

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

February 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill B.C. at 3:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
07/12**

Hunter/Field:
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of January 9, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE
PUBLIC IN-CAMERA
MINUTES
08/12**

Field/Hunter:
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of January 9, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Staffing
BCSTA Council
Recognition of Service – Past Trustee

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
09/12**

Schmidt/Field:
That the in-camera agenda be adopted with the additions.

CARRIED

EXCLUDED STAFFING

Superintendent Scott Benwell discussed the current acting principalship in the District.

Dr. Benwell informed the Board that the First Nations Education Council (FNEC) has requested the District Principal of First Nations Programs be increased to 1.0 fte.

10/12

Schmidt/Manke:
That the District Principal of First Nations Programs be increased to 1.0 fte.

CARRIED

**VINTA P.R.F. #02/12
11/12**

Hunter/Manke:
That VINTA P.R.F.#02/12 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CUPE P.R.F. #02/12

Manke/Prescott:

- 12/12** That CUPE P.R.F.#02/12 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
- EXCL. P.R.F. #02/12** Prescott/Field:
13/12 That Excluded P.R.F.#02/12 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
- GRIEVANCE UPDATES** Secretary-Treasurer John Martin updated the Board on two separate CUPE grievances.
- Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh updated the board on Bill 33 grievances for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years.
- BARGAINING UPDATE** Trustee Field shared a document he received at the BCPSEA AGM regarding the current bargaining situation with the BCTF.
- Secretary-Treasurer John Martin stated that a local bargaining date has been set with CUPE for February 22nd.
- TEACHER INVESTIGATION** Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh updated the Board on a teacher investigation.
- SEA VIEW STAFFING** Ms. McIntosh informed the Board that both she and the Superintendent recently visited Sea View Elem./Jr. Secondary School to discuss next year's staffing and class configuration with the acting principal.
- JOB ACTION** Superintendent Scott Benwell explained that the Assistant Deputy Minister of Industrial Relations has been appointed to report on the current bargaining situation with the BCTF. This report is due on February 23rd. Dr. Benwell stated that administrators continue their hard work to ensure that schools function as normally as possible in difficult circumstances.
- CHESLAKEES STRONGSTART** Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh informed the Board that there had been some misunderstanding regarding the StrongStart facilitators capping enrolment. Ms. McIntosh explained that there is no cap to the number of students allowed to register in StrongStart.
- NISS GRAD UPDATE** Dr. Benwell updated the Board that the decision has been made to move the NISS graduation ceremonies back to the arena. Dr. Benwell stated that parents and community members have agreed to work with the school, assisting with security and safety.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION** Dr. Benwell presented the Board with a model for the evaluation and feedback of his performance in the position of Superintendent based on the work of the BCSSA and BCSTA. The Board agreed that the model is acceptable.

REPORT ON LEASES Secretary-Treasurer John Martin presented the Board with a list of all of the District lease agreements, summarizing locations and rent.

MEETING RECESSED The meeting was recessed from 4:35 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BCPSEA AGM Trustee Field requested he make his report on the BCPSEA AGM at the regular public meeting.

BCSTA COUNCIL Trustee Hunter informed the Board that, at the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council meetings, he will be asked to vote on a motion requesting that the government intervene in the current dispute and lack of resolution.

Trustee Manke left the meeting declaring a possible conflict of interest.

14/12 Prescott/Field:
That Trustee Hunter represent School District 85 with a vote of “no” at the upcoming Provincial Council meeting to the motion requesting that the government intervene in the current dispute and lack of resolution.

CARRIED

Trustee Manke rejoined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF SCERVICE Trustee Prescott asked that the Board publically recognize and honour past Trustees for years of dedicated service to the Board.

15/12 Prescott/Field:
That the Board recognize past trustees for long term service to the board of 15 years or more.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT Schmidt:
16/12 That the in-camera meeting of February 13, 2012 be adjourned (5:53 p.m.).

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer