

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

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

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1. Call to Order

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

Chair Ruth acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the Sechelt and Squamish Nations, and read the board's indigenous affirmation plan in respectful acknowledgement of National Indigenous History month.

2. Celebrating Education: District Musical "Newsies" - S. Douglas

Superintendent Bocking shared a video, provided by Sara Douglas, which highlighted student performances in this year's musical production of "Newsies". The video is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1pq7a8sY4M>.

Director Kerr shared a short video prepared by Cedar Grove Elementary principal, Olwen Cowen, to welcome students back to school and highlight some of the changes to expect due to the pandemic.

3. Process for Questions from the Public

Questions and enquiries from the public were invited by email to [questions@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:questions@sd46.bc.ca) for discussion at the end of the meeting.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

**Moved:** Girard

**Seconded:** Amaral

**MOTION:** "THAT the agenda of June 10, 2020 be adopted."

**Carried**

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

a. Regular Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2020

b. Record of Closed Meeting - May 13, 2020

**Moved:** Amaral

**Seconded:** Hampvent

**MOTION:** "THAT the Regular Meeting May 13, 2020 and the Record of Closed Meeting of May 13, 2020, be approved."

**Carried**

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking, supported by Directors Kerr and Bishop, reported that:

- The Stage 3 return to school had a positive impact on staff and students as they became familiar with safety protocols,
- In the second week of the stage 3 return, the district welcomed approximately 35% of students to school (K-5=25.3% and Grades 8-12=10.4%)
- Spiliou, a Burnaby base poet and teacher, held a session for students in grades, which included an introduction to gender diverse language and gender expression. Approximately 24 participants took part in the session.
- Child psychology support will continue to be available to students in the next school year.
- Supports for staff to help staff feel safe during the return to school, including mindfulness work, social emotional well-being supports being taught to teachers to help support students.
- Pride flags are flying at all schools in recognition of Pride month. Thanks to the SOGI committee for signalling that schools are a safe place for all students.
- Graduation celebrations are being aired on YouTube during the last week of school. Small groups of students were able to gather for the filming of the ceremonies.
- Gifts of recognition will be sent to retiring staff in lieu of the traditional retirement dinner due to social distancing measures.
- Reports on student achievement will include a standard summary on all reports for students in kindergarten to grade 7 that describes the implications of COVID related closures.
- The BC Children's Hospital Rural Grant Project, in collaboration with local partners, developed the "*Pathways to Care*" project guide for supports for mental health and substance use specific to the Sunshine Coast.
- The district has developed a Safe Work Document to minimize risk of exposure when working with learners on site.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.I. - Graduation

Director Bishop acknowledged the hard work of staff in supporting students during the COVID pandemic. The district continues to work hard to ensure that all students graduate with purpose. The current graduation rates are available for review at: <https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/school-district/046>.

2. Goal 1.i. – Care of our Planet

3. Goal 3.d. – Environmental Initiatives

Superintendent Bocking referred to the Environmental Action plan that was shared at the Education Committee meeting in response to both goals. The district looks forward to implementing the items highlighted in the action plan.

4. Goal 2.d. – Leaders

Director Bishop reported on ways in which teachers and staff are supporting each other through the changes to learning as a result of the pandemic.

5. Goal 3.e. - District Facilities

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick highlighted the district's goal of installing solar arrays at all school sites by 2030.

In terms of field maintenance, the district is in the process of upgrading practices in aeration, fertilization and top dressing. The overall annual budget for field maintenance has been increased, in addition to support through the annual facilities grant for field upgrades at Elphinstone Secondary.

c. Administrative Regulations in Circulation

The regulations will circulate until October 2, 2020 due to the summer vacation period.

1. Reg. 1230 – Process for Administrative Regulations

2. Reg. 3090 – Food in Schools

d. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on a discrepancy relating to the amount of labour settlement funding provided by the ministry in comparison to the costs incurred by the district to fund the salary increases. The gap in funding may result in a reduction of the unrestricted surplus by approximately \$100,000.

**Moved:** Leech

**Seconded:** Amaral

**MOTION:** "TO write a letter to the Minister of Education to draw attention to the funding gap related to labour settlement funding."

**Carried**

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of May 2020

Requests were made for clarification on payments to:

- Suttle Recreation – Playground equipment at HBES
- Cancelled invoice – re-issued in revised amount
- Greg Harrison – HVAC for Sechelt Learning Centre renovation

2. Expenditures by Object - May 2020

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that cost and savings related to COVID-19 are being tracked and will be reported to the board and the ministry. He noted that staffing replacement costs avoided will be difficult to determine, and as such an estimate will be provided against prior years.

e. Board Report

Chair Ruth spoke to the written report.

1. BCSTA Report

Vice Chair Leech has been elected as president of the BCSTA South Coast Branch and Trustee Amaral will continue in the role of secretary for the branch.

2. BCPSEA Report

There were no items to report.

3. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Carroll thanked the board for the opportunity to speak on behalf of SD46 students, and spoke to her experiences as a school trustee. The student trustee report highlighted:

- DSLT has not yet determined members for the 2020-21 school year.
- The student trustee election will take place on June 18.
- Grade 7 orientations are taking place at secondary schools.
- “Elphi Connects”, a program which connects Elphinstone students with primary students, has been successful.
- Students’ concern with racial injustice and support for the Black Lives Matter movement. The DSLT is surveying students on matters of social and economic injustice.
- Suggestion to incorporate social justice and inclusivity in student forum discussions and as part of the school curriculum.

f. Committee of the Whole Notes - May 26, 2020

The notes were submitted as written.

**Moved:** Leech

**Seconded:** Haines

**MOTION:** THAT the board draft a written submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Governments Services indicating budgetary pressures and seeking support from the provincial budget.

**Carried**

**Moved:** Hampvent

**Seconded:** Amaral

**MOTION:** "THAT the board collaboratively crafts a public statement at the June Committee of the Whole meeting using our values of equity, respect, and inclusion to address our commitment to anti-racism."

**Carried**

1. Committee Meeting Schedule for 2020-21

**Moved:** Ste. Marie

**Seconded:** Haines

**MOTION:** "THAT the board continue with a single day committee structure for the 2020-21 school year."

**Carried**

- g. Education Committee Notes - May 26, 2020

Trustee Girard submitted the notes as written and commented on valuable discussions that took place relating to the Environmental Action Plan, as well as the history of the NEST program.

- h. Operations Committee Notes - May 26, 2020

Trustee Hampvent highlighted items from the meeting notes, including the five-year capital plan and the report on district facilities from Manager Rob Collison.

1. 2021-22 Five-Year Capital Plan

**Moved:** Haines

**Seconded:** Hampvent

**MOTION:** "THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2021/2022 Five-Year Capital Plan."

**Carried**

- i. Receipt of Reports

**Moved:** Girard

**Seconded:** Amaral

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

**Carried**

7. Correspondence

- a. Hon. Min. C. Travena - School Bus Safety

**Moved:** Hampvent

**Seconded:** Haines

**MOTION:** "TO receive the correspondence."

**Carried**

8. Questions and Enquiries from the Public

- An email was received from a parent of a secondary student who suggested that social injustice be covered within school curriculum and requested continued funding for the Mentors in Violence Prevention program.
- An email was received from a student at Chatelech Secondary who requested additional education for students around black history, indigenous history, human rights education, diversity and acceptance.
- An email was received requesting clarification on graduation rates.

9. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on September 9, 2020.

a. Committee Agendas

To extend the meeting by 30 minutes and include a discussion on

**Moved:** Girard

**Seconded:** Leech

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

**Carried**

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**Moved:** Leech

**Seconded:** Hampvent

**MOTION:** "TO adjourn."

**Carried**

*Signed original on file*

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Pammila Ruth - Board Chair

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Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer