

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 12:00 p.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC
494 South Fletcher Road
Gibsons, BC

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth (Committee Chair), A. Amaral, S. Girard, S. Haines,
M. Hampvent, S. Leech, T. Ste. Marie

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent, N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer,
K. Kerr, Director of Instruction, J. Shelemey, SCTA President,
J. Evans, CUPE 801 President, E. Reimer, Executive Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Board Evaluation

Chair Ruth proposed a process for the trustee evaluation process whereby trustees would complete the online trustee evaluation on the BCSTA Hub. Trustees would then self-identify any weakness that were identified through the evaluation. Two trustees would have an opportunity to then “learn by teaching” to their fellow trustees at either the October Committee of the Whole or at a standalone meeting/retreat.

Trustees agreed to the process and will complete their individual evaluations by October 9, 2020. A short discussion will take place at the regular board meeting on October 14, 2020 with a broader discussion and learning opportunity at either the October Committee of the Whole, or at a separate meeting.

The committee discussed training opportunities with the South Coast Branch and selected the following for upcoming training opportunities:

- Best strategies and engagement in community practices.
- Managing expectations of the public, communication.

3. Policy Review (standing item)

- a. Policy 2 - Role of the Board

The committee identified items in 2.9 that were outdated and no longer required, specifically the “submission of the Achievement Contract” and the “Superintendent’s Report on Student Achievement.”

The committee agreed that the policy would be better discussed upon completion of the board/trustee evaluations. Trustees suggested including clear references to related bylaws and policies. The policy will be brought back to the October meeting for further discussion, with edits to the identified items in item 2.9 and including reference to related policies and bylaws.

b. Bylaw 58 - Motions

The committee discussed the following:

- Board meetings are governed under Robert’s Rules of Order. The board’s bylaws provide amendments to Robert’s Rules
- Changes related to meeting participation via Zoom should be considered, including voting.

The committee reviewed the bylaw and discussed the following points:

- Lengthy and complex motions should be submitted in writing to the recording secretary, either in advance or at the meeting, to ensure accurate recording.
- A motion must be germane to an item on the agenda, or added to the agenda in advance, with the exception of motions to rescind or amend a previously adopted motion.
- Bylaw 58.4 (“An amendment to an amendment must be germane to the first amendment and cannot be amended.”) limits the amount of amendments that can be made before the motion should be defeated and restated.
- Bylaw 58.5 (“It is debatable if the motion proposed to be reconsidered is debatable and the debate can be on the merits of the original question.”) speaks to motions that are debatable as determined by Robert’s Rules of Order.
- Bylaw 58.5 (“No question can be reconsidered more than once, unless materially amended by the previous reconsideration.”) limits the amount of time reconsideration of a motion can take place, providing there has been a material shift.

There were no changes suggested to the bylaw.

4. Regulations for Review

a. Reg 2140 - Visual Identity

Superintendent Bocking presented the district brand guide and spoke to the newly developed regulation which reinforces the use of the district brand.

5. Communication Plan (standing item)

The committee agreed to add:

- Education Matters – Trustee Girard will provide the October submission and Trustee Amaral agreed to provide the November submission.
- Review of the Education Committee meeting schedule and consideration of a quarterly meeting schedule, to the November Committee of the Whole.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.