

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

**February 17, 2014**

**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

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**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
05/14**

Hunter/Garrett:  
That the minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

BC Ombudsperson Letter

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA  
06/14**

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

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairperson Wishart shared a letter from the Medical Health Officer regarding the dangers of electronic cigarettes and a report from the BC Ombudsperson's office.

**BC SUPREME COURT  
DECISION**

Superintendent Scott Benwell reported on the recent Supreme Court ruling that struck down Bills 22 and 28 and the Government's request for a stay of proceedings and appeals application. Dr. Benwell also reported that the District has submitted to the Ministry of Education, the staffing increases needed to be in compliance with pre-2002 class size and composition collective agreement language.

**JANUARY 20 IN-  
SERVICE DAY**

Dr. Benwell reported on the January 20<sup>th</sup> in-service day that focused on trades, skills and apprenticeships.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR  
2014-2015**

Dr. Benwell presented a revision of the draft 2013-2014 school calendar and asked that the Board wait until the March meeting for final approval so that DPAC has the opportunity to provide feedback.

**QTL UPDATE**

Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh updated the Board on the work of the District's QTL team and its "Big Ideas" in numeracy.

**READING STRATEGY  
UPDATE**

Ms. McIntosh shared an updated Reading Strategies Map. She reported that, in the two years since its implementation, improvement in literacy has been realized throughout the District.

<b>FIELD TRIP – EVES MT. CAIN 07/14</b>	Hunter/Field: That the Eagle View Elementary grade five overnight field trip to Mount Cain, scheduled for March 3, 2014, be approved. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS DEC. 2013 &amp; JAN. 2014 08/14</b>	Field/Hunter: That the December 2013 and January 2014 disbursement statements be approved. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>2013-2014 AMENDED BUDGET BYLAW  09/14</b>	Mr. Martin presented the Board with the 2013-2014 Amended Budget Bylaw. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw would receive all 3 readings at this time.  Garrett/Hunter: That the 2013-2014 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 1 <sup>st</sup> reading. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>10/14</b>	Garrett/Field: That the 2013-2014 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>11/14</b>	Field/Garrett: That the 2013-2014 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>2014-2015 BUDGET</b>	Mr. Martin reminded trustees that the 2014-2015 Budget will be the topic of the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Martin expects to receive information soon regarding Ministry funding.
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	Mr. Martin announced that although the District has not yet received any capital project approvals, the District is in line to receive carbon-neutral funding that will help pay for the heating upgrades at NISS.
<b>POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT  12/14</b>	PM 5-160 LGBTQ+ Non-Discrimination was re-drafted to reflect the suggestions of PHSS and NISS students who worked together to help provide the language for this policy.  Field/Garrett: That PM 5-160 LGBTQ+ Non-Discrimination receive 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading and be circulated for feedback. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>13/14</b>	Field/Prescott: That changes to PM 4-80 Respectful Workplace be approved. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>14/14</b>	Field/Prescott: That housekeeping changes to PM 5-120 Smoke Free Workplace be

approved.

**CARRIED**

**15/14**

Field/Prescott:

That any policy that refers to CUPE Local 2045 be amended to refer to CUPE Local 401.

**CARRIED**

Travel expenses have not been updated since July 2009 and are no longer in line with the Provincial Government or BCPSEA rates. Trustee Prescott suggested increasing mileage by \$0.02 per kilometer and stays in private accommodations to \$30.00 per night.

**16/14**

Field/Prescott:

That changes to PM 3-60 Travel Expenses be approved.

**CARRIED**

**TRUSTEE SHARING**

Trustee Hunter enjoyed the school visit and reminded trustees that he will be attending the upcoming Provincial Council meeting.

Trustee Garrett thanked Trustees for visiting A.J. Elliott School and stated how much the students appeared to be enjoying school.

Chairperson Wishart stated that the students were eager to share their work and what they were doing and that he was amazed by the technology being used in the classrooms.

**BCPSEA**

Trustee Field shared his notes on the BCPSEA AGM he attended in January.

**DPAC  
REPRESENTATIVE**

No DPAC representative.

**VINTA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Fred Robertson commented on the large distance between the Province and the BCTF at the bargaining table. He reminded trustees that the BC Supreme Court had found the Provincial Government to have violated the Charter of Rights when language was stripped from the teacher's collective agreement and stated that Bills 22 and 28 remain unconstitutional. Mr. Robertson also stated that B.C.'s education funding is \$1,000.00 per student below the national average. He requested the Board to write a letter asking the Provincial Government to withdraw its appeal and reinstate funding.

**CUPE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

CUPE Local 401 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Eleonora Brown hoped that CUPE and the District will continue to work together on changes to come.

**ADJOURNMENT  
17/14**

Prescott:

That the regular meeting of February 17, 2014 be adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer