

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

**May 13, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill B.C. at 6:22 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Paul Cann, Trustee  
Jeff Field, Trustee  
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee  
Eric Hunter, Trustee  
Carol Prescott, Trustee

Phoned in: Leanne Farrell, Trustee

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**WELCOME**

Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw people.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
45/19**

Hunter/Cann:

That the regular meeting minutes of the April 08, 2019 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

Secretary-Treasurer:

- Long Range Facility Plan

New Business:

- Letter of Support

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
46/19**

Hunter/Cann:

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**VINTA PROVINCIAL  
BARGAINING**

VINTA President, Mr. Shawn Gough and VINTA Representative Mr. Jason Voth discussed the impacts of Provincial Bargaining and where things are sitting with SD85. They noted that the contract has less and less movement at the provincial table causing concern regarding the possibility of Job Action. Mr. Gough urged Trustee Representatives for BCPSEA to see what they can do to help this move forward. Mr. Gough discussed items such as the negative impacts of larger class sizes and of bringing in a facilitator at such an early stage. Mr. Gough asked Trustees to contact BCPSEA to move negotiations forward.

**BCSSA**

Ms. Carol Robertson, Superintendent stated that she, the Assistant Superintendent, the District Principal of First Nations, and three Principals attended a recent Informative Assessment Model presentation at a BCSSA meeting. She advised there were some new strategies including self-assessment and peer assessment modeling.

Ms. Robertson stated that all attendees benefited from the session and she will be supporting a local presentation on Informative Assessment in the near future.

**DISBURSEMENTS – April  
2019  
47/19**

Hunter/Garrett:  
That April 2019 disbursements statement be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Mr. Martin distributed a report with a list of over \$20 million worth of projects including seismic upgrading, demolition of unsafe buildings, roofing, exterior window replacement, conversion to LED lighting at NISS, and a playground for AJEES. Mr. Martin asked that if in agreement, the Board pass a motion to submit the capital plan for 2020-2021. Mr. Martin also noted a request for two new school buses (fully equipped with seatbelts) is also being submitted.

**48/19**

Field/Prescott:  
That the Board approve the 2020 – 2021 Capital Plan as outlined on the circulated summary.

**CARRIED**

**ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW  
2019-2020**

Mr. Martin presented the 2019-2020 Annual Budget Bylaw. Trustees agreed to approve three readings of the Bylaw at once.

**49/19**

Hunter/Garrett:  
That the Annual Budget Bylaw receive its first reading.

**CARRIED**

**50/19**

Hunter/Garrett:  
That the Annual Budget Bylaw receive its second reading.

**CARRIED**

**51/19**

Hunter/Garrett:  
That the Annual Budget Bylaw receive its third and final reading.

**CARRIED**

**LONG RANGE FACILITY  
PLAN**

Mr. Martin advised that a Long Range Facility Plan is required in order to apply for capital funding and therefore a consultant was hired to do this work. Mr. Martin noted the plan is currently in draft form and the final stage will have a committee meet to review the draft report looking at and rating the options based on a scale. It is recommended the committee contain all trustees that would like to take part, the Manager of Operations and Maintenance, the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, DPAC Chair, VINTA president, and a CUPE Representative. The date of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was proposed for the committee to meet.

**NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY** Ms. Christina MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent provided an update on the April 23, 2019 Implementation Day advising that teachers worked together in grade or subject groupings. Ms. MacDonald noted that she has heard nothing but positive feedback from the day.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST - JAPAN UPDATE** Ms. MacDonald announced that there were five successful candidates for the Japan Trip in September, 2019. She noted there were many really great students who applied. The group will comprise of two students from NISS and three from PHSS. These students will attend the June Board meeting to present to the Board. Ms. MacDonald noted that PHSS will also have a presentation for the Board at the June meeting regarding the European Field Trip.

**HANSON ISLAND FIELD TRIP** Ms. MacDonald presented a field trip request for Board approval.

52/19

Prescott/Field:

That the Grade 7 Alert Bay Elementary annual field trip to Hansen Island on May 28, 2019 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT** Trustee Prescott advised that Grassroots Gardening Center extended an invitation to the Board to attend a presentation on June 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10 am. The presentation by the Grade 6 and 7 students from EVES will be about their creation of a wildlife pond at Grassroots. Grassroots also advised it has a new education focus called Wildlife Biodiversity Human Impact in which classes are invited to attend field trips. Grassroots is requesting a letter of support from the board for a grant application from New Horizon Seniors in order to expand the wild life project to include more classrooms and enable staff members to travel to remote schools. Trustee Prescott will forward the correspondence to the board to discuss a letter of support at the next meeting.

**VAPING**

Trustee Garrett discussed the issue of teen vaping that was brought up at the recent BCSTA AGM. Trustee Garrett noted it is very prevalent, and the chemicals used for vaping are quite harmful. He stated that tobacco companies are using vaping as another method of getting teens hooked. Trustee Garrett asked what schools in our district should be doing. Superintendent Robertson advised that eight of our schools have provided information to their students about the dangers of vaping. Ms. Robertson then reviewed some of the information provided noting that our tenth school was not included as it is a Kindergarten school only.

**TRUSTEE SHARING**

Trustee Prescott advised that she attended the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting at the AGM. The one item of business was a vote on a possible amendment on the budget, which was passed and the meeting was adjourned after nine minutes. Trustee Prescott also noted that she attended a PAC meeting in Sointula where a very successful Loonie Auction was reported on. She also shared that SVEJSS held a Ready Set Learn activity last week and it was a very enjoyable time and well received.

Trustee Cann asked Mr. Martin to speak about the information from the Ombudsperson at the BCSTA AGM. Mr. Martin informed the group that the Ombudsperson noted the importance of anyone working in the public sector to always ensure they are fair and have due process when making decisions. Mr. Martin and Trustee Cann also spoke to the multiple levels of the appeals process for parents wanting to resolve concerns.

Trustee Field noted that he attended the PAC meetings at FRES and EVES and felt that it was a very good visit to Alert Bay today. He noted that he saw a lot happening with the students and very much enjoyed seeing them gardening.

Trustee Hunter advised he has been a part of assessing performance for scholarships. He noted there were many straight-A students who applied with up to 20 pages per application and that the committee did a great job with the process. Trustee Hunter also stated that he enjoyed the AGM and felt that the school visit was very nicely done.

Trustee Garrett advised that he was part of judging the district science fair where three students from the North Island are currently in Fredericton at the Nationals.

Chair Wishart advised that he was also a part of the scholarship committee and that 16 students gave presentations. Chair Wishart noted that almost all of these students do volunteer work, afterschool activities, and keep straight As which is great to see. He stated that he was very impressed during the ABES visit to see what the kids are passionate about.

Trustee Field advised he is forwarding along the BCPSEA information and that he will be attending the Regional Meeting in Nanaimo on June 3<sup>rd</sup> which is open to all trustees. Trustee Field also stated that class size and composition will be a big item on the table. He then discussed some items surrounding negotiations noting that BCPSEA is optimistic about there being less interference in the process.

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- FNEC** Trustee Hunter confirmed the last FNEC meeting of this school year will be held on June 6, 2019 at the Black Bear Resort from 11 am to 2 pm.
- STUDENT TRUSTEE** There was no student trustee present.
- DPAC REPRESENTATIVE** DPAC Chair, Mr. Jason Lansdowne clarified that it is the personal information piece regarding MDI that is the concern, not the study itself. He also advised that DPAC is looking at having its meeting this Friday and will confirm soon.
- VINTA REPRESENTATIVE** VINTA President Mr. Shawn Gough attended the BCTF Executive meeting where it took another step in anti-oppression training with presenter Ms. Natasha Tony. Mr. Gough advised that Ms. Tony has been secured for the November 22 Pro-D Day and encouraged trustees to attend. He also recommended a book about anti-racism by Robin D’Angelo titled White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism.
- CUPE REPRESENTATIVE** No representative from CUPE was present.
- ADJOURNMENT** Prescott:  
**53/19** That the regular meeting of May 13, 2019 be adjourned at 7:26 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer