noted that the project team has met to discuss site configuration, additional information will be shared with the Operations Committee at the end of the month.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of December 2019

Trustees asked for additional information on payments to Wishbone Industries and Baragar. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that Wishbone Industries supplied benches to Roberts Creek Elementary and Baragar provides enrollment projection support and catchment area data.

f. Board Report

Chair Ruth spoke to the written report and provided an opportunity for trustees to report on their activities.

Vice-Chair Leech reported on a meeting with other female locally elected officials.

Trustee Hampvent reported on anecdotal feedback relating to secondary school supplies and submitted a motion to suspend the purchase of school supplies at the secondary level until such time as the district has collected feedback on the initiative.

Moved: Hampvent
Seconded: Haines

MOTION: “THAT School District No. 46 suspend purchasing school supplies for high-school aged students in the 2020/2021 budget year, until we receive thorough feedback from the stakeholders: teachers, support staff, parents and students.”

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

Trustee Girard reported on her attendance at winter concerts and the Nutcracker Ballet.

Trustee Amaral reported on her attendance at the West Sechelt Elementary PAC meeting and conveyed the PACs excitement about the upcoming expansion project.

Trustee Ste. Marie presented a motion to support student voice at the Sunshine Coast Youth Action and Awareness committee.

Moved: Hampvent
Seconded: Haines

MOTION: “THAT the SD46 District Student Leadership Team, under the direction of the student trustee, supported by the superintendent, choose an interested student representative to attend the Sunshine Coast Youth Action and Awareness Committee meeting to bring a youth voice to the table of child and youth service providers on the Sunshine Coast”

Moved: Hampvent
Seconded: Leech

AMENDMENT: “THAT the Board of Education of School District No.46 supports the District Student Leadership Team in appointing an interested student to the Sunshine Coast Youth Action and Awareness Committee.”

Amendment: Carried
Motion as amended: Carried

1. BCSTA Report

Trustee Haines will attend the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council meeting at the end of February.

Moved: Hampvent
Seconded: Haines

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No.46 send the proposed substantive motion titled: ‘Advocacy for Extended Stop Arms for School Buses’ to the BCSTA for consideration at the annual general meeting”.

Carried

2. BCPSEA Report
Trustee Hampvent plans to attend the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting at the end of January.
3. Student Trustee Report
There was no report.
- g. Committee of the Whole Notes - December 17, 2019
The notes were submitted as written.
- h. Education Committee Notes - December 17, 2019
The notes were submitted as written.
- i. Operations Committee Notes - December 17, 2019
Trustee Hampvent spoke to the meeting's notes and highlighted the board's commitment to send a letter to the SCRD to initiate Joint-Use Committee meetings.
- j. Receipt of Reports
Moved: Haines
Seconded: Hampvent
MOTION: "THAT the reports be received."

Carried

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

A member of the audience asked if the costs relating to menstrual products would be borne by the district or at the school level. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the item will be included in the amended budget discussion at the Operations Committee in January.

A member of the press asked for information on the architect for the West Sechelt expansion project. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated M3 Architecture had been retained through a direct award posted to BC Bid.

A member of the press asked for the chair's position on the motion relating to school supplies. Chair Ruth indicated that the chair does not vote on motions and that she had no particular position on the matter.

8. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on February 12, 2020.

- a. Committee Agendas
Moved: Girard
Seconded: Hampvent
MOTION: "TO approve the committee agendas."

Moved: Haines
Seconded: Hampvent

AMENDMENT: "TO approve the committee agendas with the addition of 'Completion Rates' to the Education Committee"

Amendment: Carried
Motion as amended: Carried

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Moved: Hampvent
Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Signed original on file

Pammila Ruth - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer