

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

February 16, 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
Danita Schmidt, Trustee
Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10/15	Hunter/Manke: That the minutes of the January 12, 2014 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Ministry of Advanced Education Policy Committee Report VISTA
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 11/15	Schmidt/Field: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
BCSTA – FOCUS ON LEARNING FORUM	Superintendent Scott Benwell shared correspondence regarding the Focus on Learning Forum held January 29, 2015.
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REVIEW	Dr. Benwell shared a letter from the Ministry regarding a review of the current Grade 10-12 scholarship and awards program. Those interested are invited to submit written responses and/or participate in an online survey. Questions can be directed to: scholarships@gov.bc.ca .
2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR 12/15	Dr. Benwell presented the draft 2015-2016 school calendar that was shared with stakeholder groups for consultation and was the topic of discussion at the January Committee of the Whole meeting. Hunter/Manke: That the 2015-2016 School Calendar be approved. CARRIED
BAA COURSE APPROVALS	Dr. Benwell presented the draft Board/Authority Course Templates for North Island Forestry 11 and Outdoor Stewardship and Recreation 12.

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- 13/15 Skrlac/Field:
That the BAA Courses North Island Forestry 11 and Outdoor Stewardship and Recreation 12 be approved.
CARRIED
- DISBURSEMENTS:
DECEMBER 2014
AND JANUARY 2015
14/15** Prescott/Manke:
That the December 2014 and January 2015 disbursement statements be approved.
CARRIED
- NISS FIELD TRIP –
KAYAKING
15/15** Field/Manke:
That the North Island Secondary School kayaking field trip at Telegraph Cove in March 2015 be approved.
CARRIED
- 2014-2015 AMENDED
BUDGET BYLAW** Mr. Martin presented the Board with the 2014-2015 Amended Budget Bylaw. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw would receive all 3 readings at this time.
- 16/15 Schmidt/Manke:
That the 2014-2015 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 1st reading.
CARRIED
- 17/15 Hunter/Schmidt:
That the 2014-2015 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 2nd reading.
CARRIED
- 18/15 Manke/Schmidt:
That the 2014-2015 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 3rd reading.
CARRIED
- 2015-2016
ENROLMENT
PROJECTIONS** Mr. Martin shared current projections for next year's enrolment. Enrolment projections will be used in the upcoming weeks to determine staffing requirements at schools.
- POLICY
COMMITTEE
REPORT** A policy subcommittee met on February 10th to discuss PM 2-230 Provision of Educational Programs to Students. It was decided that little change was necessary in order for the policy to meet the needs of the district.
- 19/15 Hunter/Schmidt:
That changes to PM 2-230 Provision of Educational Programs to Students be approved.
CARRIED
- 20/15 Schmidt/Manke:
That policy PM 2-25 Animals in Schools receive first reading and be circulated for feedback.
CARRIED

21/15

Prescott/Schmidt:

That policy PM 2-26 Service Animals in Schools receive first reading and be circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

In an effort to replace outdated language and correct references to District Principal positions that no longer exist, a number of policies were reviewed and friendly amendments were made.

22/15

Hunter/Schmidt:

That the changes to the following polices be approved:

PM 2-20 Access to Networked Information

PM 2-150 Retention and Deletion of Records

PM 2-160 Students' Personal Records

PM 2-180 Integration and Inclusion

PM 2-315 Student Retention

PM 2-340 Student Transportation

PM 5-60 Critical Incident Response

PM 5-135 Suicide Intervention

PM 5-150 Violence, Intimidation and Use of Weapons

CARRIED

PM 2-315 Student Retention will be brought back to the February Policy Committee Meeting for further review.

VISTA

Chairperson Wishart informed the Board that TRB reporting has been added to the VISTA Spring Conference agenda at the Board's request.

**MINISTRY OF
ADVANCED
EDUCATION**

Trustee Schmidt informed the Board that the Ministry will no longer fund post-secondary institutions for adult learners to upgrade or complete their graduation dogwood equivalent.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the visit to A.J. Elliott School and was especially pleased to see parents engaged in their students' programs through the use of digital portfolios.

Trustee Field also expressed his appreciation for the use of technology and digital portfolios at the school.

Trustee Schmidt enjoyed seeing math being taught in a cyclic format. She enjoyed attending the Regional Gathering on Aboriginal Perspectives and Worldviews in the Classroom.

Trustee Hunter enjoyed meeting "Rapunzel" and "The Potato", two A.J. Elliott students involved in the school's Missoula Theatre production of Rapunzel. He shared that the AJES PAC has committed to raising \$3000 to have the Missoula Children's Theatre group return again next year.

Trustee Manke appreciated how the A.J. Elliott School staff worked with parents in order to implement reporting without letter grades. He

observed that parents at the school feel very well informed about their students' progress.

Chairperson Wishart enjoyed all of the great achievement taking place at the school. He noted a display at the school where students identified the things in their life that they were grateful for. Some students shared their gratitude for their school, their teacher, and their learning.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field reported on the BCPSEA AGM that he and Dr. Benwell attended. He reported that no elections were held but that a motion was passed for the public administrator to write a letter to the Premier requesting that the elected board of directors for BCPSEA be reinstated. He also reported that discussion took place regarding the shared legal services proposal and that no indication of actual cost to districts was given.

BCSTA

Trustee Hunter will be attending the upcoming Provincial Council meetings February 20-21.

FNEC

Trustee Field attended the Regional Gathering and enjoyed the blogging format used for participants to engage in the discussions.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no DPAC representative.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough encouraged trustees to attend the District Health and Safety meeting. Chairperson Wishart accepted his invitation.

Mr. Gough was pleased to see that many trustees attended the Regional Gathering and recognized the vast amount of work being accomplished on the North Island in Aboriginal Education.

He invited trustees to visit all of the schools in the District, not just on the scheduled school visit days. He also invited trustees to attend Friday's ProD day workshops.

Mr. Gough complained that by approving the 2015-2016 calendar the Board was in contravention of the VINTA collective agreement. He stated that he understood that the calendar was necessary in order to comply with the School Act.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

CUPE 401 2nd Vice-President Joanne Welch invited trustees to attend the Violence in the Workplace training workshop on March 9th or 10th.

**ADJOURNMENT
23/15**

Schmidt:

That the regular meeting of February 16, 2015 be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer