

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

February 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:20 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee
Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

WELCOME	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 01/18	Hunter/Prescott: That the minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 02/18	Hunter/Prescott: That the minutes of the January 15, 2018 special meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Data meetings Woss Lake School Port Alice RCMP School ID tags
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 03/18	Schmidt/Hunter: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
SUMMIT 20	Superintendent Carol Robertson took a District team with her to the Summit 20 Early Literacy Conference in Vancouver. She attended the Indigenous Summit-within-a-Summit, led by Kaleb Child and Scott Benwell who facilitated discussions on barriers, biases, expectations, and best practices in Aboriginal Education.
2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR 04/18	Amendments were made to the 2018-2019 School Calendar to reflect the date change to Family Day and to include an additional non-instructional day in accordance with school calendar regulations. Field/Schmidt: That the Board approve amendments to the 2018-2019 School Calendar. CARRIED

DATA MEETINGS	Ms. Robertson reported that she, Christina MacDonald, and Irene Isaac had visited schools to discuss student achievement data with administrators to identify interventions and supports for students at risk.
DISBURSEMENTS – DECEMBER 2017 5/18	Field/Manke: That the December 2017 disbursement statements be approved. CARRIED
DISBURSEMENTS – JANUARY 2018 6/18	Manke/Field: That the January 2018 disbursement statements be approved. CARRIED
AMENDED BUDGET BYLAW	Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the 2017-2018 Amended Budget Bylaw for approval. Trustees unanimously agreed that the bylaw would receive all three readings at this time.
7/18	Schmidt/Hunter: That the 2017-2018 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 1 st reading. CARRIED
8/18	Schmidt/Hunter: That the 2017-2018 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 2 nd reading. CARRIED
9/18	Schmidt/Hunter: That the 2017-2018 Amended Budget Bylaw receive 3 rd and final reading. CARRIED
WOSS LAKE SCHOOL	Mr. Martin informed the Board of a request from the Regional District to consider leasing rooms at Woss School to accommodate the Vancouver Island Regional Library and Vancouver Island University Forestry Fundamentals Program.
10/18	Prescott/Manke: That the District continue discussions with the Regional District of Mount Waddington regarding the lease of Woss Lake School. CARRIED
SUNSET FIELD TRIP 11/18	Field/Manke: That the Sunset, A. J. Elliott and Sea View grade 7 field trip to Victoria and WildPlay Park zip line and Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park activities planned for June 18 to 22, 2018 be approved. CARRIED
DUAL COURSE CREDITS	Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald discussed the potential for developing dual credit courses in partnership with North Island College that will support students interested in a trades apprenticeship who may not yet be connected with an employer.

- PORT ALICE RCMP** Trustee Prescott asked the Board to write a letter of support for the community of Port Alice to retain an RCMP presence. There is concern in community that other professional services, including medical services, may be withdrawn as a result of the RCMP leaving.
- 12/18** Prescott/Schmidt:
That the Board write a letter of support for the Village of Port Alice regarding the retention of an RCMP detachment.
CARRIED
- SCHOOL ID TAGS** Trustee Manke asked if the ID tag policy has been effective. Ms. Robertson will confirm with Schools that procedures are being followed.
- BOARD COMMITTEES** Chairperson Wishart will consider Trustees' requests for changes to the existing Board Committees.
- BCPSEA** Trustee Field attended the BCPSEA AGM and has forwarded minutes and bargaining notes to Trustees.
- BCSTA** Trustee Schmidt attended Provincial Council. She informed Trustees that five of the six motions were passed. She outlined policies to be put in place by July 2018.
- FNEC** The December FNEC meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8.
- TRUSTEE SHARING** Trustee Prescott attended Sea View's second annual heritage fair which was well attended and tremendously successful.
- Trustee Field enjoyed the Sea View school visit and reading with the students. He attended all of the Port Hardy PAC meetings and appreciated the frank conversation during Eagle View's PAC meeting regarding Aboriginal student success.
- Trustee Manke found the Sea View students' heritage project presentations very informative and stated that the students obviously enjoyed the activity.
- Trustee Schmidt watched a friendly game of basketball as PHSS hosted a team from Gold River. She informed trustees that there will be discussions about possible future venues at the upcoming VISTA conference.
- Trustee Hunter enjoyed speaking with a Sea View student who brought his grandfather's medals to share.
- DPAC REPRESENTATIVE** DPAC Chair Coral Emms reported that DPAC is planning to host a parent workshop in September.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough was happy to hear that the Provincial Government has committed \$212 million to education and \$1 billion to affordable child care in next year's budget. He announced that he will be running for re-election as VINTA president.

**ADJOURNMENT
13/18**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of February 20, 2018 be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer