



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

Held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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**PRESENT:**    **TRUSTEES:**    B. Baxter, L. Dixon, D. Mewhort, L. Pratt, G. Russell, P. Ruth,  
C. Younghusband, K. Pritchard (Student Trustee)

**STAFF:**                    P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools  
G. Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer  
E. Reimer, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

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#83.    Call to Order

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

#84.    Presentations

- a.    Celebrating Education: Community Schools and the Heart of the Matter – V. White and C. Smethurst

District Principal, Vanessa White & Gibsons Community School Coordinator, Christina Smethurst provided trustees with information on the recent and highly successful *Heart of the Matter* conference hosted by Sunshine Coast community schools, on behalf of the Association of Community Education in British Columbia (ACEbc). Two videos were shared with trustees and may be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/125224948> and <https://vimeo.com/125224947>.

Ms. Smethurst indicated that the community schools enjoyed working together on the project and look forward to what can be done next. Trustees shared positive comments regarding their own experiences at the conference and were impressed with the breadth of experience within our own district.

Chair Baxter opened by acknowledging that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and welcomed members of the audience.

#85.    Public Question Period

- There were no questions.

#86.    Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

“THAT the agenda of May 12, 2015 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

**MOTION:** Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2015 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of April 14, 2015 be adopted as presented.”

Carried.

#88. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update: Safe Schools

The report was submitted as written. Assistant Superintendent Kitchen highlighted next steps and responded to questions from trustees.

ii. Superintendent's Report

The report was provided as written. Superintendent Bocking spoke briefly regarding the curriculum changes and gave kudos to David Barnum for his work in support of the new curriculum.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report, providing clarification regarding the charge back for upgrades to the Next Generation Network (NGN).

iv. Information items

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of April 2015

The report was submitted as written.

2. Expenditures by Object

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written.

1. BCSTA Report

Trustee Mewhort spoke to his report. Congratulations were extended to Trustee Younghusband for her successful campaign for re-election as a BCSTA Director.

2. DPAC Report

The report was submitted as written.

3. Student Trustee / DSLT Report

Student Trustee Pritchard reported that students have noted their appreciation for the Student Forum and the opportunity to contribute to the strategic plan. She reported on her involvement at the BCSTA AGM where she had the opportunity to speak to the district's successful motions on student mental health issues.

ii. Committee of the Whole Notes – April 22, 2015

Submitted as written. Trustees marked their appreciation for the hard work of the board chair and superintendent in the strategic plan consultation process.

iii. Committee of the Whole Notes – April 28, 2015

1. 2015/19 Strategic Plan

Superintendent Bocking presented the draft 2015/2019 strategic plan, providing information on the both the structure and content. The draft presentation will be posted to the district website to allow the community an opportunity to review and provide

comments. The board will be presented with any suggested changes at their June meeting. District staff will begin operational planning through the summer months with a goal to launch the 2015/2019 Strategic Plan in September 2015.

Trustees discussed the draft plan.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) adopt the draft content of the 2015/19 Strategic Plan.”

Carried.

iv. Operations Committee Notes – April 23, 2015

1. 2015/16 Annual Budget

The meeting notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/2016, in the amount of \$39,976,565, be read for a first time.”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/2016, in the amount of \$39,976,565, be read for a second time.”

Carried.

Trustees agreed unanimously to a third reading of the bylaw.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2015/2016, in the amount of \$39,976,565, be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

2. 2015/16 Annual Facilities Grant

The meeting notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Bylaw No. 126900, in the amount of \$802,314, be read for a first time.”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Ruth

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Bylaw No. 126900, in the amount of \$802,314, be read for a second time.”

Carried.

Trustees agreed unanimously to a third reading of the bylaw.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Bylaw No. 126900, in the amount of \$802,314, be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

v. Education Committee Notes – April 22, 2015

The notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Russell

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#89. Correspondence

a. C. Zacharuk to SD46 – Excluded Compensation Freeze (Ref: 342879)

**MOTION:** Pratt/Younghusband

“TO receive the correspondence.”

Carried.

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

- An audience member commented on the decrease in allocation for educational assistants and support staff and an increase for principals when comparing the 2015/2016 budget to the 2014/15 amended budget. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick replied that the amended annual budget is higher due in part to the allocation of surplus funds in the previous year. He further noted that the decrease in support staff reflects a reduction of custodial staff for the 2015/2016 school year.
- An audience member commented on the planned cuts to custodial staff and cautioned that the cuts might impact the cleanliness of the work environment. Chair Baxter provided a response.

#91. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on June 9, 2015.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Russell

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Amendment: “TO approve the committee agendas with the addition of “Ministry Mandated Administrative Savings Plan” to the Operations Committee agenda.”

Trustees agreed to the proposed amendment and voted in favour of the motion as amended.

Carried.

#92. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. K.', written over a horizontal line.

Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. West', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary-Treasurer