

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

January 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Leightan Wishart, Trustee

Absent: Danita Schmidt, Trustee

**ELECTION OF BOARD
CHAIRPERSON**

Secretary-Treasurer John Martin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Martin called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board for 2014. Trustee Field nominated Trustee Wishart for the position. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Wishart was declared Chairperson of the Board for 2014.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson for 2014. Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Field for the position. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Field was declared Vice-Chairperson of the Board for 2014.

**ELECTIONS OF
BCSTA PROVINCIAL
COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2014. Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Hunter for the position. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Hunter was declared BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2014.

**ELECTION OF BCSTA
PROVINCIAL
COUNCIL
ALTERNATE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate for 2014. Trustee Field nominated Trustee Manke for the position. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Manke was declared BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate for 2014.

**ELECTION OF
BCPSEA
REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2014. Trustee Hunter nominated Trustee Field for the position. Trustee Prescott nominated Chairperson Wishart for the position. Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Garrett for the position. Both Chairperson Wishart and Trustee Garrett declined the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Field was declared BCPSEA Representative for 2014.

**ELECTION OF
BCPSEA**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative Alternate for 2014. Trustee Prescott

ALTERNATE	<p>nominated Trustee Hunter for the position. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Hunter was declared BCPSEA Alternate for 2014.</p> <p>Chairperson Wishart made the following committee appointments: Trustee Schmidt and Trustee Field to the First Nations Education Council, Trustee Prescott as alternate; Trustee Prescott and Trustee Manke to the Scholarship Committee; Trustee Manke to the CUPE Negotiations committee, Trustee Prescott as alternate; Trustee Field to the CUPE Grievance Committee, Trustee Manke as alternate; Trustee Garrett to the VINTA Local Bargaining Committee, Chairperson Wishart as alternate; Trustee Manke to the Joint VINTA Pro-D Committee, Trustee Prescott as alternate.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 01/14	<p>Hunter/Manke: That the minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting be adopted as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	<p>Letter from Port McNeill PAC Senior Administration</p>
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 02/14	<p>Hunter/Prescott: That the agenda be adopted with additions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>Chairperson Wishart shared a letter from the Minister regarding new regulations for distributed learning programs as well as a letter from the Port McNeill PAC to the Minister asking for changes to funding policy.</p>
YOUTH SURVEY REQUEST	<p>Garrett/Hunter: That the Board approve the distribution of North Island Community Services Society's Youth Survey to secondary students.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
FNESC	<p>Superintendent Scott Benwell reported on the success of the December 2013 FNESC Conference where he and District Principal Kaleb Child attended and presented their ideas for change.</p>
FIELD TRIP – NISS TRAVEL CLUB 03/14	<p>Field/Manke: That the NISS Travel Club field trip request to travel to Costa Rica with a group of grade 9-12 students during the 2015 Spring Break be approved in principle.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
FUNDING	<p>Secretary-Treasurer John Martin explained that the funding</p>

RECALCULATION	recalculation did not result in any real change in funding for our District due to funding protection.
2013-2014 AMENDED BUDGET	Mr. Martin shared a draft 2013-2014 Amended Budget. This budget will need Board approval before the end of February.
SENIOR ADMINISTRATION	Chairperson Wishart announced that Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh has been appointed Superintendent of SD82 (Coast Mountain) effective May 1, 2014. He reported that the Board has decided to hire a new Assistant Superintendent effective August 1, 2014.
TRUSTEE SHARING	<p>Trustee Prescott was impressed with the tone at Eagle View School and found the students engaged in learning. She was encouraged by the formal school plan presentation and the work being done to make positive change to improve learning.</p> <p>Trustee Manke was please to visit a number of classes at Eagle View and was pleased to see that we are “winning the war” in reading improvements.</p> <p>Trustee Field was very impressed with the school visit and thought the learning commons should serve as a model for the whole district.</p> <p>Trustee Garrett appreciated the administrators’ work in looking for solutions to move children forward in their learning. He shared that he has been invited by the NISS Tourism class to be a dragon for their “Dragon’s Den”.</p> <p>Trustee Hunter was impressed with the Eagle View playground and the high visibility of supervisors on the playground. He reminded trustees of upcoming deadlines for BCSTA motions.</p> <p>Trustee Manke suggested moving forward on the motion that the Ministry fund wage increases by bringing it to the next meeting as a discussion item.</p> <p>Chairperson Wishart reminded Trustees to complete financial disclosures for 2014 by the January 15, 2014 deadline.</p>
DPAC REPRESENTATIVE VINTA REPRESENTATIVE	<p>No DPAC representative.</p> <p>VINTA President, Fred Robertson congratulated Ms. McIntosh on her new appointment.</p> <p>Mr. Robertson received confirmation from Mr. Martin that the District was still working with Saanich School District and involved with openStudent as a replacement for BCeSIS.</p> <p>Mr. Robertson stated that the offer on the Provincial bargaining table</p>

would take much away from the current agreement. He also stated that VINTA will hold a meeting on the 22nd of January and that significant decisions will be made at the next BCTF meeting.

Mr. Robertson concluded by saying that the real work is done in schools and that resources should be directed towards schools.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

CUPE 401 representative Colleen Martin wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Ms. McIntosh on her new appointment. She thanked the payroll department for getting CUPE retroactive pay out so quickly and thanked the board again for its ongoing support.

**ADJOURNMENT
04/14**

Prescott:
That the regular meeting of January 13, 2014 be adjourned at 6:43p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer