

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

March 12, 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 3:15 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

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

R.O.S.E Evening Date
Teacher Investigation
Trustee Expenditure

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
17/12**

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

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
18/12**

Manke/ Schmidt:
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of February 13, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE
PUBLIC IN-CAMERA
MINUTES
19/12**

Hunter/Manke:
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of February 13, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE
SPECIAL IN-CAMERA
MINUTES
20/12**

Prescott/Field:
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of March 1, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin reported to the Board that the funding for small rural schools will be increased for next year and recommended that a motion be made at the regular board meeting to discontinue the school closure process for Woss Lake Elementary School.

R.O.S.E.EVENING DATE

Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh invited trustees to attend the District's annual R.O.S.E. evening on June 23, 2013.

**VINTA P.R.F. #03/12
21/12**

Field/Prescott:
That VINTA P.R.F.#03/12 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

EXCL. P.R.F. #03/12 22/12	Field/Garrett: That Excluded P.R.F.#03/12 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED
GRIEVANCE UPDATES	Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh updated the Board on Bill 33 grievances.
BARGAINING UPDATES	No report
FRES PRINCIPAL HIRING PROCESS	Superintendent Scott Benwell outlined the hiring process for a new principal.
BOARD MEETING STRUCTURE	Superintendent Scott Benwell proposed changes to the structure of board meetings.
TEACHER INVESTIGATION	Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh informed the Board of a teacher investigation.
TRUSTEE EXPENDITURE	Trustee Manke requested that trustees be able to purchase laptops through payroll deductions over their three year terms, to assist with “paperless” meetings.
23/12	Manke/Schmidt: That Trustees be able to purchase laptops through payroll deductions over a three year term. CARRIED
JOB ACTION	Superintendent Scott Benwell reported that teachers had withdrawn services March 5-7, but so far had not chosen to exercise their right to strike for an additional day. Dr. Benwell also reported that excluded staff were continuing with supervision
RATIFICATION OF CUPE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT	Secretary-Treasurer John Martin was pleased to report that local CUPE 2045 had ratified the Memorandum of Agreement that was negotiated.
24/12	Manke/Prescott: That the Board ratify the CUPE local 2045 Memorandum of Agreement. CARRIED
SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION	Dr. Benwell presented Trustees each with an evaluation form for feedback on his performance as Superintendent.
MEETING RECESSED	The meeting was recessed from 4:15 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.
ECHO BAY 25/12	That the Secretary-Treasurer look into the most cost effective way to dispose of the two School District buildings at Echo Bay

School and the useful repurposing of on-site equipment.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT
26/12**

Schmidt:

That the in-camera meeting of March 12, 2012 be adjourned
(5:25 p.m.).

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer