

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

September 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Field, Acting Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the school district administration office, Port Hardy B.C. at 4:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Ann Hory, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Victor Tracy, Trustee

Absent: Leighton Wishart, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
58/11**

Hunter/Manke:
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of July 4, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE
PUBLIC IN-CAMERA
MINUTES
59/11**

Manke/Hunter:
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of July 4, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Port Alice Parent Request
Fort Rupert Parent Requests
Home Schooling Accountability

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
60/11**

Hory/Hunter:
That the in-camera agenda be adopted with the additions.

CARRIED

**INSURANCE ADJUSTER
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received a letter from its insurance adjusters regarding a potential claim.

STRIKE NOTICE

Dr. Scott Benwell, Superintendent of Schools, informed the Board of the BCTF's formal notice of strike action that took effect on September 3, 2011 and commenced in schools on September 6, 2011.

**PARENT REQUEST
NON-
NEIGHBOURHOOD
SCHOOL WOSS**

Ms. Katherine McIntosh, Assistant Superintendent, informed the Board of a parent's request to enrol her child at a non-neighbourhood school, due to health and safety concerns. Ms. McIntosh recommended the Board approve the parent's request.

Trustees discussed the implications of moving a student out of Woss and a possible school closure in the future.

- 61/11** Hory/Tracy:
That the request to enrol the student in question at a non-neighbourhood school be approved. **CARRIED**
- VINTA P.R.F. #9/11**
62/11 Hory/Tracy:
That VINTA P.R.F.#9/11 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**
- CUPE P.R.F. #9/11**
63/11 Hory/Hunter:
That CUPE P.R.F.#9/11 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**
- EXCLUDED P.R.F.#9/11**
64/11 Hory/Prescott:
That the Excluded P.R.F.#9/11 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**
- PRINCIPAL RECOGNITION**
Scott Benwell requested that the Board recognize Mr. Frank MacLean in the form of remuneration for his service as the Acting Principal of EVES in the previous school year.
- 65/11** Hunter/Hory:
That Frank MacLean receive an increase in salary from Step 3 to Step 2 of the administration's salary scale for the period of April 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011. **CARRIED**
- BILL 33**
Katherine McIntosh updated the Board on outstanding Bill 33 grievances. Meeting with VINTA will be held in an attempt to resolve the grievances related to class size and composition.
- WOSS ENROLMENT**
Scott Benwell asked the Board to look at the enrolment numbers for WLES again in the fall with the possibility of starting the closure process in January 2012.
- JOB ACTION**
Scott Benwell informed the Board that relations with VINTA remain respectful and that both parties are working together to clarify issues surrounding Job Action and language. In an effort to keep families informed, letters were sent home to parents from the Board Chair and the Superintendent and links to Job Action Updates have been posted on the School District Website.
- SUPERVISION**
Scott Benwell provide the board with a draft school supervision schedule showing how excluded staff members are assisting administrators with supervision by providing additional coverage and relief time.
- LEASE AGREEMENTS**
John Martin informed the Board of new lease agreements renting out 7 rooms at RSES. There are now a total of 20 rooms at RSES that have been leased to the public. Mr. Martin also informed the

Board of a new lease agreement to rent space at FRES.

RESPONSE TO PARENT COMPLAINT

Katherine McIntosh reminded the Board of a complaint about a teacher that was made in February 2011. An investigation had found no foundation for the allegations that were made. Ms. McIntosh had recently received another letter of complaint. She presented the Board with a copy of her response.

PARENT REQUEST NON-NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL PORT ALICE

Katherine McIntosh informed the Board of a parent's request to enrol her child at a non-neighbourhood school due to social concerns. Ms. McIntosh explained to the Board that proper timelines for such requests had not been followed and recommended the Board deny the parent's request.

66/11

Tracy/Hory:

That the request to enrol the student in question at a non-neighbourhood school be denied.

CARRIED

PARENT REQUEST NON-NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL FORT RUPERT

Katherine McIntosh informed the Board of two families' requests to enrol their children at a non-neighbourhood school. It was explained to the Board that errors were made by the Administration and not by the parents of the children in question. Ms. McIntosh recommended the Board approve each request.

67/11

Tracy/Prescott:

That each requests for the two students in question to enrol at a non-neighbourhood school be approved.

CARRIED

HOMESHOOING

Trustee Tracy shared with the Board a letter that had been posted publicly regarding homeschooled students. Trustee Tracy voiced his concern that homeschooled students may not be receiving a quality education and the Ministry of Education's lack of accountability where homeschooling standards of education are concerned. Trustee Hunter agreed to bring this matter to the BCSTA Provincial Council Meetings in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT 68/11

Hory:

That the in-camera meeting of Sept 12, 2011 be adjourned (5:21 p.m.).

CARRIED