



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

Held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: B. Baxter (Chair), D. Mewhort, L. Pratt, G. Russell, P. Ruth,
C. Younghusband, W. Henley (Student Trustee)

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
V. White, Director of Instruction
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Reimer, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Trustee L. Dixon

#42. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#43. Presentations:

a. Celebrating Education: ACE-IT Pro Cook Program – B. Barone

Chef Barry Barone, supported by ACE-it Pro Cook students Teigan Johnston and Brandon Reeves, shared information on the culinary program at Elphinstone Secondary School. Students successfully completing the program receive a university level credit towards their red seal certification for culinary arts. Teigan and Brandon reported that they both appreciate the course as it allows them to follow a path that they enjoy. Chef Barone reported that students have been successful in finding local employment due to their participation and experience gained from the program. Trustees shared their appreciation for the enthusiasm of the instructor and students, and for the tantalizing desserts that were brought in to showcase their coursework.

Chair Baxter acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and took a moment to introduce audience members.

#44. Public Question Period

- A parent presented concerns regarding the proposed changes to Regulation 1820 (Student Health) which would allow students to receive vaccinations without parental consent if assessed as a *Mature Minor*. A request was made that the topic be added to a February board agenda so that the public may comment on the change. Chair Baxter indicated that the request would be considered and provided information on how members of the public can submit feedback on the changes. Additional information on that process can be found at <http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/regulation>. Chair Baxter also clarified that use of the *Mature Minor* language would only be considered for students in grade 9 and that parental consent for vaccinations would continue to be requested at all age levels under the revised regulation.

#45. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

“THAT the agenda of January 12, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

#46. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION: Younghusband/Ruth

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2015 be adopted with corrections.”

An error was noted in item number #40. d), where Trustee Mewhort was reported as acclaimed to the position of BCPSEA Representative. The minutes will be changed to reflect that Trustee Mewhort was acclaimed as BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Carried.

#47. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 1.a. – Early Learning

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and highlighted the following:

- The hub model for early years services at the Sechelt Learning Centre and the YMCA daycare being planned at that location.
- That community school summer programs will include a focus on reading development.
- That local libraries are considering creating family library cards and looking at ways to make visits to the library a family event.
- That the district is training facilitators for a Positive Parenting course.

ii. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bocking reported that he would be listing strategic plan connections in the Superintendent’s Report and provided copies for trustees to reference.

Director Bishop reported ongoing meetings with Capilano University regarding an Aboriginal Youth Leadership program initiative.

Trustee Mewhort arrived at the meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

Chair Baxter noted that further conversation regarding the board’s inspirational achievement award would be slated for a future committee discussion and shared that the board continues to consider ways to celebrate community support.

Superintendent Bocking provided information on the district music program at the elementary level and reported that timetabling challenges have presented an issue when looking at extending the program to the secondary level.

1. Administrative Regulation to be Received:

a. Regulation 4550 – Student Fees

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that revisions to the regulation were required in order align with the ministry’s revised policy for students who have

already met graduation requirements. Ministry policy now requires that districts charge fees to graduated students who enroll in upgrading courses. Additional updates to the regulation include differentiation for international students and other housekeeping items.

MOTION: Younghusband/Mewhort

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) receive Regulation 4550 – Student Fees.”

Carried.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared that the Teachers Pension Plan is now fully funded resulting in a reduction to the employer’s portion for the 2016/17.

1. Carbon Neutral Capital Program Submission

The district plans to submit a proposal for a new boiler at Halfmoon Bay Elementary. The upgrade could result in a \$5,000 cost savings if the submission is approved.

2. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of December 2015

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written.

Trustees debated bringing a motion to BCSTA to request support for changes to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. There was limited interest in bringing the topic forward. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that ERAC would be submitting a feedback on behalf of several organizations in the sector, including BCSTA. Trustees requested that their submission to the Standing Committee reviewing the act be copied to all boards of education.

Chair Baxter announced:

- The board is hosting a South Coast Branch meeting on February 25-26, 2016, involving trustees and senior staff from School Districts 47 (Sea-to-Sky) and 48 (Powell River).
- Trustees will be attending an Intergovernmental Meeting, hosted by the District of Sechelt, on January 18, 2016. The board plans to present the strategic plan to local governments at that meeting.

1. Strategic Plan: Innovation

The report was submitted as written.

2. Board Committee Appointments

Chair Baxter presented the board committee appointments for 2016.

3. Student Trustee/DSLIT Report

Student Trustee Wyatt shared that the DSLIT would be meeting in January. He plans to report back on that meeting at the February board meeting.

4. BCSTA Report

There was no new information to report.

5. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Younghusband reported that she will be attending the BCPSEA AGM at the end of the month and report back at the February board meeting.

6. DPAC Report

There was no new information to report.

ii. Committee of the Whole Notes – December 17, 2015

The notes were submitted as written. Chair Baxter noted that there have been some changes to the tentative schedule for the South Coast Branch listed in the notes.

iii. Education Committee Notes – December 16, 2015

The notes were submitted as written. Trustee Younghusband thanked Kirsten Deasey and Sue Lamb for their presentations and requested that Sue Lamb return to report on her program's strategic plan after it's been finalized.

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#48. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A member of the audience asked if the savings from the reduction to the Teachers' Pension Plan would mitigate any further reductions to CUPE staff. Chair Baxter indicated that the board would evaluate the full picture when the administrative savings plan is resubmitted. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that the district is engaging in consultations for both amended and preliminary budget.
- A member of the audience indicated while she was enthusiastic to hear about developments between the district and local libraries, that staffing at school libraries with both teachers and support workers should remain a priority. Chair Baxter responded that the district is trying to develop partnerships within the community as much as possible to get resources out in the community and support literacy goals.

#49. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on February 9, 2016.

Trustees reviewed committee agendas. Trustee Russell requested that the January Policy Committee meeting be postponed due to Trustee Dixon's absence. Chair Baxter indicated that Trustee Dixon had reported that she plans to return to work prior to that meeting.

MOTION: Pratt/Younghusband

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

Opposed: Russell

#50. Adjournment

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. West', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary-Treasurer