

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

**January 9, 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 3:02 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

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**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
01/12**

Hunter/Prescott:  
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of December 5, 2011 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PUBLIC IN-CAMERA  
MINUTES  
02/12**

Garrett/Prescott:  
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of December 5, 2011 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

Teacher Investigation  
School Plans  
English at PHSS  
NISS Grad 2012

**ADOPTION OF THE  
AGENDA  
03/12**

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

**CARRIED**

**STUDENT DEATH**

Superintendent Scott Benwell spoke to the Board on the recent death of a student.

**VINTA P.R.F. #01/12  
04/12**

Prescott/Hunter:  
That VINTA P.R.F.#01/12 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**EXCL. P.R.F. #01/12  
05/12**

Prescott/Manke:  
That Excluded P.R.F.#01/12 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**GRIEVANCE UPDATES**

Ms. McIntosh updated the Board on a VINTA grievance regarding prep time for non-enrolling teachers that has been settled.

Secretary-Treasurer, John Martin, updated the Board on a grievance with a CUPE employee that is currently at Step Three of the grievance process.

**BARGAINING UPDATE** Secretary-Treasurer John Martin had nothing new to inform the Board in regards to CUPE bargaining. Dates to resume local bargaining will be set in the near future.

Trustee Field confirmed with the Board that receipt of information does not place a person in conflict of interest.

**SCHOOL PLANS** Trustees discussed what they would like to see during the presentation of School Plans. Superintendent Scott Benwell offered to bring the matter to the next Principals' meeting and to ask administrators for their input.

**TEACHER INVESTIGATION** Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh informed the Board of a teacher investigation that is currently underway.

**ENGLISH AT PHSS** Trustee Hunter spoke to the Board about Senior English at Port Hardy Secondary School and the absence of Shakespearean literature in the curriculum.

**LETTER TO THE OMBUDSPERSON** Superintendent Scott Benwell shared his response to the request for information from the B.C Ombudsperson.

**EVES** Superintendent Scott Benwell updated the Board on the temporary administrative status of Eagle View Elementary School.

**JOB ACTION UPDATE** Superintendent Scott Benwell had nothing new to report in the area of job action. Dr. Benwell stated that supervision by excluded staff continues as usual.

**NISS GRAD 2012** Trustee Manke informed the Board that many community members are upset with a decision to change the location of the NISS graduation ceremonies.

**ADJOURNMENT  
06/12** Prescott:  
That the in-camera meeting of January 9, 2012 be adjourned (4:10 p.m.).

**CARRIED**