



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

Held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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**PRESENT:** TRUSTEES: B. Baxter (Chair), L. Pratt (Vice-Chair), L. Dixon, D. Mewhort,  
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)

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**#70. Call to Order**

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

Chair Baxter acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

**#71. Presentations:**

- a. Celebrating Education: Libraries and Literacy – K. Deasey, T. Therrien and M. Hodgkins

Tracey Therrien and Margaret Hodgkins, from the Gibsons and Sechelt District Public Libraries, provided information on local initiatives to support reading and increase library membership. Ms. Therrien and Ms. Hodgkins shared plans to create pop-up libraries at elementary schools in order to promote their summer reading programs. Students are encouraged to apply for library cards and registration forms are being distributed through elementary schools. Public library programs will continue into the fall and winter months, in partnership with the school district, in an attempt to reduce barriers to access and excite students about what's available in public libraries. At the secondary level, public librarians will be working with SD46 teachers and teacher librarians to introduce tools to secondary students that will carry over to their post-secondary research needs.

Early Learning Coordinator, Kirsten Deasey, reported that the district would continue to encourage reading through the summer months with the popular WonderWheels bus. In addition it's summer schedule, the bus will visit every school in June to encourage more students to access the resource over the summer months.

Chair Baxter thanked the librarians for their work and partnership with the school district.

- b. Energy Ambassadors – J. Callaghan, J. Stroman, R. Collison, Q. Ruth and M. Fielding

Jennifer Callaghan, BC Hydro Energy Ambassadors Coordinator, reported that students at three of the district's secondary school participated in the program, which encourages energy conservation by providing a structure for student teams to investigate potential energy reduction strategies at their schools.

Quintin Ruth, reported back on an initiative that took place at Elphinstone Secondary dubbed "Hibernation Day". Students and teachers were encouraged not to use lights or heat during the day in order to determine what potential energy savings could be achieved. While the students

faced some challenges in the effectiveness of the experiment, Mr. Ruth reported that the reductions in usage resulted in a total energy savings valued at \$113 for the day.

Michelle Fielding, a student at Pender Harbour Secondary, reported on her team's initiative which involved the use of a solar trailer on loan from Clear Energy Solutions. The group is currently harnessing solar energy to power charging stations for students' cell phones.

Trustees shared their enthusiasm for the student projects and their work to promote energy awareness across the school district.

Johan Stroman, REDE Energy, and Ms. Callaghan presented all three schools with energy management certificates for their participation in the program.

A short photo opportunity took place and the meeting resumed at 7:32 pm.

#72. Public Question Period

- No questions

#73. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Ruth/Russell

“THAT the agenda of May 10, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

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

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2016, the Record of the Closed Meeting of April 12, 2016 and the Record of the Special Closed Meeting of April 26, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

#75. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 1.f. – Music

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and provided an update on the district music program.

2. Goal 1.k. – Graduation

Director Bishop spoke to his written report, highlighting completion rates, and the various ways the district supports students to graduation. Director Bishop indicated a dual credit course, ENG 100, would be offered in the 2016/2017 school year.

3. Goal 2.i. – Facilities

The report was provided as written. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided an update on the Long Term Facility Plan process and indicated that a draft report would be available to the board in June, for approval at the September Regular Meeting.

ii. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report, highlighting the ongoing success of the aboriginal student and principal canoe trips in the Sechelt Inlet and the “Excellence

Mini Grants” that are being offered to schools to address strategic plan priorities at the school level.

Director White shared information on Dry Grad contributions from the BC Liquor Distribution Branch.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report and shared results from the Ministry’s enrolment audit of the district’s secondary schools.

iv. Information Items:

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of April 2016

The report was submitted as written.

2. Expenditures by Object

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

Chair Baxter spoke to the written report.

1. Ad Hoc Community Celebration Committee Notes – April 28, 2016

Chair Baxter reported that the committee had met and determined a draft format for the event. The committee will meet again prior to the end of May and hopes to have a recommendation for consideration at the board’s June Regular Meeting.

2. Student Trustee/DSLIT Report

Student Trustee Henley reported back on his involvement with the Thank You Reception for Donors, sharing students’ enthusiasm to help at the event and the opportunity to meet donors in person.

3. BCSTA Report

The report was submitted as written. Trustee Mewhort indicated that the results of the motions from the BCSTA AGM are available upon request.

4. BCPSEA Report

No information to report.

5. DPAC Report

A summary of the April DPAC meeting was included in the meeting package for information.

ii. Operations Committee – April 21, 2016

Trustee Mewhort spoke to the meeting notes and shared the committee’s recommendation to move forward with the budget as presented at that meeting.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Russell

“TO support the concept of a committee to evaluate the quality of sports fields on the Sunshine Coast.”

Carried.

1. 2016/2017 Annual Facilities Grant

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Bylaw No. 127085, in the amount of \$744,665, be read for a first time.”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Russell

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Bylaw No. 127085, in the amount of \$744,665, be read for a second time.”

Carried.

Trustees unanimously approved to a third reading of the bylaw.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Ruth

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Bylaw No. 127085, in the amount of \$744,665, be read for a third time, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

2. 2016/2017 Annual Budget

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017, in the amount of \$41,961,487, be read for a first time.”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Ruth

“THAT School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2016/2017, in the amount of \$41,961,487, be read for a second time.”

Carried.

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Carried.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Russell

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) approve the 2016/2017 Administrative Savings Plan.”

Carried.

Trustees spoke against the ministry’s requirement to submit an Administrative Savings plan and indicated that approval of the motion was made under protest.

**MOTION:** Youngusband/Pratt

“THAT the Chair write a letter to the Minister on behalf of the board, with respect to the Administrative Savings Plan and our resistance to approve the plan in light of the

unfunded exempt staff compensation increases and other costs incurred by districts.  
This will definitely have an effect on student learning and the services we provide.”

Carried.

iii. Committee of the Whole – April 26, 2016

The notes were submitted as written.

iv. Policy Committee – April 26, 2016

The notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Ruth

“To strike item 3.19 from Policy 3 (Role of the Trustee)”

Carried.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Youngusband

“... Consequently, the Board of Trustees of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) supports individual trustees making ~~general~~, anonymous, un-targeted donations to the school district as a whole”

Carried.

Opposed: Dixon, Russell, Ruth

The motion carried as the chair elected to vote in favour, thereby changing the result of the vote.

v. Education Committee Notes – April 27, 2016

The notes were submitted as written.

**MOTION:** Pratt/Ruth

“TO receive the reports.”

Carried.

#76. Correspondence

a. M. Lebeau – Adult Basic Education

**MOTION:** Russell/Mewhort

“TO receive the correspondence.”

Carried.

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

- There were no questions from the public.

#78. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on June 14, 2016.

**MOTION:** Mewhort/Pratt

“TO approve the committee agendas as presented.”

Carried.

Opposed: G. Russell

#79. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Pratt/Mewhort

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer