

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE IN-CAMERA MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)**

**April 16, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy B.C. at 2:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee

Absent: Carol Prescott, Trustee

Lawrie Garrett, Trustee

Eric Hunter, Trustee

Danita Schmidt, Trustee

Werner Manke, Trustee

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**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
27/12**

Hunter/Field:

That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of March 12, 2012 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PUBLIC IN-CAMERA  
MINUTES  
28/12**

Field/Garrett:

That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of March 12, 2012 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
SPECIAL IN-CAMERA  
MINUTES  
29/12**

Manke/Schmidt:

That the minutes of the special in-camera meeting of April 4, 2012 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

VINTA Reply

Parent Request

FRES Principal Hiring Trustee Representative

Paperless Meetings

**ADOPTION OF THE  
AGENDA  
30/12**

Schmidt/Hunter:

That the in-camera agenda be adopted with the additions.

**CARRIED**

**LETTER TO MINISTER**

Chairperson Wishart shared a letter to the Minister drafted by Trustee Manke.

**31/12**

Hunter/Field:

That the letter to the Minister be sent as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTIONS**

Trustee Field discussed the procedure for drafting letters from the Board.

**EXCL. P.R.F. #04/12  
32/12**

Manke/Schmidt:

That Excluded P.R.F.#04/12 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

- BILL 33** Superintendent Scott Benwell reported on the February Bill 33 consultations.
- JAMES GORMAN LETTER** Dr. Benwell shared a letter from the Deputy Minister regarding the expectations around formal reports for students.
- LETTER TO VINTA AND REPLY** Dr. Benwell shared a letter that was sent to VINTA confirming the district's expectations around formal reports for students.
- CUPE 15 (7)** Superintendent Scott Benwell provided a report concerning a CUPE employee and made a recommendation to the Board.
- Trustee Garrett left the meeting declaring a possible conflict of interest.
- Mr. Martin reported to the Board that there was an investigation into allegations of misconduct by a CUPE employee.
- 33/12** Field/Manke:  
That the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation.  
**CARRIED**
- Trustee Garrett rejoined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.
- PARENT REQUEST** Superintendent Scott Benwell informed the Board of a request from a parent of a former student.
- FRES PRINCIPAL HIRING TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE** Dr. Benwell requested that one or more trustees represent the Board on the hiring committee for the FRES principal.
- VINTA P.R.F. #04/12 34/12** Field/Garrett:  
That VINTA P.R.F.#04/12 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**
- GRIEVANCE UPDATES** Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh updated the Board on Bill 33 grievances.
- CUPE P.R.F. #04/12 35/12** Manke/Hunter:  
That CUPE P.R.F.#04/12 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**
- GRIEVANCE UPDATES** Secretary-Treasurer John Martin informed the Board of a grievance involving a CUPE employee.
- WOSS PLAYGROUND** Superintendent Scott Benwell informed the Board of a complaint.
- District Principal of Special Programs Kelly Amodeo joined the

meeting.

**ITINERANT STAFFING** Ms. Amodeo reported to the Board planned changes to staffing.

Ms. Amodeo left the meeting.

**PAPERLESS MEETINGS** Secretary-Treasurer John Martin informed the Board that the District Electronics Technician was currently looking into laptop and tablet pricing to assist Trustees in their efforts to be environmentally friendly and have “paperless” meetings.

**SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION** Trustee Prescott had requested this agenda item and was not present to discuss her questions or concerns with the Board. No report was given.

**WORK EXPERIENCE PILOT PROJECT** Trustee Manke expressed his interest in the work experience pilot project.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**36/12** Hunter:  
That the in-camera meeting of April 16, 2012 be adjourned (4:13 p.m.).

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer