

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

July 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education at the school district administration office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee

Absent: Ann Hory, Trustee
Victor Tracy, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
56/11**

Hunter/Field:
That the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

N/A

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
57/11**

Field/Prescott:
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

MEETING SCHEDULE

A revised meeting schedule for 2011 – 2012 was circulated for information.

MYDI UPDATE

Superintendent of Schools, Kathy Bedard provided further information on the Middle Years Development Instrument. The questions are read by teachers to students (grade 4), and will take about 90 minutes to answer. The results are reported in summary form, and only to the school concerned. There is a fee of \$7,000 to participate.

58/11

Manke/Field:
That School District No. 85 not participate in the UBC Middle Years Development Instrument survey at this time.
CARRIED

CARD FROM STUDENT

The Board received a thank you card from a student, Oliver Brown, regarding the awarding of a scholarship.

**ACHIEVEMENT
CONTRACT 2011 – 2012**

Kathy Bedard reviewed the Achievement Contract for 2011 – 2012 giving an overview of each goal and objective, and explained the results for the previous year. She noted that a new “inquiry-based” approach is being used to determine if progress is being made in meeting the objectives. Ms. Bedard stated that there are several key areas that the school district needs to work on while it continued to raise standards.

59/11

Prescott/Hunter:

That the district's 2011-2012 Achievement Contract be approved and submitted to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

**DISTRICT LITERACY
PLAN – 2011 - 2012**

Katherine McIntosh presented the District Literacy Plan for 2011 – 2012. She explained that this is the fourth plan for the North Island and that both the North and South zones have plans that include goals and strategies developed for each community. Ms. McIntosh acknowledged the contributions of Nikki Shaw and Linda Walton.

60/11

Hunter/Manke:

That the 2011 – 2012 District Literacy Plan be approved and submitted to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

**ENHANCEMENT
AGREEMENT
REPORT FIVE
2010-2011**

Kathy Bedard introduced Kaleb Child, District Principal, First Nations Programs. Mr. Child presented the Enhancement Agreement – Report Five, noting areas of strength and also some challenges for the future. The First Nations Education Council had approved the document at their meeting on June 15, 2010. Trustees expressed appreciation to Mr. Child for his enthusiasm and leadership.

61/11

Field/Hunter:

That the Enhancement Agreement – Report Five be approved.

CARRIED

**ENHANCEMENT
AGREEMENT
2011 DRAFT**

Mr. Child reviewed the purpose of the Enhancement Agreement, which encourages everyone to do better within the resources available. He explained the meanings within the cover art, the page of signatories and the four goals.

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE TOPICS**

The Board agreed on the following Committee of the Whole meeting topics for the next school year:

September: Electoral Area Changes – Community Consultation

October: Review of Superintendent Hiring Process

November: Review of the Report on the Future of Echo Bay School

Discussion on Home Schooling

December: New Board Orientation Activities

January: Secondary Programs and Distance Learning

February: Final Budget for 2011 – 2012 Fiscal Year

March: Alternative School Calendar

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Manke reported that he had the privilege of attending a farewell gathering at Cheslakees School. He also attended the Awards Day at Sunset School. He noted how impressed he was with the way students were honoured and how well the students behaved. He spoke proudly of the award given to his grandson Clayton, by Clayton Stoner, an NHL player who received the same award when he attended Sunset School.

Trustee Prescott expressed how impressed she was with the awards ceremony at Sea View School, particularly the presentation of awards for young environmentalists who created their own projects. She noted that the Grade 9 students held a mini-graduation in recognition of their upcoming transfer to North Island Secondary.

Trustee Field reported on the numerous hiring committees for management staff that he had participated in. He also spoke about local PAC meetings he had attended, and how he had enjoyed the pancake breakfast at Port Hardy Secondary.

Trustee Wishart reported on the evening farewell get together at Cheslakees School that he had thoroughly enjoyed. He stated that this was the final Board meeting for Superintendent Kathy Bedard and he thanked her sincerely for all of her contributions to the school district. On behalf of the Board and senior staff, he presented her with a large carving of a whale tail made by Andrew Hory.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Bedard, Superintendent of Schools, spoke fondly about her six years in the school district. She stated that it was not her ambition to become a Superintendent, but she had no regrets, despite some difficult times with finances and school closures. She related how the job had changed her. She recognized John Martin and Katherine McIntosh for their support and professionalism. She thanked the school trustees for creating a cohesive and caring Board that worked to improve education. She also thanked Fred Robertson, Joanne Welch and Penny Mills for their advice over the years.

DPAC REPRESENTATIVE

Penny Mills, DPAC Co-Chair stated that the last meeting of the year was held in Port Alice. She reviewed some of the special events at Cheslakees, and stated that the school leaving ceremony was particularly poignant this year. Ms. Mills congratulated the Board on the successful Aboriginal Day activities. She thanked Kathy Bedard on behalf of DPAC for her advocacy and support.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Fred Robertson, President of VINTA, wished Kathy Bedard a happy retirement on behalf of teachers and wished everyone a wonderful summer. He stated that the membership had approved a strike vote, with a “Teach Only” campaign starting in September. Mr. Robertson noted that the outstanding issues were not just about money. He warned that if nothing is accomplished, and the government’s contract stripping continues, things will become very bitter in the next school year.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Ms. Joanne Welch, President of CUPE Local 2045 stated that Paul Colton passed away over a year ago. She asked if a decision had been made on the hiring of a new Manager of Operations and Maintenance and thanked the Board for asking CUPE to participate in the process. She noted that a new National Representative will be starting work tomorrow and he would be setting bargaining dates soon.

Chairperson Wishart wished everyone a happy and safe summer, and noted he would be away until the October meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT
62/11**

Prescott/
That the regular meeting of July 4, 2011 be adjourned.
(8:15 p.m.)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer