



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

Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC  
494 South Fletcher Road  
Gibsons, BC

**TRUSTEES:** P. Ruth, Board Chair, S. Leech, Vice-Chair, A. Amaral, Trustee,  
M. Hampvent, 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:** S. Haines, Trustee

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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 Squamish Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Celebrating Education: Teachers Empowering Teachers Through Technology - S. Magnussen

Sandy Magnussen, Coordinator for Technology for Inclusive Education, supported by teachers, Sylvia Bisbee and Michy Stevens, reported on the Teachers Empowering Teachers Through Technology (TETT) program. The TETT program provides release time for teachers to learn about technology programs and supports and bring that knowledge back to their colleagues. There are currently 18 teachers in the TETT program. The technology supports students by reducing barriers to education, through programs like Google Read & Write, and the use of iPads in the classroom.

3. Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

- A member of the audience shared concerns regarding the draft social media regulation. Superintendent Bocking asked that the concerns be sent to him via email for consideration.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

**Moved:** Amaral

**Seconded:** Ste. Marie

**MOTION:** "THAT the agenda of February 12, 2020 be adopted."

**Carried**

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

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2020
- b. Record of Closed Meeting - January 8, 2020

**Moved:** Girard

**Seconded:** Hampvent

**MOTION:** "THAT the Regular Meeting January 8, 2020 and the Record of Closed Meeting of January 8, 2020, be approved."

**Carried**

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, highlighting:

- The upcoming Early Years Fair on March 7th,
- New investments in ebooks and audio books,
- Activities at schools to support Literacy Week,
- District participation in the Moosehide campaign on February 24th, which presents an opportunity for men and boys to speak out against violence against children and women, particularly from the indigenous community,
- All Grade 10 students have had an opportunity to take part in the indigenous blanket exercise,
- Career program students visited the Squamish trade centre,
- Violent threat risk assessment training has been well received and is in place to ensure the safety of students and staff,
- District Professional Development day taking place on February 14th at Davis Bay Elementary, focus on environmental education, place-based learning and climate awareness,
- Staff involvement in inclusive education sessions with Shelley Moore, supporting diversity in the classroom,
- Response to online survey regarding school supplies, 717 responses were received with 77% in favour of continued purchasing. Students were surveyed in classroom and feedback was collected from 891 students with 93% in favour.
- Implementation of a disaster recovery plan.

A copy of Superintendent Bocking's presentation is available on the district website at <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-02-RegMtg-Presentations.pdf>.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.f. - Mental Health

Director Kerr spoke to her written report on Mental Health Literacy, noting that meetings with secondary school principals are in place to determine how the program can be embedded at their schools.

2. Goal 2.c. - Inclusive Education
 

Director Kerr reported that the district has engaged Shelley Moore to help the district implement strategies to teach to diverse learners in the classroom.
- c. Administrative Regulations in Circulation
 

Details regarding the administrative regulations in circulation can be found in the committee notes of meetings taking place in January 2020. 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. 1370 – Responsible Use of Social Media
 

Superintendent Bocking noted that the regulation had been revised since presentation at the committee level to respond to some of the feedback from that meeting.
  2. Reg. 5040 – Fundraising and Grants
- 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. 1290 – Student Leadership
  2. Reg. 1360 – Waivers and Informed Consent
  3. Reg. 2110 – Reference Checks
  4. Reg. 3200 – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
  5. Reg. 3240 – Student Substance Use
- e. Secretary-Treasurer's Report
 

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on a recent community dialogue, spearheaded by the SCRD, regarding field maintenance. The discussions lead to a recommendation for a community wide approach as opposed to a separate process from each local government.

  1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of January 2020
 

Information was requested on a payment to Grand and Toy. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that it was likely related to school supply purchases.
- f. Chair's Report
 

Chair Ruth submitted the report as written and reported on her attendance at a Women in Leadership workshop, held at Capilano University by the University Women's Club.

Trustee Ste. Marie reported on her attendance at the district hockey game, the Pro-Cook Celebration, and a family dance at Roberts Creek Elementary.

Trustee Girard shared her positive impressions of the district hockey game.

  1. BCSTA Report

Chair Ruth reported on Trustee Haines' behalf, noting that Trustee Haines would be attending Provincial Council on February 20-21. Trustees discussed a motion submitted by SD79 to provincial council, regarding student funding and the Funding Model Review (FMR). Chair Ruth reported that recent announcement on the FMR rendered the motion moot.

2. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Hampvent reported on her attendance at the BCPSEA AGM:

- a resolution was adopted that will ensure that northern school districts have increased access to more remote educational opportunities.
- bargaining is ongoing, currently waiting for dates to be provided by Mediator David Schaub.

3. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Carroll reported on the following:

- The district hockey game had a very successful turnout and raised \$1000 for the food bank.
- While unable to attend, heard great things about the Pro-Cook ceremony,
- Recorded an anti-vaping message with another student on behalf of the school district,
- Grads are looking into bursaries and scholarships and some have received early admission letters to post-secondary institutions,
- Grad fundraisers continue to take place,
- Reflected on her role as a peer tutor, assisting grade 8 students,
- Presentation on the Jellyfish project, which raises awareness around climate change issues.
- Toastmaster season is starting, opportunity to practice public speaking skills,
- Elphinstone Secondary is looking to put flex opportunities into the student schedule.

g. Committee of the Whole Notes – January 27, 2020

The notes were submitted as written.

**Moved:** Hampvent

**Seconded:** Ste. Marie

**MOTION:** "TO write a letter of support for the Sunshine Coast Foundry application."

**Carried**

h. Education Committee Notes – January 27, 2020

Trustee Girard shared the committee meeting notes, highlighting the reports on mental health and completion rates.

i. Operations Committee Notes – January 27, 2020

The notes were submitted as written.

1. 2019-20 Amended Budget

**Moved:** Leech  
**Seconded:** Amaral

**MOTION:** "THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019-20 in the amount of \$52,128,266, be read for a first time."

**Carried**

**Moved:** Leech  
**Seconded:** Girard

**MOTION:** "THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019-20 in the amount of \$52,128,266, be read for a second time."

**Carried**

Upon unanimous approval, the board moved to a third reading of the motion.

**Moved:** Leech  
**Seconded:** Amaral

**MOTION:** "THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019-20 in the amount of \$52,128,266, be read for a third time, passed and adopted."

**Carried**

2. Town of Gibsons Zoning Amendment

**Moved:** Leech  
**Seconded:** Hampvent

**MOTION:** "TO write a letter supporting the Town of Gibsons Zoning Bylaw Amendment (1065-53, 2020)"

**Carried**

j. Receipt of Reports

**Moved:** Girard  
**Seconded:** Ste. Marie

**MOTION:** "THAT the reports be received."

**Carried**

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

- A member of the audience reflected on the school supply survey and asked if there would be other methods to determine the effectiveness of the purchases. Chair Ruth

indicated that communication with school principals is encouraged. Superintendent Bocking reported that unused supplies will be carried forward to the next school year and clarified that students may elect to use their own supplies.

- A member of the audience shared support for mental health literacy and related supports in schools.
- A member of the audience asked if there would be a district initiative to implement recycling programs in all schools. Superintendent Bocking reported that the environmental action plan would be completed by March. Student Trustee Carroll noted that student councils are talking about recycling, making it more efficient, and taking steps towards other environmental initiatives.

8. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on March 4, 2020. Committee meetings in March taking place on March 31.

a. Committee Agendas

**Moved:** Amaral

**Seconded:** Ste. Marie

**MOTION:** "TO approve the committee agendas."

**Carried**

9. Adjournment

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

**Moved:** Leech

**Seconded:** Girard

**MOTION:** "TO adjourn."

**Carried**

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Pammila Ruth - Board Chair

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Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer