



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

Held on Wednesday, December 12th, 2018

At the School Board Office – Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: **TRUSTEES:** P. Ruth (Chair), S. Leech (Vice-Chair), A. Amaral, S. Girard, S. Haines,
T. Ste. Marie, N. Davies (Student Trustee)

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

REGRETS: M. Hampvent, Trustee

#38. Call to Order

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

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

#39. Celebrating Education: Nutcracker Ballet - Kathleen Holmes

Kathy Holmes, Artistic Director of Coasting Along Theatre Society, reported on the School Outreach Program for the Nutcracker Ballet. All district students in grades 3 and 4 will attend the Nutcracker Ballet performance at the Raven's Cry Theater on December 17th and 18th. Teachers are provided with a study guide in advance of the performance that provides information on the storyline as well as information about the performance in general. This is the district's second year taking part in the school program. Cedar Grove Elementary student, Natalie Martin, cast as Clara, was in attendance and shared her enthusiasm for involvement in the upcoming performances.

#40. Public Question Period

- A member of the audience requested clarification on two items in the November cheque report relating to environmental services. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that one payment related to asbestos abatement at a school site and the other related to soil testing of school fields.

#41. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Girard/Amaral

"THAT the agenda of December 12, 2018 be adopted."

Carried.

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

- a. Inaugural Board Meeting – November 6, 2018
- b. Regular Meeting – October 10, 2018
- c. Record of Closed Meeting – October 10, 2018

MOTION: Amaral/Ste. Marie

“THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of November 6, 2018, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2018 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of November 14, 2018 be adopted.”

Carried.

#43. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bocking, Director Bishop and Director White spoke to items highlighted in the written report.

Superintendent Bocking was pleased to report that the district’s six-year completion rates have improved once more. Data collected indicates that aboriginal students are currently graduation with the same success as non-aboriginal students. Superintendent Bocking credited the hard work of staff and students.

1. Strategic Plan Reports:

- a. Goal 1.b. – Reading / Goal 2.b. – Reading Teachers
Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report.
- b. Goal 2.e. – Healthy Staff
Director Bishop summarized his written report.
- c. Goal 2.h. – Safe / Healthy Schools (Cultural)
Director White reviewed her written report.

2. Administrative Regulations:

a. Circulating to January 3, 2019 Prior to being Repealed:

The following regulations were deemed redundant or unnecessary and are scheduled to be repealed.

- i. Reg. 4100 – Natural Gas Leaks

b. Revised and Circulating until February 4, 2019:

Additional information on revisions can be found in the committee notes of meetings taking place in November, 2018.

- i. Reg. 1160 – Home Schooling
- ii. Reg. 2130 – Volunteers
- iii. Reg. 3010 – Accident and Illness
- iv. Reg. 3070 – Fire Safety

v. Reg. 3230 – Student Interviews

c. Regulations to be Received:

The following regulations have completed the circulation phase.

- i. Reg. 1070 – Coaching
- ii. Reg. 1150 – Graduation Ceremonies
- iii. Reg. 1230 - Process for Administrative Regulations
- iv. Reg. 1255 – Scholarships, District / Authority Awards and Bursaries
- v. Reg. 1275 – Family Law Information
- vi. Reg. 2080 - Job Descriptions (to be repealed)
- vii. Reg. 3140 – Medical Examination of Employees (to be repealed)
- viii. Reg. 3180 – Responding to a Threat or Potential Violent Behaviour
- ix. Reg. 3210 – Smoking in Schools (to be repealed)

ii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on the ministry’s interim funding announcement of December 7, 2018. The district’s overall enrollment is higher than projected, resulting in an additional \$582,000 in Enrollment Based Funding. The district also saw increases to the Unique Student Needs Grant and Salary Differential Funding. The district’s Classroom Enhancement Fund application was supported by the ministry.

The actual grant estimates and more information can be found online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/resource-management/k-12-funding-and-allocation/operating-grants/k12funding-18-19>

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of November 2018

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

Chair Ruth reviewed the written report.

1. Committee Appointments

Chair Ruth reviewed standing committee and internal committee appointments.

2. BCSTA Report – BCSTA AGM and Provincial Council Motions

Chair Ruth provided a report in Trustee Hampvent’s absence. The Report to Branches provided in the agenda package was submitted as written. Chair Ruth shared information on the recently announced BCSTA Leadership Development Program, noting that BCSTA would support expenses for up to three trustees to attend the sessions.

3. BCPSEA Report – BCPSEA AGM Motions

There were no items to report.

4. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Davis reported on the following items:

- Secondary schools are actively hosting toy drives and collecting food for the local food bank.
- The North vs. South Hockey Game will take place at the Gibsons and Area Activity Centre on December 19. Superintendent Bocking and Chair Ruth have been invited to drop the puck at the yearly event.
- Elphinstone Secondary Student Council surveyed students to determine interest in lunch time activities and heard feedback that the lunch break is too short. Chatelech Secondary has begun to survey students on issues.
- The Town of Gibsons has requested feedback from the district on interest and feedback on their intentions to appoint a student councilor. The DSLT has recommended the town consider an interview process.

ii. Committee of the Whole Notes – November 27, 2018

The notes were submitted as written.

iii. Education Committee Notes – November 28, 2018

The notes were submitted as written.

iv. Operations Committee Notes – November 22, 2018

The notes were submitted as written. Trustee's discussed a recommendation regarding an application for a temporary use permit.

1. Temporary Use Permit for S&M Medicinal Sweet Shoppe

MOTION: Haines/Girard

“TO request that the application for a temporary use permit for S&M Medicinal Sweet Shoppe be denied. Should the permit be granted, the committee requests that all exterior marketing be appropriate to the *Cannabis Act* and not be seen to target children.”

Carried.

MOTION: Amaral/Haines

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#44. Correspondence

a. MLA Nicholas Simons – Congratulations

MOTION: Haines/Girard

“TO receive the correspondence.”

Carried.

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

- A member of the press requested;
 - additional information on the proposed student councilor role with the Town of Gibsons. Superintendent Bocking provided information on the request from the town and Student Trustee Davis noted that the role could provide a strong leadership opportunity for students.

- clarification on soil testing performed by Keystone Environmental. Secretary-Treasurer indicated that the soil testing was to ensure the safety of school fields before reopening them for school use.
- additional information on the district's six-year completion rates. Superintendent reported that this is the first time that the district has achieved matching results for aboriginal and non-aboriginal completion rates.
- additional information on asbestos abatement. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the district is engaged in a process of removing asbestos from school sites and is targeting highest potential risk areas.

#46. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on January 9th, 2019.

MOTION: Haines/Girard

"TO approve the committee agendas."

Carried.

#47. Adjournment

MOTION: Haines/Girard

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carried.



Pammila Ruth
Board Chair



Nicholas Weswick
Secretary-Treasurer