

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

December 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Field, Vice-Chairperson, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee

Absent: Leightan Wishart, Chairperson
Absent: Carol Prescott, Trustee

**ACKNOWLEDGE-
MENT**

The Board opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Vice-Chair Field announced that elections would be postponed until the January meeting when all trustees could be present.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
104/13**

Hunter/Manke:
That the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Eke Me-Xi Learning Centre
Meeting with Ministry – NISS Heating

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
105/13**

Schmidt/Hunter:
That the agenda be adopted with additions.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Vice-Chair Field shared two items of correspondence for the Board's information.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT ON
ACHIEVEMENT**

Superintendent Scott Benwell presented his 2013 Report on Achievement for the Board's approval. Dr. Benwell explained that his Report on Achievement is a summary of the successes and challenges in the District. Dr. Benwell was pleased to report "best ever" results in many areas of achievement.

106/13

Schmidt/Manke:
That the Superintendent's Report on Achievement for 2013 be approved.
CARRIED

INFO BRIEF

Dr. Benwell was pleased to share the third issue of "Info Brief".

**6-YEAR
COMPLETION RATES**

Dr. Benwell shared documents that illustrate six-year completion rates for the District and how they compare to Provincial rates.

EKE ME-XI

Dr. Benwell thanked the Board for its support of Eke Me-Xi Learning

LEARNING CENTRE	Centre and its continued growth and success, and announced the Board's approval of a site-based administrator for the Learning Centre.
DISBURSEMENTS NOVEMBER 2013 106/13	Schmidt/Manke: That the November 2013 disbursement statements be approved. CARRIED
CAPITAL PROJECTS BYLAW 107/13	Mr. Martin announced that the Ministry has approved the purchase of two 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. Schmidt/Hunter: That Capital Project Bylaw 116932 receive 1 st reading. CARRIED
108/13	Schmidt/Hunter: That Capital Project Bylaw 116932 receive 2 nd reading. CARRIED
109/13	Schmidt/Hunter: That Capital Project Bylaw 116932 receive 3 rd reading. CARRIED
MINISTRY MEETING	Mr. Martin reported on a meeting with Ministry officials asking for approval to carry over two years of annual facilities funding to finance the heating upgrades to NISS. Mr. Martin explained that it is currently against Ministry policy to allow a carryover of capital funding. The Ministry officials agreed to take the request to the treasury board and ask that an exception be made.
CORE REVIEW	CORE review will be brought to the January meeting for discussion.
TRUSTEE SHARING	Trustee Manke enjoyed the visit to Fort Rupert, being in the classroom and seeing such creative learners. Trustee Garrett enjoyed the Family Math Night at A.J. Elliott. Trustee Hunter enjoyed having a young student read to him during the school visit.
BCPSEA	Trustee Schmidt attended her first BCPSEA conference. She learned much about bargaining and expressed her appreciation for Mr. Martin and the work he does.
BCSTA	Trustee Hunter reminded trustees that January 17 th is the deadline for motions for the upcoming Provincial Council meeting.
FNEC	FNEC November and December meetings minutes were circulated for

the Board's information.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

No DPAC representative.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President, Fred Robertson, was unable to attend but sent a message wishing everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas break.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

CUPE Local 401 representative Colleen Martin wished everyone a Merry Christmas on behalf of the Local. She reported that CUPE 401 ratified the Collective Agreement, thanked the Board for supporting a CUPE wage increase, and stated that CUPE 401 looks forward to a continued good working relationship with the Board.

Mr. Martin announced that the Board had ratified the CUPE agreement at its in-camera meeting and that he will be informing BCPSEA.

**ADJOURNMENT
110/13**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of December 9, 2013 be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer