



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

Held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
V. White, Director of Instruction
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

#42. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

#43. Presentations:

- a. Celebrating Education: Working with Wood to Celebrate SD46

The presentation was deferred to a future meeting.

Chair Baxter acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and took a moment to introduce audience members.

#44. Public Question Period

- There were no questions.

#45. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

“THAT the agenda of February 9, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

MOTION: Pratt/Russell

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

#47. Reports

- a. Executive Reports

- i. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 1.d. – Social and Emotional Learning

Director White spoke to her written report and provided information on a public information session taking place at Gibsons Elementary School on February 24th.

Director White responded to an inquiry regarding support for students from other countries and cultures.

ii. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 2.a. – Professional Development

Superintendent Bocking reported that the district’s intention is to ensure staff feel fully supported and comfortable in their roles.

- Curriculum in service provides supports for teachers.
- Teachers are taking on leadership roles in preparation for changes to the curriculum.
- Training to take place to support Educational Assistants in preparation for the new curriculum.

iii. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bocking highlighted items in his written report.

1. Administrative Regulation to be Received:

a. Regulation 1820 – Student Health

Superintendent Bocking indicated that feedback received through the circulation phase revealed a lack of clarity in the initial draft regarding who might be considered under the Mature Minor designation. Revisions to regulation were made to clarify that parental consent would continue to be required prior to administering immunizations to elementary school students. In the future, changes to regulations will be reported to the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) in detail to provide additional dissemination of information.

MOTION: Mewhort/Younghusband

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) receive Regulation 1820 – Student Health.”

Carried.

iv. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared a letter from the ministry of education that indicated:

- That the ministry will be funding the economic stability dividend through a separate line item.
- That districts must ensure that the NGN charges are included in amended budgets for 2015/16
- That the a reduction to the Teachers’ Pension Plan contribution rate should allow for savings to offset budget pressures starting in 2016/17.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the district has budgeted for charges for the NGN and expects to come in below the budgeted expense.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of January 2016

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written.

1. Strategic Plan: Goal 3.b. – Collaboration

Chair Baxter indicated that a discussion took place at the Education Committee meeting on January 27th, 2016.

2. Strategic Plan: Goal 3.d. – Local Government

Chair Baxter reported that the district had an opportunity to share their strategic plan with local governments at a recent Intergovernmental Meeting.

3. Ad Hoc Trustee Stipend Committee Recommendation

The committee notes were submitted as written.

MOTION: Mewhort/Ruth

“THAT trustees receive an immediate increase of 8.08% effective January 1, 2016, to reach the provincial average for individual trustees, and that an increase of the same percentage be applied to the current chair and vice chair positions. And that, going forward, increases occur annually to align with Vancouver CPI with periodic review.”

Trustees debated the motion. Upon voting, the motion carried.

Carried.

Opposed: Dixon, Russell

4. Student Trustee/DSLTL Report

Student Trustee Henley indicated that the District Student Leadership Team is considering ways to help connect alternative school students to the other high schools, including creating an online calendar, which would combine student clubs, events and sport team information for all secondary schools.

5. BCSTA Report

BCSTA Provincial Council meeting is scheduled for February 19-20, 2016. No further report.

6. BCPSEA Report

Submitted as written.

7. DPAC Report

Superintendent Bocking reported that a presentation on mindfulness took place at the January DPAC meeting.

ii. Operations Committee Notes – January 21, 2016

Trustee Mewhort reviewed the committee notes and indicated that the committee was in support of recommendations made for the 2015/16 amended budget.

1. Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2015/2016, be read for a first time.”

Carried.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2015/2016, be read for a second time.”

Carried.

Trustees unanimously approved to move to a third reading.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2015/2016 be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

iii. Committee of the Whole Notes – January 26, 2016

Submitted as written.

iv. Policy Committee Notes – January 26, 2016

Submitted as written.

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

“THAT the Board accept the policy revisions to Policy 3 (Role of the Trustee) as reported in the Policy Committee Notes of January 26, 2016.”

Carried.

Opposed: Dixon, Russell

v. Education Committee Notes – January 27, 2016

Submitted as written.

MOTION: Russell/Pratt

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

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

- A member of the public requested additional information on payments reported in the to RBC and Rocky Point Engineering as reported in the January Cheque Report. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that Rocky Point Engineering provided an air source heat pump at Madeira Park and that RBC RRSPs for the district.
- A member of the public indicated that increases to CUPE wages are implemented over a significant time period and commented that they don't support the trustees' decision to align their stipend with CPI.
- A member of the public asked for clarification of the “licenses” in the operations committee notes. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the licenses are for payroll and accounting software modules.
- A member of the press asked for additional information on trustees stipend amounts. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick agreed to provide the total stipend amounts, prior to the increase and post-increase, by email.
- A member of the audience noted that there was and allowance for economic stability dividend included in the amended budget presentation. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick responded that

the presentation was made prior to the ministry’s announcement of their intention to fund the dividend.

#49. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on March 8, 2016.

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#50. Adjournment

MOTION: Mewhort/Pratt

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Carried.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer