

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

January 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, at North Island Secondary School, 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
Leightan Wishart, Trustee

WELCOME

Mr. John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. Martin called for nominations for the position of Chairperson for 2016.

Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Wishart for the position of Chairperson of the Board. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Wishart was declared Chairperson of the Board for 2016.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson for 2016.

Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Skrlac for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Field for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Skrlac was elected Vice-Chairperson for 2016 by ballot.

**ELECTIONS OF
BCSTA PROVINCIAL
COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2016.

Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Hunter for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative. Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Schmidt for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative. Trustee Schmidt was elected BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2016 by ballot.

**ELECTION OF BCSTA
PROVINCIAL
COUNCIL
ALTERNATE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate for 2016.

Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Hunter for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Hunter was declared BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate for 2016.

**ELECTION OF
BCPSEA
REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2016.

Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Field for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2016. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Field was declared BCPSEA Representative for 2016.

**ELECTION OF
BCPSEA ALTERNATE
REP**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Alternate Representative for 2016.

Trustee Prescott nominated Chairperson Wishart for the position of BCPSEA Alternate Rep. for 2016. Hearing no other nominations, Chairperson Wishart was declared BCPSEA Alternate Rep. for 2016.

Chairperson Wishart stated that Committees appointments will be settled at the next regular meeting of the Board.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
01/16**

Hunter/Manke:
That the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

AGM Motions
School Wi-Fi

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
02/16**

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

CARRIED

**DISBURSEMENTS
DECEMBER 2015**

Manke/Field:
That the December 2015 disbursement statements be approved.
CARRIED

**AMENDED BUDGET
BYLAW**

Mr. Martin presented the 2015-2016 Amended Budget Bylaw for approval. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw would receive all three readings at this time.

03/16

Manke/Schmidt:
That the 2015-2016 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 1st reading.
CARRIED

04/16

Hunter/Skrlac:
That the 2015-2016 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 2nd reading.
CARRIED

05/16

Skrlac/Manke:
That the 2015-2016 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 3rd and final reading.

CARRIED

AGM MOTIONS

Trustee Schmidt asked that the Board support the submission of two motions to be brought forward at the BCSTA AGM. The motions were summarized as follows:

- To call on the Ministry of Education to fully resource and enable Boards of Education to deliver on all eleven recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General's Report on Aboriginal Education.
- To call on the BCSTA Executive to partner with FNESC to ensure that there is a strategic and coordinated response to the eleven recommendations of the Office of the Auditor General's Report on Aboriginal Education.

Trustees unanimously supported the submission of both motions.

WI-FI IN SCHOOLS

Trustees discussed the use of Wi-Fi networks in schools. It was decided that the issue would be brought back to a future meeting.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Skrlac was pleased to visit A.J. Elementary School and experienced a warm, family feeling while there.

Trustee Schmidt also enjoyed the visit and how approachable the staff were and how inviting the students were. She enjoyed helping out at the PHSS pancake breakfast before Christmas.

Trustee Manke was intrigued by the approach to teaching mathematics at the school and was pleased to see students enjoying math.

Trustee Hunter viewed the school as a prototype for what works in education. He witnessed creative teaching and engaged students.

Trustee Prescott really enjoyed her visit, especially the student portfolios and how information is shared with parents, using a Canadian-based company. She attended and enjoyed both the AJ Elliott and Sea View Christmas Coffee Houses. She informed trustees that Sea View has expanded its breakfast program to include a lunch program, will be implanting a new reader mentorship program and will be hosting a Heritage Fair in February.

Trustee Field helped feed many hungry students at the PHSS pancake breakfast. He stated that AJ Elliott is on the cutting edge of education and appreciated how the school is collaborating with NISS to track how well students are prepared for high school.

Chairperson Wishart stated that SD85 is leading the Province in many ways. He helped to serve over 250 plates of spaghetti at the Eagle View Christmas luncheon.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field will be attending the BCPSEA AGM on January 29.

BCSTA Trustee Hunter reminded trustees that the topics for discussion at the AGM will include recent audits on Aboriginal Education, K-12 and education compliance.

DPAC REPRESENTATIVE No DPAC representative.

VINTA REPRESENTATIVE VINTA President Shawn Gough stated that the use of Wi-Fi in schools is an ongoing topic in health and safety and that taking a cautionary stance is prudent.

He invited trustees to attend the February 19th Pro-D Day at NISS on assessment, evaluation and reporting. He also invited trustees to attend the February 29th non-instructional day that will take place at Port Hardy Civic Centre and focus on the why and what of change in the new curriculum.

Mr. Gough shared his concern regarding the current increasing trend of teachers taking leave and accessing health and wellness services. He stated that demands on the teaching profession were increasing more than supports.

CUPE REPRESENTATIVE No CUPE representative.

06/16 Field/Manke:
That the ballots for the election of Vice-Chair and BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2016 be destroyed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT
07/16 Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of January 11, 2016 be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer