

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

November 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by, Jeff Field, Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:06 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

Absent: Leighton Wishart, Chair

**RECOGNITION OF
TRADITIONAL
TERRITORIES**

Vice-Chairperson Field opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
66/14**

Hunter/Manke:
That the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

No additions

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
67/14**

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

CARRIED

**BOARD
RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Scott Benwell recognized the Board for its work and commitment to community over the past three years. He thanked trustees for their guidance and patience and their courage to do the work needed in education today. Dr. Benwell affirmed that the Board has been a credit to those it has served and represented during its term.

**EKE ME-XI FIELD
TRIPS – CLAM
DIGGING
68/14**

Schmidt/Garrett:
That the Board approve the Eke Me-Xi Learning Centre field trips to Lemon Point in January and February to go clam digging.

CARRIED

**EKE ME-XI FIELD
TRIP – BC LIONS
69/14**

Schmidt/Manke:
That the Board approve the Eke Me-Xi Learning Centre field trip for two students to travel to Vancouver, from November 29 to December 1, to participate in the BC Lions Skills for Life Summit and attend the Gray Cup game.

CARRIED

**DISBURSEMENTS:
OCTOBER 2014
70/14**

Prescott/Manke:
That the October 2014 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

BCPSEA Trustee Field reported on the BCPSEA symposium that he and Secretary-Treasurer John Martin attended recently. He reported that the Province intends to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada if it loses its class size and composition appeal in the BC Court of Appeal.

BCSTA Trustee Hunter reported on the Provincial Council meeting he attended that focused on the development of a BC K-12 accountability framework. He shared his concerns regarding the withdrawal of the Vancouver and Kootenay Lake School Boards from the BCSTA.

FNEC The next FNEC meeting is scheduled for November 20th.

TRUSTEE SHARING Trustee Prescott expressed her pleasure to work with this Board for the past three years and her hopes to be back on the Board for another term.

Trustee Field stated that the past three years had gone by quickly and stated that this Board has worked well together during that time.

DPAC REPRESENTATIVE There was no DPAC representative.

VINTA REPRESENTATIVE VINTA representative Shawn Gough attended a ProD workshop at NISS that focused on social media. He would like to see the development of new or existing District policies to include language regarding social media and the use of technology. He suggested a workshop be developed for grade 6 and 7 students on internet safety and the use of social media.

Mr. Gough attended the BCTF Rep assembly. He cautioned trustees about Chevron Fuels' "Fuel Your School" campaign. He also warned the Board that Mike Roberts, the newly hired CEO of the BCSTA, is a known proponent for the amalgamation of school districts.

CUPE REPRESENTATIVE There was no CUPE representative.

ADJOURNMENT Prescott:
71/14 That the regular meeting of November 10, 2014 be adjourned at 6:40p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer