

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

February 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill, B.C. at 6:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee

Absent: Werner Manke, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
08/13**

Field/Schmidt:
That the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Energy Management
FNEC report (tabled)

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
09/13**

Schmidt/Hunter:
That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**PHSS SPRING BREAK
TRIP TO BELIZE
10/13**

Field/Schmidt:
That the Port Hardy Secondary School Travel Club trip to Belize for March 16-25, 2013 receive final approval.

CARRIED

**NISS SPRING BREAK
TRIP TO BELIZE
11/13**

Prescott/Field:
That the North Island Secondary School Travel Club trip to Belize for March 16-25, 2013 receive final approval.

CARRIED

**LETTER FROM THE
MINISTER**

Trustee Field shared a letter from the Minister acknowledging that requested saving cannot be generated without either reducing service levels or transferring costs to the public.

LETTER TO AANDC

Chairperson Wishart shared a letter of support for the Kwakiutl Nation's new school to be opened in September 2015.

**EVES FIELD TRIP
12/13**

Field/Schmidt:
That the Eagle View grade 6/7 overnight field trip to Mr. Cain for March 3-4, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

**EKE ME-XI FIELD
TRIP
13/13**

Prescott/Hunter:
That the Eke Me-Xi boat trip to Blunden Harbour for March 14, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

**ENROLMENT
PROJECTIONS**

Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh shared enrolment projections for the 2013-2014. She explained that the district can anticipate losing approximately 72 students next year. Consultation with principals and district staff is ongoing.

CRYR FUNDING

Ms. McIntosh announced that the Ministry of Education plans to continue to support the Changing Results for Young Readers Program for two more years. Last year, the Ministry provided funding of \$30,000 to support classroom teachers and to improve reading achievement.

**DISBURSEMENTS
JAN. 2013
14/13**

Field/Schmidt:
That the January 2013 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

**2012-2013 AMENDED
BUDGET BYLAW**

Mr. Martin presented the Board with the 2012-2013 Amended Budget Bylaw. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw would receive all 3 readings at this time.

15/13

Field/Hunter:
That the 2012-2013 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 1st reading.

CARRIED

16/13

Field/Hunter:
That the 2012-2013 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 2nd reading.

CARRIED

17/13

Field/Hunter:
That the 2012-2013 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 3rd reading.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC
CONSULTATIONS**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin asked trustees for feedback regarding the public consultation process.

It was agreed that the process is working well and that smaller communities have been well represented at the meetings.

**POLICY COMMITTEE
REPORT
18/13**

Field/Wishart:
That PM 4-80 Sexual/Personal Harassment receive 3rd reading.

CARRIED

VINTA President Fred Robertson will arrange presentations to support new policies on both LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Questioning) students and becoming a Living Wage Employer. Presentations will be planned for either the February and/or October policy meetings.

PM 5-150 Violence, Intimidation and Use of Weapons will be sent to

the District Health and Safety Committee for feedback to be brought to the next policy meeting for review.

Two policies were reviewed and amendments were proposed for Board approval. Changes reflected updated language and legislative references.

19/13

Field/Wishart:

That changes to PM 6-10 Board-Owned Accommodation be approved.

CARRIED

20/13

Field/Wishart:

That changes to PM 6-50 Community Use of School Buses be approved.

CARRIED

In an effort to replace outdated language and incorrect references to the School Act, a number of policies were reviewed and amendments were proposed for Board approval.

21/13

Field/Wishart:

That the changes to the following policies be approved:

PM 5-10 Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

PM 5-20 Administering Medicine to Students

PM 5-30 Alcohol and Other Drugs

PM 5-60 Critical Incident Response

PM 5-80 Interviews, Interrogations or Searches

PM 5-130 Student Dress Code

PM 6-50 Community Use of School Facilities

CARRIED

BCPSEA AGM

Trustee Prescott reported that she and Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh recently attended the BCPSEA AGM. Trustee Prescott stated that the AGM was very informative and that the motions to accept the BCTF/BCPSEA Agreement in Committee as presented was carried.

**USE OF TECHNOLOGY
AND ALIGNING HIGH
SCHOOL SCHEDULES**

Ms. McIntosh informed the Board that meetings have been scheduled to discuss how and when our high schools can align their timetables to increase options and choice of programs for students. Discussions will include the use of technology such as video conferencing to facilitate the delivery of programs to students at both schools as well as students in remote locations. There will also be continued discussion on developing the SD 85 Distributed Learning School and the use of technology to offer more online courses.

**ENERGY
MANAGEMENT**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin explained that the annual utilities report is not yet available to see if the energy savings plans implemented last year reduced energy costs. The report should be

available for the next meeting.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Schmidt would have enjoyed a longer visit at Alert Bay school and thought the principal did an excellent job showcasing her school.

Trustee Hunter thought the school plan presentation was very detailed. He will be attending the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council meeting in Vancouver.

Trustee Field enjoyed the Alert Bay school visit and was happy to see the old PHSS portable refurbished and being used again.

Trustee Wishart enjoyed visiting with the students and thought the staff and principal did a wonderful job with the school plan presentation.

Trustee Garrett thanked Mr. Martin for inviting him and trustee Schmidt to a recent meeting with Mount Waddington Regional District to discuss the community consultation process.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Co-Chair Penny Mills reported that DPAC held their first meeting since the Education Leadership Conference. She stated that parents have been pleased with the community consultation process and the recently announced administrative changes for next year. Ms. Mills also stated that discussions around the alignment of high school schedules have been positive as well.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Fred Robertson invited trustees to attend Friday's VINTA ProD Day organized in partnership with the First Nations Programs department. The theme of the day will be Aboriginal Education: Reconciliation and Revitalization – A Deeper Understanding.

Mr. Robertson reminded the Board that another round of bargaining has begun and a ratified framework of understanding is in place. He stated that the Provincial Government's 10 year plan for education holds little value for the BCTF and that the May election will determine the way of teacher bargaining and education.

Mr. Robertson stated that the province needs to hire 6,800 teachers to bring the teacher-student ratio up to the national average.

Mr. Robertson voiced his disappointment with the new health care plan for teachers, explaining that the new plan no longer has the same level of coverage as the previous plan did.

Mr. Robertson expressed the concerns of staff members with discussions on declining enrolment, staffing and declining funds.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

No CUPE Local 2045 representative.

**ADJOURNMENT
22/13**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of February 12, 2013 be adjourned at 7:15
p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer