

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION (SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)
Held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 P.M.,
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: S. White, Chair; D. Mewhort, Vice-Chair; F. Heppell;
L. Fielding; J. Scott; K. Sinnott; G. Russell

STAFF: D. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools
T. Hierck, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
D. Ready, Secretary-Treasurer
C. McPhedran, Confidential Secretary

#91 Call to Order

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

Chair White acknowledged the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Squamish Nation. He welcomed the audience.

#92 Presentation (10 minutes in total)

Universal Design – Sandy Magnussen

Sandy Magnussen, Teacher at Halfmoon Bay Elementary, spoke to the Board about the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Project. Halfmoon Bay Elementary School was one of seven schools in BC that was successful in receiving a financial grant from Special Education Technology BC for a UDL Project. UDL focuses on how to design curriculum for a diverse group of learning styles.

Chair White thanked Sandy Magnussen for her presentation and commended her for the work that has been done with this program. He said, that while visiting Halfmoon Bay Elementary School, he had the opportunity to view the Smart Board and found it very impressive.

#93 Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

No questions were asked.

#94 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Sinnott/Heppell

“That the agenda be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#95 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Mewhort/Heppell

“That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2010, Record of the Closed Meeting of March 16, 2010 and the minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of April 6, 2010 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#96 Reports

(a) Executive Report:

In addition to the information items included in the report, the following topics were reviewed with trustees:

ACTION ITEMS

(1) Roberts Creek Full Day Kindergarten Space – Capital Project Bylaw No. 126153

Secretary-Treasurer explained the bylaw being submitted for approval.

MOTION: Russell/Mewhort

“That School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126153 be read for a first time.”

Carried.

MOTION: Fielding/Russell

“That School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126153 be read for a second time.”

Carried.

MOTION: Russell/Fielding

“That the board unanimously agrees to move to the third reading of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126153.”

Carried.

MOTION: Russell/Fielding

“That School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126153 be read for a third time, passed and adopted the 13th day of April, 2010.”

(2) Full Day Kindergarten for 2010/11

Superintendent Palmer provided a summary of the Ministry’s intentions to move forward with full day kindergarten in the 2010/11 school year, with a commitment to

fund half of the students attending. The Ministry asked for districts to apply for this first year's pilot programme. She reported that six schools showed interest and since that time meetings have taken place with kindergarten and primary teachers, elementary principals and district staff in which a variety of options were discussed.

The options were presented to the Board and discussion followed.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“That the Board approve Option #3 (Use close to the allocated total for the schools who originally requested to be in the pilot: West Sechelt, Kinnikinnick, Davis Bay, Gibsons and Langdale) with the inclusion of Madeira Park Elementary.”

Further discussion followed.

Carried.

Superintendent Palmer reported that Debbie Amaral, District Principal of Student Support Services, is this year's recipient of the Hazel Davy Award. This award is presented at the annual Special Education Association Crosscurrents Conference to recognize an individual's professional contribution to special education in the province of British Columbia.

(b) Chair's Report

As submitted.

Chair White reported that during a visit to the Sechelt Alternative School he had a chance to view some of the workshops and was impressed with the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) program being implemented there.

(c) Board/Committee Report:

i. Policy Committee

MOTION: Fielding/Sinnott

“That the Policy Committee review Regulation 6500 to address power outages as ‘inclement weather,’ and reflect the district practice of two-hour delayed school start for instances of unsafe roads; regulation 5670 on presenting Principal Profiles to the Board; and Regulation 4200 on revisions to the “School-Based funding model.”

Trustee Fielding gave her rationale for this motion.

Chair White added that this motion would go to the end of the policy committee's list of items that would be discussed in the next few months.

Carried.

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

Whereas the *School Act* requires that Boards of Education develop policies for evaluating employees who are not covered by a collective agreement (see attached),

Be it resolved that:

“The Policy Committee review our policies regarding the evaluation of employees and bring forward any recommendations (if required) to ensure compliance with the Act.”

Carried.

ii. Education Committee

As submitted.

iii. DPAC Meeting, March 25, 2010 – Minutes

As submitted. The next meeting will be at Chatelech Secondary School on April 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Russell/Mewhort

“That the reports be received.”

Carried.

#97 Correspondence

(a) Ida Chong, FCGA

As submitted.

(b) Phyllis Simon and Kelly McKinnon, Vancouver Kidsbooks

As submitted.

(c) Kathryn Shoemaker, B.C. Coalition for School Libraries

As submitted.

(d) Donna Shugar, Sunshine Coast Regional District

Chair White commented about the letter written to the SCR.D.

(e) Norm Blair, President, SCYSA

MOTION: Russell/Sinnott

“That the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#98 New Business

(a) Intergovernmental Meeting.

Chair White asked the trustees for submission ideas for the agenda.

#99 Questions and Inquiries From the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

No questions were asked.

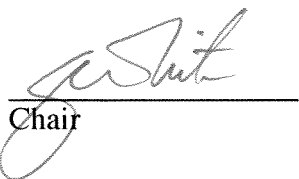
#100 Next Meeting

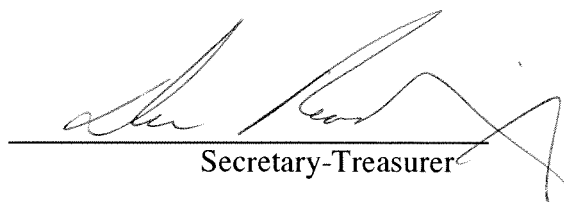
The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

#101 Adjournment

MOTION: Fielding/Mewhort

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Chair


Secretary-Treasurer