

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

May 13, 2013

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 6:00 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
53/13**

Hunter/Field:
That the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Letter from Pearl Hunt
Letter from 'Namgis First Nation
NISS Field Trip
2013-2014 Budget Draft

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
54/13**

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

**BC CASE
PRESENTATION**

District Principal of Special Programs Kelly Amodeopresented on the BC CASE (Council of Administrators of Special Education) conference she recently attended and highlighted the work currently being done in the District's schools by special education teams.

**MATH 6-9 PLOs
PRESENTATION**

PHSS teacher D'Arcy Deacon presented on a workshop held in November for Math 6-9 teachers from PHSS and feeder schools in the North Zone, including independent feeder schools. The focus of the workshop was to streamline math prescribed learning outcomes into three main themes in order to help students become successful in math. Mr. Deacon shared a visual document produced from the work of those teachers that attended the session.

**TRUSTEE
ELECTORAL AREAS
PRESENTATION**

Port McNeill Elementary Schools PAC Chair Penny Mills spoke to the Board sharing the PAC's concern that the current electoral areas do not provide fair representation by population and requested that the Board vote to increase the trustee count for the Port McNeill area from one trustee to two.

**ABORIGINAL
EDUCATION LETTER**

Chairperson Wishart shared a letter from the Ministry of Education regarding aboriginal education.

HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION LETTER	Chairperson Wishart shared a letter from the Heart and Stroke Foundation regarding Jump Rope for Heart.
VILLAGE OF ALERT BAY LETTER	Chairperson Wishart shared a letter from the Village of Alert Bay regarding trustee electoral areas.
UBCM LETTER	Chairperson Wishart shared a letter from UBCM regarding the renovation of the Cormorant Island Community Learning Centre.
PEARL HUNT LETTER	Chairperson Wishart shared a letter from Pearl Hunt regarding trustee electoral areas.
‘NAMGIS FIRST NATION LETTER	Chairperson Wishart shared a letter the ‘Namgis First Nation regarding trustee electoral areas.
QUATSINO SCHOOL REOPENING	Secretary-Treasurer John Martin informed the Board of potential elementary school aged children in Quatsino whose parents would like the elementary school there reopened. Mr. Martin invited trustees to attend a meeting with parents in Quatsino on May 29 th , with transportation departing from the Coal Harbour dock at 9:30 a.m.
LITERACY SUMMIT	Assistant Superintendent Katherine McIntosh spoke on the Literacy Summit in Victoria hosted by UVIC and Early Learning Inc that she recently attended with a team of District principals and teachers.
PHSS FIELD TRIP – CAPE SCOTT 55/13	Field/Hunter: That the PHSS field trip to Cape Scott on May 17-20, 2013 be approved. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
DISTRICT FIELD TRIP – CANOE TRIPS 56/13	Manke/Schmidt: That the Board approve the request for students to participate in canoe trips as part of the National Aboriginal Day Celebration on June 20, 2013. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
NISS FIELD TRIP – KAYAKING 57/13	Field/Manke: That the NISS kayaking tour at Telegraph Cove Resort on June 10, 2013 be approved. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
DISBURSEMENTS APR. 2013 58/13	Field/Manke: That the April 2013 disbursement statement be approved. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
OPENSTUDENT	Mr. Martin informed the Board that five school districts have now committed to openStudent and therefore, the non-profit society for governance can be created. The openStudent development team will be visiting the District soon and shareholder groups will be invited to participate in discussions regarding development and implementation.

2013-2014 BUDGET DRAFT	Mr. Martin presented the Board with a Draft 2013-14 Budget and asked trustees to go over the document carefully. He will be asking for three readings to approve the 2013-2014 Budget Bylaw at the next regular Board Meeting.
ELECTORAL AREAS	Trustees discussed trustee electoral area options at length.
59/13	Manke/Field: That the Board take into account what the majority of the people in the consultations process desire and, seeking to address the need for a more democratic trustee distribution, ask the Minister of Education to re-align the district's trustee distribution for the 2014 elections as follows: Port Hardy, Coal Harbour and Tri-Bands – 3 Trustees Port McNeill and area, Woss and Telegraph Cove – 2 Trustees Alert Bay, 'Namgis and Eastern Zone – 1 Trustee Port Alice and remaining Western Zone including Quatsino, Holberg, and Winter Harbour – 1 Trustee <p style="text-align: right;">DEFEATED</p>
60/13	Field/Schmidt: That the Board allocate three trustee seats to the North Zone and four trustee seats to the South Zone. <p style="text-align: right;">DEFEATED</p> Trustees scheduled a Special Meeting of the Board for Tuesday, May 21 st at 5:30 p.m. at North Island Secondary School to continue discussions on electoral areas.
BCSTA AGM	Trustee Hunter stated that this year's BCSTA AGM was well organized and informative. Trustee Manke found the breakout sessions to be very valuable.
SCHOOL DPAC LIAISONS	Trustee Schmidt suggested that trustees be assigned to schools outside their electoral areas to learn more about all of the schools and communities in the District.
CO-ORDINATING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	Trustee Garrett shared an information piece on the value and feasibility of co-ordinating the Ministry of Education with other ministries, including the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Trustee Schmidt stated that although Board meeting agenda packages are distributed to stakeholder groups, minutes are not being distributed.
TRUSTEE SHARING – AJES SCHOOL VISIT	Trustee Field enjoyed the visit to A.J. Elliott School and the individualized learning that was happening there. He was happy to see the whole building being used even with declining enrolment.

Trustee Garrett thanked trustees and Ms. McIntosh for making the trip to Sointula and visiting the school.

Trustee Manke enjoyed the day's visit and was happy to see community involvement at the school. He also enjoyed the recent arts night/poetry slam at NISS that was very well attended.

Trustee Schmidt felt a sense of community during the school visit. She thanked District Principal Kaleb Child and his staff for organizing the canoe re-dedication ceremony that was enjoyed by many.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Co-Chair Penny Mills reported PACs are able to invite whomever they wish to their meetings, and if trustees would like to attend a PAC meeting, they only need to ask a PAC rep. from that school.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE
CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no VINTA report.

Ms. Eleanora Brown introduced herself to the Board as the new 2nd Vice-President for CUPE Local 401.

**ADJOURNMENT
61/13**

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

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer