



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

Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 7:00 pm  
School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth, Board Chair; S. Leech, Vice-Chair; A. Amaral, Trustee; M. Hampvent, Trustee; S. Haines, Trustee; S. Girard, Trustee; J. Carroll, Student Trustee

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; K. Kerr, Director of Instruction; P. Bishop, Director of Instruction; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: T. Ste. Marie, Trustee

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

2. Celebrating Education: Gibsons Elementary Rainbow Crosswalk - D. Luporini

Gibsons Elementary students, Melyssa Verhoeven, Jonathan Holliday, and Maya Karagianis, reported on their class' efforts to gain the support of their school and the community to create a rainbow crosswalk at their school. The students reported that they took their inspiration from "*Pride*" author Robin Stevenson, who visited their school in February and spoke on LGBTQ issues. After that presentation, students in Colleen Hourigan's grade 4/5 class approached their teacher with the idea of a rainbow crosswalk at the school. The students managed the project through all steps, from sharing their idea at PAC meetings and with district staff, to fundraising for supplies. The crosswalk, completed at the end of the 2018-19 school year, now serves as a welcoming reminder of the school's acceptance of all students.

3. Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

- There were no questions from the public.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

**Moved:** Leech

**Seconded:** Girard

**MOTION:** "THAT the agenda of October 9, 2019 be adopted."

**Carried**

5. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

- a. Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019
- b. Record of Closed Meeting of September 11, 2019

**Moved:** Amaral

**Seconded:** Haines

**MOTION:** "THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of September 11, 2019, be approved."

**Carried**

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking shared two poems from the student writing anthology, *Coastal Voices*, and reported on events and activities that support the strategic plan, including:

- The administration of the Kindergarten survey of learning,
- Student and staff participation in Terry Fox Runs,
- Student involvement in Club Days at Chatelech Secondary School,
- Commencement of the Train in Trades Auto Service Tech and Professional Cook Programs,
- Mental Health First Aid certification courses offered by District Support Services,
- District celebration of World Teacher Day,
- Participation in the Family Engagement Dinner,
- Sharing the new Strategic Plan at PAC meetings,
- Recognition of Orange Shirt Day on September 30th,
- Continuation of the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre program for all grade 3 students,
- Recent events for international students.

Superintendent Bocking's full report is available in the agenda package of October 9, 2019.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.c. - Core Competencies

Director Kerr spoke to her written report, highlighting the shift to competency based Individual Education Plans (IEP) and shared next steps for the school district.

2. Goal 2.e. - Positive Partnerships

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report, highlighting the district's options for student reporting, the newly developed district website, the upcoming family engagement dinner series and the district's various early learning programs.

c. Administrative Regulations in Circulation

Details regarding the administrative regulations in circulation can be found in the committee notes of meetings taking place on September 24, 2019. New and

revised regulations will circulate for an eight (8) week period and regulations being repealed will circulate for a four (4) week period.

1. Reg. 1240 - Research Studies
  2. Reg. 1250 - Review of Educational Materials
  3. Reg. 1270 - Selection of Learning Resources
  4. Reg. 1300 - Student Records
  5. Reg. 2030 - Communication Protocol for Outside Agencies
  6. Reg. 2120 - Selection and Appointment of Senior Executive
- d. Secretary-Treasurer's Report
1. Larger Cheques Written in September 2019  
The report was submitted as written.
  2. Enrollment Report  
Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared a handout detailing preliminary enrollment information for the district and highlighted:
    - a decline in the total number of English Language Learners (ELL), and
    - a small increase in overall enrollment from the prior year.The draft report will be included as an addendum to the electronic agenda package.
- e. Board Report
- The report was submitted as written.
- Chair Ruth invited trustees to share reports on their activities throughout the month:
- Trustee Girard reported on her participation at the Climate Action Forum.
  - Trustee Haines reported on PAC meetings at Halfmoon Bay Elementary and Pender Harbour Secondary.
  - Trustee Hampvent reported on an event taking place at the longhouse and shared plans to attend the family engagement dinner and the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council meeting.
  - Trustee Amaral attended the Chatelech PAC meeting.
  - Vice-Chair Leech reported on a meeting between the chair, vice-chair, Superintendent, and the Town of Gibsons' Mayor and Councillor.
  - Chair Ruth reported on her attendance at the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education event on November 4th.
- More information on the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education is available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/teach/excellence-in-education>
1. BCSTA Report  
Trustee Hampvent spoke to the two motions being presented for consideration at the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting:

- a motion to improve the availability of resources on the topic of student health in relation to vaping and e-cigarettes and to improve access to cessation programs.
- a motion to delay the requirement for enrolment of international students to the MSP program until the 2020/21 school year.

2. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Amaral indicated there were no items to report.

3. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Carroll shared items of conversation at a recent DSLT meeting, where members discussed potential topics for the upcoming student forum on October 29th. Student Trustee Carroll will report back on the mock election planned at Elphinstone Secondary at the November board meeting.

f. Committee of the Whole Notes

The notes were submitted as written.

Trustee Amaral noted that the concerns raised at Committee of the Whole relating to Regulation 2120 were in regard to the formation of the committee, in addition to the number of members on the committee.

g. Education Committee Notes

Trustee Amaral spoke to the committee meeting notes.

h. Operations Committee Notes

Trustee Hampvent spoke to the committee notes.

**Moved:** Haines

**Seconded:** Hampvent

**MOTION:** "TO receive the reports."

**Carried**

7. Correspondence

a. R. Emerson - Educational Assistants & School Supplies - September 3, 2019

**Moved:** Haines

**Seconded:** Hampvent

**MOTION:** "TO receive the correspondence."

**Carried**

8. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A member of the audience asked for clarification regarding the process for responding to correspondence, specifically who replied to the letter from R. Emerson and whether the board was consulted in that response. Chair Ruth responded that the chair responds to correspondence addressed to the board

and that correspondence received was shared with all trustees prior to issuing a response.

- A member of the press asked for information on the implication of the province's requirement that international students register for the MSP program. Director Bishop reported that the district is paying the costs on behalf of four (4) international students.
- A member of the press asked if there was any movement towards reinstatement of the RCMP School Liaison officer. Superintendent Bocking reported that the position remained vacant at the time of the meeting.
- A member of the press asked for additional information on the concerns raised at Committee of the Whole regarding Regulation 2120. Superintendent Bocking reported that the discussion surrounded the formation of the hiring committee described in the regulation, specifically whether it was appropriate for principals to be on the hiring committee for executive staff, and reported that any edits to the regulation would be brought forward upon completion of the circulation phase.

9. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on November 13, 2019.

a. Committee Agendas

Trustee Haines requested that the agenda setting committee consider looking into the feasibility of paperless board meetings.

**Moved:** Amaral

**Seconded:** Girard

**MOTION:** "TO approve the committee agendas."

**Carried**

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**Moved:** Amaral

**Seconded:** Hampvent

**MOTION:** "TO adjourn."

**Carried**

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Pammila Ruth - Board Chair

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Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer