



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

Held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: B. Baxter (Chair), L. Pratt (Vice-Chair), L. Dixon, D. Mewhort,
G. Russell, S. White, C. Younghusband

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

#1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

#2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the agenda of August 27, 2014 be adopted.”

Carried.

#3. Trustee Elections Bylaw

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that changes to the existing trustee elections bylaw were required due to recent changes in legislature. Trustees discussed suggested changes to match the elections bylaw to the ministerial order describing trustee electoral areas for the school district.

MOTION: White/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 74 be read for a first time.”

Opposed: Dixon
Carried.

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 74 be read for a second time.”

Trustees engaged in a discussion.

Carried.

Trustees unanimously agreed to move to a third reading of the bylaw.

MOTION: White/Mewhort

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 74 be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

AMENDMENT: White/Russell

“THAT the definition of Rural Area 2 contained in item 74.1 within School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 74 be amended as follows:

‘Rural Area 2’ refers to Electoral Areas D, E and F of Sunshine Coast Regional District as defined in the British Columbia Gazette dated January 24, 1991 and the Sechelt Indian Government District.

Carried.

Trustees proceeded to vote on the motion as amended. Upon voting, the motion carried.

Carried.

a. Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer

MOTION: Russell/White

“THAT pursuant to Section 41(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act* Nicholas Weswick be appointed Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2014 general local elections with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2014 general local elections;

AND THAT Erica Reimer be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2014 general local elections.’

Carried.

#4. Surplus

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a report. A recommendation was made that \$1,200,00 of the \$1,669,674 unrestricted surplus be distributed immediately for school-based decision-making. A copy of the surplus presentation, including detailed figures, is attached to these minutes.

MOTION: White/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) accept the recommendation to immediately direct \$1,200,000 for school-based decision making.”

Carried.

Trustees engaged in a discussion on the restricted surplus.

#5. Bargaining

Assistant Superintendent Kitchen provided a brief report, indicating that the school district remains hopeful that a settlement could be reached soon. It was noted that the school district might require a short period of time before schools could open after a settlement is reached. Chair Baxter indicated that the board sent two letters during the summer months to advocate for a settlement. The board has not received a response to either letter.

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

- A member of the audience asked for clarification on the boards’ intent to allocate the unrestricted surplus earlier than in prior years. Chair Baxter provided a response.
- A member of the audience asked if the ministry’s headcount date would be adjusted if school doesn’t begin on schedule. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a response.

- A member of the audience requested clarification on the average teacher salary and the restricted surplus. Chair Baxter and Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a response.
- Members of the audience asked what additional plans the board had to advocate for an end the current labour dispute. A response was provided by Chair Baxter.
- A member of the audience asked for clarification on the response provided by Chair Baxter. Clarification was provided.
- Clarification was sought on Assistant Superintendent Kitchen's report on bargaining. A response was provided.
- Information was requested regarding the new Gibsons Elementary School. Chair Baxter provided a response.

#7. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on September 9, 2014.

#8. Adjournment

MOTION: White/Younghusband

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Carried.


Chair
Secretary-Treasurer