



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

Held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: B. Baxter (Chair), L. Pratt (Vice-Chair), L. Dixon, D. Mewhort,
G. Russell, P. Ruth, C. Younghusband

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: L. Dixon, Trustees; P. Bishop, Director of Instruction; V. White, Director of Instruction;
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer

#90. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chair Baxter acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

“THAT the Superintendent assumes the role of secretary for the purpose of the special meeting.”

Carried.

#91. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Russell/Mewhort

“THAT the agenda of July 5, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

#92. Board Meeting Calendar for 2016/17

MOTION: Mewhort/Ruth

“THAT the schedule for the regular public board meetings be changed to 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month for the 2016/17 school year, as a pilot.”

Carried.

MOTION: Mewhort/Ruth

“THAT the schedule for the Education Committee meetings be changed to 3:30-5:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month during the 2016/17 school year.”

Carried.

#93. BCSTA Electoral Strategy Committee

Vice-Chair Pratt reported that BCSTA has convened a committee, consisting of branch presidents, to discuss election engagement strategies for BCSTA. Vice-Chair Pratt canvassed trustees for feedback on the previous BCSTA campaign and for suggestions for the upcoming campaign. Trustees provided the following suggestions:

- Create a clear and succinct message for a strong public education system,
- Provide a list of questions regarding public education to engage candidates,
- Request a comprehensive plan for education funding, and
- Illustrate how an investment in public education supports the economy.

#94. Rural Education Enhancement Fund

Vice-Chair Pratt assumed the role of chair for the agenda item.

Superintendent Bocking and Chair Baxter spoke to a ministry announcement for the Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF). Trustees shared concerns regarding the guidelines for funding and the timelines of the announcement.

MOTION: Mewhort/Ruth

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) send a letter to the minister, with copies to all boards via BCSTA and to local press, outlining the many ways the creation of the Rural Education Enhancement Fund is not supported by our school district.”

Carried.

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

- There were no questions.

#96. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

#97. Adjournment

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Carried.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer