



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

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: S. White, Chair; L. Pratt, Vice-Chair; F. Heppell;
J. Scott; G. Russell; D. Mewhort

ABSENT: Trustee K. Sinnott

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
S. Hercus, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
J. Pritchard, Interim Secretary-Treasurer
C. McPhedran, Administrative Assistant

#1 Call to Order

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

Chair White opened the meeting by acknowledging the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Squamish Nation.

He welcomed C. MacInnes, SCTA; R. Emerson, CUPE; S. MacKenzie, DPAC; K. Mahlman, district principal; M. Heidebrecht, principal and C. Woods, Coast Reporter. He welcomed Superintendent Bocking to his first official board meeting.

#2 Presentation

Superintendent Bocking began by saying that a presentation entitled “Celebrating Education” will be scheduled for each board meeting and the first to be on Technology in our Schools. He went on to say that although face-to-face communication is always best, there are other tools that are accessible to parents, teachers and students. He introduced the evening’s presenter, M. Heidebrecht, principal of Pender Harbour Elementary-Secondary School.

- (a) Celebrating Education – M. Heidebrecht, Principal
“Technology as Part of Effective Communication in Our Schools”

M. Heidebrecht spoke to the various ways that the schools can communicate with parents and students. He reviewed several teacher blogs where homework is posted. He remarked that although relying totally on technology to communicate with parents is not ideal, it is a worthwhile tool to enhance student learning.

- (b) “One Coast, Together in Nature, Culture and Community –
J. Clark, Education and Outreach Coordinator, SCRCD and K. Mahlman, District
Principal of Aboriginal Education, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast).

J. Clark and K. Mahlman provided a brief outline of the plan explaining that it is a
discussion paper that outlines 13 issues that are important to residents on the
Sunshine Coast and encouraged feedback from the Board and schools.

#3 Public Question Period – (10 minutes in total)

There were no questions at this time.

#4 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Heppell/Russell

“THAT the agenda of September 13, 2011 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#5 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Russell/Heppell

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2011 and the Record of the
Closed Meeting of June 14, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

#6 Reports

(a) Superintendent’s Report:

(1) Strategic Plan Update

(i) Social Responsibility

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his report.

(ii) Audited Budget Approval

Audited Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011

Interim Secretary-Treasurer Pritchard reviewed the audited financial statements and reviewed the revenues and expenses for the 2010/11 year. He discussed the restricted and the unrestricted surpluses.

The following motion was requested:

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) adopt the Audited Financial Statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.”

Carried.

(2) Other Reports

(i) School Startup

Superintendent Bocking reported on his visits to all schools since school startup saying he is pleased with what he observed. Transportation is working properly, children are being educated and supervision is being sufficiently covered by exempt staff.

(ii) Enrolment Report

Assistant Superintendent Hercus reported on enrolment explaining that it is too early to give exact numbers. Some schools are showing a slight decline in enrolment and others have increased. More exact reports will be available as of September 30th.

(3) Information Items

Secretary-Treasurer Pritchard announced the receipt of a letter of resignation from Trustee Sinnott. The resignation as a trustee of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) is to be effective as of September 30, 2011.

(i) School Visit Schedule 2011-12

(ii) Cheques Issued – June, July and August 2011.

(iii) News Release: Premier commits \$8 million for school playgrounds.

(b) Chair's Report: as written

(i) Sechelt Learning Centre – future options

- Report on Future Design Options
- Round One Options

Chair White reported that he was pleased with the consultations. The Board looks forward to further consideration of these options with future consultations. He went on to say that after the fall election the 'new board' would have an opportunity to review the options.

Chair White announced that the Educational Opportunities Forum, scheduled for October 6, 2011, would be postponed. He explained that this is intended to be an educational forum and the Board would value the input of the educators.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“THAT the reports be received.”

Carried.

#7 Correspondence

- (a) G. Abbott, Minister – Freedom of Information, July 21, 2011
- (b) G. Abbott, Minister – Education Funding, June 27, 2011

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), through the Chair, write a letter to the Minister of Education inviting him to visit our district.”

Carried.

- (c) G. Abbott, Minister – Kindergarten Assessment, June 27, 2011

Chair White reported that electoral areas would remain the same for the upcoming election.

- (d) G. Abbott, Minister – Electoral Areas, August 17, 2011
- (e) B. Langevin, Vancouver Coastal Health, July 12, 2011
- (f) D. Welch, UBCM – 2010 School Community (Round 1) Gibsons
- (g) D. Welch, UBCM – 2010 School Community (Round 1) Sechelt
- (h) M. McEvoy, BCSTA – Pacific Carbon Trust Advocacy, Aug. 29, 2011
- (i) S. Hansen, BCSTA – Provincial Council

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT all correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#8 New Business

(a) Board Input to Funding Formula for Allocating Operating Grants

MOTION: Scott/Russell

“THAT the Board refers the Input to Funding Formula for Allocating Operating Grants to the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee.”

Carried.

(b) Proposed Motion:

MOTION: Russell/Scott

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) endorse the community plan “We Envision: One Coast Together in Nature, Culture and Community, a discussion paper.”

After discussion the motion was amended to read:

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) endorse **in principle** the community plan “We Envision: One Coast Together in Nature, Culture and Community, a discussion paper.”

Carried.

(c) Administrative Regulations

MOTION: Russell/Hepell

“THAT the Board of Education receives Regulation 6230 – Child Protection.”

Carried.

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

The Board received and responded to questions from the public.


#10 Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on October 11, 2011

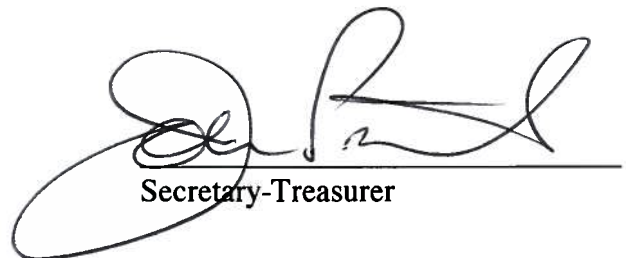
#11 Adjournment

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer