

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION (SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)**
Held on Tuesday, May 11 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; G. Russell

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

ABSENT: Trustee K. Sinnott

#102 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

At this meeting the role of Chair was assumed by Trustee Mewhort.

Chair Mewhort acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional lands of the Squamish Nation and he welcomed members of the audience.

#103 Presentation – Community Literacy Plan (*10 minutes in total*)

K. Mahlman, Principal of District Aboriginal Program and Services; S. Middleton, Literacy BC; B. Craig, District Literacy Resource Teacher and B. Benmore, District Numeracy Resource Teacher provided a very informative presentation outlining the Community Literacy Plan.

Trustee White commented that the two websites, www.sunshinecoastliteracy.org and www.allnationscoast.net are excellent sites to visit.

Chair Mewhort thanked them for their presentation.

#104 Public Question Period (*10 minutes in total*)

An audience member asked when the Lice Regulation and the Coaching Regulation would be presented at a board meeting.

Superintendent Palmer explained the delay and said she anticipates them being presented in the June 8, 2010 Public Board Meeting.

J. Garrels, President Sunshine Coast Teachers' Association (SCTA) inquired if written guidelines are being prepared to outline the annexing of Sechelt/Kinnikinnick/Davis Bay schools.

Superintendent Palmer replied that this is a work in progress.

An audience member asked if the Lice Regulation could be made public in ways other than the school board website.

Discussion followed with Superintendent Palmer explaining the process of how regulations are made available to all centres and to the Parent Council Advisories (PAC). Superintendent Palmer gave assurances that the various centres would be reminded to follow this procedure.

#105 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Fielding/Heppell

“That the agenda be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#106 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Russell/White

“That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2010, Record of the Closed Meeting of April 13, 2010 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#107 Reports

(a) Executive Report:

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Neighbourhoods of Learning Centres

MOTION: Russell/White

“That the Board apply for the **Community Connections Funding** to further investigate the potential of a **Neighbourhoods of Learning**.”

Discussion took place with suggested modifications to the wording of the motion as noted above.

Carried.

2. Calendar 2010-11

Assistant Superintendent Hierck briefly reviewed the calendar for the 2010-11 school year.

MOTION: Fielding/Russell

“That the calendar for the 2010-11 school year be approved as presented.”

Carried.

Trustee White made an inquiry about the Junior B Hockey Team mentioned in Assistant Superintendent Hierck's report.

Assistant Superintendent Hierck explained that this could generate more students for Elphinstone Secondary. He reported that if it were to progress, there would be an announcement in the local paper.

Superintendent Palmer concluded the Executive Report by extending the district's condolences to the Pomfret family for the sudden loss of Jay Pomfret, husband/father and an employee of the district's Maintenance Department.

(b) Chair's Report

As submitted.

Trustee White commented on the motions presented at the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting 2010 in Victoria, which were attached to his report.

(c) Board/Committee Report:

i. Policy Committee

1. MOTION: White/Scott

"That Policy 2.10 be amended to read as follows:

Policy 2.10 Hiring Process for District Administration

The Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) believes that in order to achieve and maintain an outstanding educational program, the recruitment, appointment and retention of highly qualified and committed administrative personnel and district administration is essential.

The Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) further believes it to be in the best interest of our communities that the selection of district administrative personnel be as transparent and inclusive as possible."

Carried.

2. MOTION: Fielding/White

"That the catchment area for Davis Bay Elementary be expanded to include Selma Park Road and its cross streets."

Carried.

Trustee Fielding submitted the following motion:

3. MOTION: Fielding/White

“That the Board direct the Policy Committee to assemble a Trustee Orientation Handbook.”

Trustee Fielding explained that this handbook would help new trustees shorten the learning curve.

Discussion followed.

Carried.

The next Policy Committee dates and times were reported as follows:

June	1	10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
June	8	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
July	8	10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

ii. Facilities and Finance

MOTION: Mewhort/Russell

“That the statement “...and recommend a venue for receiving public input...” be deleted from the Terms of Reference as the process for receiving public input is already outlined as part of the District budget process.”

Carried.

The next meeting of the Facilities and Finance Committee will be held on May 20, 2010 from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

iii. Education Committee

As submitted.

The next meeting of the Education Committee will be on May 27, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION: Russell/Fielding

“That the reports be received.”

Carried.

#108 Correspondence

- (a) Norm Blair, Sunshine Coast Arts and Recreation Foundation.

Trustee White reviewed the letter. The following motion was given.

MOTION: White/Fielding

“To refer questions regarding the Sunshine Coast Arts and Recreation Foundation (SCYSA) to staff.”

Carried.

MOTION: Fielding/Russell

“That the correspondence be received.”

Carried.

#109 New Business

- (a) Budget Consultation Notes.

As submitted.

- (b) Trustee Scott – Motion

MOTION: Scott/Fielding

“That the Board renew our support for our smallest schools and encourage growth through a redistribution of district programs and funding.”

Trustee Scott discussed the rationale.

Although the Board values neighbourhood schools, Trustee Scott suggested that the public does not perceive this with the recent school closure. He would like the smaller schools to be given a fair chance by offering them more support. The various programs listed with his motion were discussed.

Trustee White strongly disagreed with the assumption that the Board is trying to close the smaller schools.

Using Davis Bay as one example, he said that the whole point of family groupings is to ensure equity across our district. By doing this resources can be shared.

MOTION: White/Fielding

To amend the motion to read:

“That the Board renew our support for our smallest schools and **explore the possibility** of a redistribution of district programs and funding.”

Carried.

And then the amended motion was voted on and Carried.

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

A question was asked as to why Davis Bay Elementary School was not listed on the schedule of Kindergarten Assessment attached to the Executive Report on page 17 of the agenda.

B. Benmore provided the answer that Davis Bay Elementary School assessment has already been completed.

A question was asked about the Instructional Days listed on the 2010-11 Calendar.

Superintendent Palmer reported that this is an ongoing discussion.

J. Garrels asked if the reported ferry vouchers were free or subsidized.

J. Garrels, referring to Assistant Superintendent Hierck's report, noted that the Curriculum Committee mentioned was not the SCTA committee as this committee is not in operation at this time.

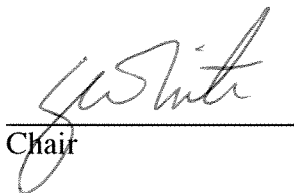
#111 Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the School Board Office on June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

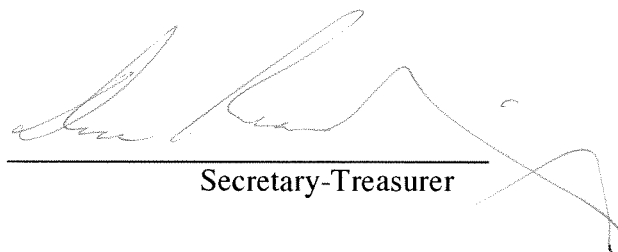
#112 Adjournment

MOTION: Mewhort

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer