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# 46 BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

The following is a Synopsis of a recent school district board meeting. Formal minutes are published and are available on the school district website: [www.sd46.bc.ca/Board](http://www.sd46.bc.ca/Board)

## Board Meetings

School Board Meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of each school month. The meetings start at 7:00 PM at the School Board Office, located at 494 South Fletcher Road in Gibsons unless noted below.

If you wish to make a presentation at a meeting, contact Colleen McPhedran at 604-886-8811.

## January 12, 2010 Board Meeting

### School Closure Process...



**Diane Ready**, Secretary-Treasurer of School District No. 46, reviewed the *School Closure Bylaw* at the request of the Board Chair.



**Silas White**, Chair of the Board of Education, informed meeting attendees that this was the first meeting of the board since its December 15, 2009 meeting and assured everyone that no votes or decisions had been made.



Trustee **Dave Mewhort** said he felt that it was necessary to bring forward a notice of motion to close Kinnikinnick Elementary School. This motion will be read for the first time at the January 26, 2010 Special Board Meeting.



Trustee **Greg Russell** stated that it was important to keep in mind the configuration of the schools. He thought that this new notice of motion would allow all schools to have an equal playing field.

### 2009 - 2010

#### Scheduled Board Meetings (Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

- February 9, 2010 ..... School Board Office
- March 16, 2010 ..... School Board Office
- April 13, 2010 ..... School Board Office
- May 11, 2010 ..... School Board Office
- June 8, 2010 ..... School Board Office

Committee meetings which are open to the public will be advertised on the school district website under "Board Meetings"

### School Trustees

- Silas White, Chair ..... 604-886-8668
- Ken Sinnott, Vice-Chair ..... 604-230-1377
- Lori Fielding ..... 604-883-3669
- Fran Heppell ..... 604-886-0070
- Dave Mewhort..... 604-885-4546
- Greg Russell..... 604-886-8388
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## ...Background on School Closures and Meetings...

At the **April 14, 2009** Public Meeting, the Sunshine Coast Board of Education made a decision to examine the problem of declining enrolment in elementary schools located in the Sechelt area, emphasizing community consultation. The information from these meetings is published on the school district's website:

<http://www.sd46.bc.ca/secheltschools>

This link provides information about the initial meetings and the next steps leading to a decision regarding possible school closures.

At the Regular Meeting of the Board on Tuesday, **January 12, 2010** the **Sechelt Elementary School closure bylaw** had its first reading and was passed. The **Davis Bay Elementary School closure bylaw** and the **Kinnikinnick Elementary School closure bylaw** received notice of motion.

On **Tuesday, January 26, 2010** there will be a Special Public Board meeting at Chatelech Secondary School. The purpose of this meeting is to **vote on the first reading of the school closure bylaws for Davis Bay and Kinnikinnick Elementary Schools.**

The next **Public Meeting** will be at Chatelech Secondary School in the Theatre on Tuesday, **February 2, 2010** at 7:00 PM. This will be a public consultation to receive feedback on the first readings of the three school closure bylaws.

The **Regular Board Meeting** will occur on Tuesday, **February 9, 2010** at the School Board Office on South Fletcher Road in Gibsons. There will be no debate on any of the school closure bylaws. The agenda will focus on the **2009-2010 budget.**

On **Tuesday, February 16, 2010** at 7:00 PM at **Chatelech Secondary School** in the Theatre, there will be a **Special Public Board Meeting** to complete the **second and third readings of the school closure bylaws for Davis Bay, Sechelt and Kinnikinnick Elementary Schools.**

## Administrative Regulations...

A number of Administrative Regulations were presented at the meeting and approved. **Deborah Palmer**, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the eight-week circulation process for draft regulations. She encouraged the public to view draft regulations on our website and to provide her with feedback on them. These draft regulations will be brought to the March or April board meeting for final approval.

The district has created a new regulation – **Cell Phone Usage** – due to the recent change in law and Mrs. Palmer indicated that all district employees were to follow this draft regulation, even during the eight-week circulation period.

## School Start-Ups...

Senior Management continue to remind everyone that there could be a delayed school start during inclement weather. Please visit our website for detailed information and listen to **CKAY FM 91.7.**



## STUDENT BUSING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

ALL School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) students who normally travel by bus on Sechelt School Bus Service Ltd. OR Pender Harbour Transportation Ltd. to their school will have a slightly different schedule on **Thursday, February 4.**

**BUSES WILL ARRIVE 30 MINUTES EARLY TO PICK STUDENTS UP ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.**

All after school bus departures and drop offs at stops will have the same schedule as normal.

This change is to facilitate our students' participation in the Olympic Torch events.

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