

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)**

**December 10, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

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**ELECTION OF BOARD  
CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Martin called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board for 2013.

Trustee Field nominated Trustee Wishart for the position of Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Schmidt nominated Trustee Field for the position of Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Field declined the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Wishart was declared Chairperson of the Board for 2013.

**ELECTION OF BOARD  
VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson for 2013.

Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Field for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Field was declared Vice-Chairperson of the Board for 2013.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
89/12**

Field/Manke:  
That the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

EMF Issues

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA  
90/12**

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

**CARRIED**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT ON  
ACHIEVEMENT**

Superintendent Scott Benwell presented his 2012 Report on Achievement for the Board's approval. Dr. Benwell explained that his Report on Achievement is a summary what is happening in the District. Dr. Benwell went over statistics with the Board highlighting

successes in student achievement and improvements in provincial course, exam and blended marks. Dr. Benwell also identified challenges in declining aboriginal student achievement, course-exam discrepancies, as well as declining Benchmark trends.

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Manke/Hunter:

That the Superintendent's Report on Achievement for 2012 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**CLASS SIZE REPORT**

Dr. Benwell shared a report on semester one secondary school class sizes as of October 15, 2012. Dr. Benwell stated that no classes had more than 30 students.

**LIF APPROVAL**

Dr. Benwell shared the formal letter of approval for the District's LIF spending plan.

**INQUIRY PROJECT**

Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh updated the Board on the District's progress towards becoming an inquiry based school system. She explained that the District will continue to provide training and funding to support inquiry-based learning for our teachers, administrators, and students.

**READING STRATEGY**

Ms. McIntosh updated the Board on the District's deepened focus on and funding for reading success and the target of all students meeting expectations in reading by the end of grade 5 or fully achieving the reading goals outlined in their IEP.

**DISBURSEMENTS  
NOVEMBER 2012  
92/12**

Field/Garrett:

That the November 2012 disbursement statements be approved.

**CARRIED**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS  
BYLAW**

Mr. Martin announced that the Ministry has approved the purchase of three new school buses for the District. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the school bus Capital Project Bylaw would receive all three readings at this time.

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Manke/Schmidt:

That Capital Project Bylaw 116759 receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**CARRIED**

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Manke/Field:

That Capital Project Bylaw 116759 receive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**CARRIED**

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Field/Schmidt:

That Capital Project Bylaw 116759 receive 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

**CARRIED**

**LONG-TERM**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin presented a long-term financial

**FINANCIAL  
PLANNING  
97/12**

planning guide to be used to help draft the budget.

Hunter/Manke:

That the Long-Term Financial Planning Guide be approved for upcoming budget discussions with schools and partner groups.

**CARRIED.**

**ELECTIONS OF  
BCSTA PROVINCIAL  
COUNCIL  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2013.

Trustee Field nominated Trustee Hunter for the position of BCSTA Council Representative. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Hunter was declared BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2013.

**ELECTION OF BCSTA  
PROVINCIAL  
COUNCIL  
ALTERNATE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate for 2013.

Chairperson Wishart nominated Trustee Manke for the position of BCSTA Council Alternate. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Manke was declared BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate for 2013.

**ELECTION OF  
BCPSEA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2013.

Trustee Hunter nominated Trustee Field for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2013. Trustee Schmidt nominated Trustee Prescott for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2013.

Trustee Prescott was elected BCPSEA Representative for 2013 by ballot.

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Field/Manke:

That the ballots for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2013 be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

**ELECTION OF  
BCPSEA  
ALTERNATE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative Alternate for 2013.

Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Field for the position of BCPSEA Alternate. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Field was declared BCPSEA Alternate for 2013.

**EMF ISSUES**

Trustee Manke questioned the safety of electro-magnetic frequency emissions from wireless internet signals.

**TRUSTEE SHARING**

Trustee Field enjoyed the visit to Fort Rupert School and was pleased to see the addition of a new grade 5 division. He was amazed at the energy the Kindergarten teacher displayed.

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the cultural and drama programs at the school.

Trustee Garrett enjoyed his visit very much.

Trustee Manke was impressed with the school tour. He stated that NISS had its first ever Fun Fair. The Fun Fair was very successful and was a great way to get parents into the school.

Trustee Schmidt was inspired by the school plan presentation and the energy the principal brings to the school.

Trustee Hunter enjoyed the school visit. He is please to represent the Board as this year's BCSTA representative.

**DPAC  
REPRESENTATIVE  
VINTA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

No DPAC representative.

VINTA President, Fred Robertson, thanked the Board for its work and wished everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas break.

**CUPE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

No CUPE representative.

**ADJOURNMENT  
97/12**

Prescott:  
That the regular meeting of December 10, 2012 be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer