

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

June 10, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port McNeill, B.C. at 6:10 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
62/13**

Schmidt/Garrett:
That the minutes of the May 13, 2013 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
SPECIAL MINUTES
63/13**

Hunter/Manke:
That the minutes of the May 21, 2013 special meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Capital Project Bids
FNEC

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
64/13**

Hunter/Manke:
That the agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

**EVES LEADERSHIP
PRESENTATION**

Students from Eagle View teacher Sean Barfoot's class shared a presentation on the many leadership programs they have undertaken at their school including: the BC Green Games projects, student fitness, energy savings initiatives, composting, and the school fish club.

**PHSS TOURISM
WEBSITE
PRESENTATION**

PHSS teacher Jason Voth shared a presentation on a student built website to promote the Cape Scott North Coast Trail. The students involved in the project have met with staff from Chamber of Commerce and the District of Port Hardy looking for either to host the website.

**QUATSINO
COMMUNITY
MEETING**

District staff and trustees attended a community meeting in Quatsino on May 29th to gather student registrations for the potential re-opening of the school. Secretary Treasurer John Martin did not recommend the re-opening of the school at this time due to the low projected K-7 enrolment.

Trustees deliberated on the possible re-opening of the school if registration numbers were to increase.

- 65/13** Field/Manke:
That the Quatsino Elementary school not be opened at this time, however, if student registrations increase and an appropriate teacher can be found, the Board will convene a special meeting to reconsider the matter.
CARRIED
- LETTER TO MINISTER** Chairperson Wishart shared a letter that was sent to the Minister regarding the revision of trustee electoral areas.
- DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT CONTRACT** Schmidt/Garrett:
That the Board approve the 2012-2015 District Achievement Contract, updated June 2013.
66/13 **CARRIED**
- UNDRIP** Superintendent Scott Benwell distributed copies of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- DISTRICT LITERACY PLAN** Field/Manke:
That the Board approve the 2013 District Literacy Plan.
66/13 **CARRIED**
- SPC TRAINING** Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh reported on the recent School Planning Council and Inquiry Celebration that took place on June 4th. The session was extremely successful, well attended and enjoyed by all.
- DISBURSEMENTS MAY 2013** Field/Manke:
That the May 2013 disbursement statement be approved.
67/13 **CARRIED**
- 2013-2014 BUDGET BYLAW** Secretary-Treasurer John Martin presented the Board with the 2013-2014 Budget Bylaw. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw would receive all 3 readings at this time.
- 68/13** Manke/Hunter:
That the 2013-2014 Budget Bylaw receive 1st reading.
CARRIED
- 69/13** Manke/Garrett:
That the 2013-2014 Budget Bylaw receive 2nd reading.
CARRIED
- 70/13** Manke/Hunter:
That the 2013-2014 Budget Bylaw receive 3rd reading.
CARRIED
- PHSS SCHOOL FEES** Field/Manke:
71/13 That the Port Hardy Secondary School guitar rental fee of \$60.00 for the 2013-2014 school year be approved.

CARRIED

**CAPITAL PROJECT
BIDS**

Mr. Martin reported on the bid results for the NISS HVAC upgrade. He explained that the lowest bid was still over budget and therefore the tender would not be awarded. Discussions are underway to determine if waste heat generated by the Port McNeill arena could be salvaged and used to supplement heating at NISS.

**TRUSTEE
ELECTORAL AREAS**

Mr. Martin clarified the role of the returning officers regarding trustee elections and explained that people would still be able to cast their vote within their own community even if the returning officer for their electoral area was based in another community.

**TRUSTEE
ELECTORAL AREAS
REVIEW DATE
7/2/13**

Schmidt/Garrett:
That the Board of the day review trustee electoral areas commencing January of 2018.

CARRIED

**CONNECTED
CLASSROOMS
PROPOSAL**

Dr. Benwell presented a pilot project proposal to build videoconferencing rooms at either high school for the purpose of connecting classrooms.

Trustee Schmidt excused herself from the meeting at 7:00 p.m. declaring a possible conflict of interest.

7/3/13

Hunter/Prescott:
That the Board accept the pilot project proposal to build two videoconferencing rooms for the purpose of connecting classrooms.

CARRIED

Trustee Schmidt rejoined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**ACCESS TO THE
BOARD**

Trustee Manke asked the Board to consider different ways to conduct meetings and what meetings could look like for future Boards.

SUNSET FIELD

Trustee Werner informed the Board of a \$25,000 grant application that was submitted to improve the upper field at Sunset School.

WOSS PARENTS

Trustee Manke notified the Board that a group of parents in Woss wish to fix up the existing playground.

**MEETING WITH PORT
MCNEILL COUNCIL**

Trustee Manke shared a letter summarizing the Port McNeill Council meeting he recently attended.

FNEC REPORT

Trustee Schmidt shared the minutes of the May 21st FNEC meeting.

**TRUSTEE SHARING –
SVEJS SCHOOL VISIT**

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the classroom visits and the pop quiz and stated how lucky she feels to be the trustee rep for Sea View School.

Trustee Hunter thought the Principal did a good job and that the

presentation was very detailed.

Trustee Field enjoyed seeing the different reading strategies used and enjoyed the visit to Port Alice as a whole. He attended the PHSS convocation ceremony and was amazed by the generosity of the community in the number of local scholarships that were awarded.

Trustee Schmidt enjoyed the visit and appreciated the thank you gift she received. She participated in an intruder drill at EVES and enjoyed the recent visit to Quatsino. She is looking forward to the District track and field meet at PHSS on June 12th.

Trustee Manke remembered when all of the classrooms at Sea View were full. He attended the NISS grad ceremonies and thought the gym was beautifully decorated.

Trustee Garrett enjoyed the day in Port Alice. He thanked Mr. Martin, Mr. Gildersleeve and the Lions Club for bringing the generators from Echo Bay to A.J. Elliott that will be used for the emergency meeting centre for Sointula.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Co-Chair Penny Mills thanked the Board on behalf of all parents for the School Planning Workshop/Inquiry Celebration that was held on June 4th. There was no date set yet for the June DPAC meeting.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no VINTA report.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**ADJOURNMENT
74/13**

Field:
That the regular meeting of May 13, 2013 be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer