



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

Held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

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

**REGRETS:**    Trustee L. Dixon

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#60.    Call to Order

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

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

#61.    Presentations:

a.    Celebrating Education: Earth Month – Jenny Groves and Barry Krangle

Environmental Education Committee members, Barry Krangle and Jenny Groves, shared a brochure, developed by the committee, that lists suggestions for activities to celebrate Earth Month. The brochure will be distributed to all schools as a resource to complement Earth Day/Earth Month initiatives. The Environmental Education Committee consists of Richard Biel, Jamie Mani, Barry Krangle, Jenny Groves and Patrick Bocking. Earth Day flags will be distributed to all sites and schools have been asked to display the flags on April 22.

#62.    Public Question Period

- A member of the audience requested that flags be lowered to half-mast on April 28 for the National Day of Mourning. Superintendent Bocking indicated a memo would be distributed to principals as a reminder.

#63.    Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Pratt/Ruth

“THAT the agenda of April 12, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2016 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of March 8, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

#65. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 1.e. – Mental and Physical Health

The report was submitted as written. Director White highlighted a request to partner with WorkSafe BC by providing Mental Health First Aid training to workers supporting local work placements in the community. Director White has also been asked to present as part of the Elphinstone Secondary Health Fair. She will be discussing the signs of stress and providing coping and support strategies.

2. Goal 3.g. – Capilano University

The report was submitted as written. Director Bishop indicated that Simon Fraser University also works with the district and is currently partnered in offering a Nature Based Experiential Learning Program on the Sunshine Coast.

ii. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking shared a brochure developed by the Reading Committee that offers advice to parents on ways to support reading at home for elementary aged children. Superintendent Bocking also highlighted the *Nurturing the Learning Spirit* canoe trips taking place in April and May and the *Positive Discipline Parenting Course*, being offered at six sites throughout the month of April.

Chair Baxter and Superintendent Bocking commented on a recent opportunity for twelve students to attend the opening performance of *Going Home Star* by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in Vancouver.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

1. School Allocation Rates

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report and indicated that:

- In response to requests from principals and in order to maximize allocation rates with sufficient time for planning, per-pupil and school base allocation rates include the remaining unrestricted surplus of \$375,000 from the 14/15 school year.
- Per-pupil allocations for level 2 and level 3 special needs have been significantly increased.
- Garbage disposal costs have been decentralized and will be the responsibility of individual schools. The rationale is that schools have more control over these costs than the maintenance department. Per pupil allocations have been increased to account for the change.
- The total base funding for Pender remains higher than other secondary school base amounts however there has been some reduction to supplemental funding that was provided as an interim measure as the school transitioned to a new delivery model. The district is looking at purchasing a school bus for the school to help ease the impact of the change to funding.

Trustees inquired about school based waste reduction programs, the ministry's funding model and the surplus allocation.

2. Trustee Electoral Areas

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the Ministry of Education has confirmed that there are some inaccuracies in the Trustee Electoral Area (TEA) boundaries for the district and that certain portions of SIGD lands have not been accounted for. The ministry has asked for the board's advise as to where the SIGD lands should be placed within the TEA. The issue will be discussed at the April Committee of the Whole. Trustees asked for information regarding the population of the band lands in question. Chair Baxter indicated that further information would be provided at Committee of the Whole.

iv. Information Items:

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of March 2016

The report was submitted as written.

2. Expenditures by Object

The report was submitted as written. An error was noted in the key relating to Total Salaries. The correct key for Total Salaries for March 2016 is 71%.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

The report was submitted as written. Chair Baxter sought feedback on the survey response for the BCSTA Co-Governance MOU. Trustees indicated their support for the proposed response to the survey. Chair Baxter indicated that the responses would also be shared with the South Coast Branch, prior to submission on April 15, 2016.

Chair Baxter provided for consideration two draft late motions for the BCSTA AGM. She reported that both motions that were developed in response to a discussion that took place at a roundtable session on Public Education at the Centre for Civic Governance where trustees from eleven boards of education were in attendance.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

“TO move into a committee of the whole.”

Carried.

Trustees discussed the draft late motions to BCSTA AGM.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“TO move out of a committee of the whole.”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Ruth

“TO bring forward a late motion to BCSTA AGM to withdraw from the Co-Governance Memorandum of Understanding.”

Opposed: Mewhort,  
Younghusband, Russell

Defeated.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Ruth

“TO bring forward a late motion to BCSTA AGM to demand full-funding for contract enhancements.”

Opposed: Mewhort, Russell

Carried.

Chair Baxter announced the formation of the Ad Hoc Community Celebration Committee. The committee will consist of Trustee Baxter (Chair), Trustee Pratt, Trustee Ruth, Superintendent Bocking and community member, Vicki Dobbyn.

Trustees were advised of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educator’s *Open the Doors* campaign to encourage the province to support public post-secondary education.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Ruth

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) write a letter to Ministry of Advanced Education to share how much we in the K-12 sector support a strong post secondary education system that is accessible for all.”

Carried.

Chair Baxter disclosed a motion coming from the Closed Board Meeting, taking place early that evening, to rescind a motion made at the March 20, 2015 board meeting that directed staff “to negotiate a letter of agreement with CUPE to minimize the impact of calendar changes on hourly employees.” Chair Baxter indicated that the report came to their closed meeting as it related to labour contracts and labour management meetings. The board’s decision to rescind the March 20, 2015 motion was unanimous.

1. Student Trustee/DSLIT Report

Student Trustee Henley reported on the Student Forum that took place earlier in the day at the Sechelt Learning Centre and shared appreciation from students for the opportunity to get together, share information and compare. Among other topics at the forum, students shared their thoughts on discussed technology, facilities and experiential learning with trustees attending the event.

2. BCSTA AGM Motions

Trustee Mewhort provided a report.

3. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Younghusband reported on a recent regional BCPSEA meeting that she attended with human resource manager, Tara Sweet.

ii. Education Committee Notes – March 30, 2016

The notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** Younghusband/Pratt

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) support the framework as proposed by Superintendent Bocking to move forward with engaging in the framework to support student learning.”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt  
“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#66. Correspondence

- a. Minister Bernier – Student Mental Health
- b. Minister Stone – Failing to Stop for a School Bus
- c. Vancouver Coastal Health – Mature Minor Regulation

**MOTION:** Youngusband/Mewhort  
“TO receive the correspondence.”

Carried.

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

- A member of the audience asked for clarification regarding the disclosed motion from the board’s closed meeting. Chair Baxter provided a response.

#68. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on May 10, 2016.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Mewhort

“TO adopt the committee agendas as presented.”

Carried.

#69. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carried.

  
Chair  
Secretary-Treasurer