



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION
(SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)
Held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: S. White, Chair; B. Baxter Vice-Chair; L. Dixon;
L. Pratt; G. Russell; C. Younghusband

REGRETS: Trustee D. Mewhort

STAFF: P. Bocking Superintendent of Schools
Stewart Hercus, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
C. McPhedran, Administrative Assistant

#35 Call to Order

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

Chair White acknowledged the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Squamish Nation and welcomed members of the audience and district staff.

#36 Presentation

a) **Celebrating Education** – Elphinstone Secondary’s Sr. Girls’ Volleyball team.

Elphinstone’s principal, Fred Thorsell proudly introduced the Elphinstone Sr. Girls’ Volleyball team and one of their coaches, Ms. Ostashek. He described the team as ‘students first and athletes second’ and provided many examples of dedication that the girls exhibited both on and off the court. The girls had an opportunity to speak of their experiences from the past season.

Chair White thanked the girls for sharing these experiences and their wonderful example of teamwork.

#37 Public Question Period

There were no questions at this time.

#38 Adoption of the Agenda

Trustee Russell asked for time to present a gift to Trustee Pratt to acknowledge her role as Vice-Chair on the previous year's board. The agenda was amended to reflect this.

MOTION: Baxter/Younghusband

"THAT the agenda of the December 13, 2011 be adopted as amended."

Carried.

#39 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

Trustee Younghusband pointed out an error of a presenter name in the November minutes.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011 as amended, Record of the Closed Meeting of November 8, 2011 and the Inaugural Meeting of December 8, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

#40 Reports

a) **Superintendent's Report**

Strategic Plan Update

i) Alternative Education - ACE-IT/SPIDER

As submitted. Superintendent Bocking commented further on the Alternative Program that gives students a chance to find their strengths and then gives them the support they need to achieve their goals.

ii) Pender Harbour Playground

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on the announcement from the Ministry that Pender Harbour Secondary qualified for a grant of \$50,000 for playground equipment. He requested that Capital Project Bylaw 126340 be read three times.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

"THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw 126340 in the amount of \$50,000 be read for a first time."

Carried

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw 126340 in the amount of \$50,000 be read for a second time.”

Carried

The Board then unanimously agreed to move to the third reading of Capital Project Bylaw 126340.

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw 126340 in the amount of \$50,000 be read for a third time, passed and approved.”

Carried

In reply to a question on how the funds would be spent, Secretary-Treasurer Weswick said there would be consultation with the principals as to the process.

Chair White invited further discussion on the Alternative School’s programs.

Trustee Dixon reported on her recent visit to the SPIDER Elementary School Winter Celebration. She commented she was impressed with the parents that were in attendance and said that the parents expressed their pleasure with the support that the staff offers.

Trustee Pratt spoke highly of the SPIDER program and of her daughter’s positive experience.

Discussion followed.

iii) Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses

Administrative Regulation No. 2220 outlines the requirements for BAA Courses.

The following motions are requested.

1. **Psychology 12**

Principal F. Thorsell and G. MacPherson reviewed the course and the trustees had an opportunity to ask questions.

MOTION: Russell/Youngusband.

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve *Psychology 12* as a Board Authorized Course.”

Carried.

2. Restricted Radio Operator’s Certificate 11

Superintendent Bocking reviewed the course as submitted.

MOTION: Russell/Baxter

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve *Restricted Radio Operator’s Certificate 11* as a Board Authorized Course.”

Carried.

3. Applications for Learning 10

District Principal, D. Galazka outlined the three courses and discussion followed.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve *Applications for Learning 10, 11 and 12* as a Board Authorized Courses.”

Carried.

b) Information Items

- i) Cheques Issued – larger cheques issued in month of October.
- ii) WorkSafe BC

c) Board/Committee Report

i) Chair’s Report

As submitted. Discussion was invited regarding the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning in BC. He reported that all boards have been asked to endorse this plan. After discussion, it was decided to have this topic put on a future agenda as a presentation to allow trustees to be given further information, at which time the decision to endorse would be made.

Chair White announced the local bargaining has been completed with the Sunshine Coast Teachers' Association (SCTA) and commented on the good relationship experienced with the local teacher's team.

Chair White announced the recent hiring of G. Kitchen as the Assistant Superintendent. Superintendent Bocking provided background information on Mr. Kitchen and reported that he would be joining the district early in January. Chair White thanked Trustee Pratt and Russell for their part in the hiring process.

Chair White expressed appreciation to Assistant Superintendent Hercus for his involvement as Facilities Manager and more recently as Assistant Superintendent during the past year. Superintendent Bocking and trustees took the opportunity to thank Mr. Hercus for stepping up to help the district in these roles.

Chair White continued by reporting on the recent visit of Minister Abbott to the district and also the successful BCSTA Trustee Academy that the trustees had opportunity to attend.

Discussion followed.

ii) Finance, Facilities & Transportation Notes – October 29, 2011

As submitted.

MOTION: Russell/Younghusband

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#41 Correspondence

i) South Coast Branch resolutions.

#42 New Business

a) Regulation 6500 – Inclement Weather – In circulation until February 7, 2012

Assistant Superintendent Hercus reviewed the revisions.

#43 Questions and Inquiries From the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

Trustee Younghusband inquired when the new Board Approved Courses would begin. Superintendent Bocking replied that they would be offered next fall and possibly earlier for the Radio Operator course.

E. Brookes Wilson asked for further explanation of Regulation 6500.

Various audience members commented that a course such as the new Board Authorized *Applications for Learning* would be helpful in earlier grades to provide young students with useful skills for learning.

Coast Reporter, C. Wood asked for further explanation on the Teacher Bargaining.

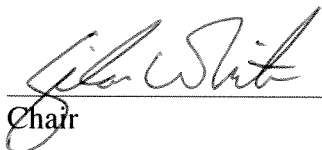
#44 Next Meeting

“The next Board Meeting will be on January 10, 2012 at the School Board Office.

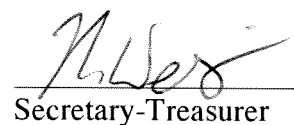
#45 Adjournment

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer