

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

**December 14, 2015**

**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 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee  
Eric Hunter, Trustee  
Werner Manke, Trustee  
Carol Prescott, Trustee  
Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

Absent: Danita Schmidt, Trustee

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<b>RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES</b>	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.
<b>BOARD ELECTIONS</b>	It was agreed that Board elections be postponed until the January meeting so all trustees could be present.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES 90/15</b>	Hunter/Manke: That the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting be adopted. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</b>	No additions
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA 91/15</b>	Field/Prescott: That the agenda be adopted as circulated. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>FORESTRY ACADEMY PRESENTATION</b>	Vice-principal Adrian Pendergast and three Port Hardy Secondary students presented on the SD85 Forestry Academy Program that ran for the first time in October. Students shared their experience in the two-week program, describing the things they liked best and the things that could be done to further improve the program.
<b>BC LIONS SKILLS FOR LIFE PRESENTATION</b>	Child and Youth Care worker Dylan Swain, along with two Eke Me-Xi students shared their experience as participants in this year's BC Lions' Skills for Life Summit in November. Students attended a BC Lions game, an all-day skills workshop and participated in a dragon boat activity.
<b>BEAR SMART PRESENTATION</b>	Port Hardy Councillor Denis Dugas presented on the District of Port Hardy's Bear Smart program. Mr. Dugas invited SD85 to become involved in District's Bear Smart initiative by purchasing bear-proof garbage bins for schools.

- BCSSA** Superintendent Scott Benwell brought a team of administrators with him to the BCSSA Fall Conference. The conference allowed the team the opportunity to participate in the sharing of ideas and practice from around the Province.
- CRIMINOLOGY – DUAL CREDIT** Dr. Benwell reported that this is the second year of a three year agreement with the Vancouver Island West and Qualicum school district to offer a dual credit Criminology 101 course through NIC. The course is being offered in the second semester and will align with the high school timetable.
- ICSEI 2016** Dr. Benwell will be attending the International Congress of School Effectiveness and Improvement Conference in Glasgow Scotland in January along with a consortium from 25% of BC school districts. The conference is being paid for through personal expense and professional development funds.
- NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS** Dr. Benwell thanked VINTA and VINTA President Shawn Gough for their part in planning for the two non-instructional days that will support the implementation of the new curriculum. A revised calendar was distributed.
- DISBURSEMENTS: NOVEMBER 2015 92/15** Field/Hunter:  
That the November 2015 disbursement statements be approved.  
**CARRIED**
- ROUTINE CAPITAL BYLAW** Secretary-Treasurer John Martin presented the Routine Capital Project Bylaw No. 127050 for approval. The bylaw will provide up to \$520,000 in funding support to upgrade HVAC systems at PHSS. It was unanimously agreed to by trustees that the bylaw receive all 3 readings at this time.
- 93/15** Field/Prescott:  
That the Capital Projects Budget Bylaw No. 127050 receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading.  
**CARRIED**
- 94/15** Field/Prescott:  
That the Capital Projects Budget Bylaw No. 127050 receive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.  
**CARRIED**
- 95/15** Field/Prescott:  
That the Capital Projects Budget Bylaw No. 127050 receive 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.  
**CARRIED**
- DUCKS UNLIMITED REQUEST** Mr. Martin shared a request from the Ducks Unlimited North Island Chapter asking that policy be waived to allow alcohol to be served at the

annual Ducks Unlimited dinner and auction planned for February 27, 2016 at Sunset School.

**96/15**

Field/Prescott:

That the policy be waived to permit the serving of alcohol at the Ducks Unlimited dinner and auction to be held in the Sunset gymnasium on February 27, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**BCPSEA**

Trustee Field will be attending the BCPSEA AGM in January.

**BCSTA**

There was no BCSTA report

**FNEC**

FNEC met on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting focussed on a conference call with the Office of the Auditor General to discuss the recently released Auditor General's Report on Aboriginal Education.

**TRUSTEE SHARING**

Trusteed Skrlac wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Manke was pleased to see the progress taking place at Eagle View and how everyone there is working together to move things in the same direction.

Trustee Hunter was almost late for the school visit due to a leaky ferry.

Trustee Field enjoyed the school visit. He appreciated the direction the school was taking and the principal's forthrightness in presenting the data. He enjoyed spending time in the primary classes and was amazed at the energy and patience of the primary teachers as well as the use of technology in the classrooms.

Trustee Prescott liked seeing literacy and numeracy being taught together as students created math stories. She was pleased to hear, during the Trustee Academy, a member of the Office of the Auditor General refer to their visit to SD85 as profound. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Chairperson Wishart visited four classrooms during the school visit to Eagle View. He also spent time in the library where students were helping to weed the stacks.

**DPAC  
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Chair Miranda Berry was happy to report that DPAC is up and running. DPAC is currently looking into food program opportunities that would help students become more self-sufficient, educated and involved in the production, preparation and serving of the foods they eat.

**VINTA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough requested that trustees write a letter to the Ministry asking that more money be committed to the two non-

instructional days so that TTOCs and part-time teachers can attend the sessions with pay.

He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

**CUPE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**ADJOURNMENT  
97/15**

Field:

That the regular meeting of December 14, 2015 be adjourned at 7:20p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer