

PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE IN-CAMERA MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)

November 18, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by, Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 4:02 pm with the following in attendance:

Leanne Farrell, Trustee
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee

Not in Attendance: Paul Cann, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
69/19**

Hunter/Farrell:
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of October 07, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC
MINUTES
70/19**

Hunter/Farrell:
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of October 07, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

1. School Calendar – Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald
2. Alert Bay Meeting – Trustee, Eric Hunter

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
71/19**

Hunter/Prescott:
That the in-camera agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE –
THANK YOU LETTERS**

Board Chair Wishart presented thank you letters to the Board from two 2019 SD85 Graduates.

**EXCLUDED PRF #11/19
72/19**

Farrell/Prescott:
That the Excluded P.R.F. #11/19 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**SECRETARY TREASURER
INTERVIEWS**

Superintendent, Ms. Carol Robertson thanked everyone for their part in the interview process that took place on October 21 & 22 and announced that Mr. Ray McDonald, S-T from SD82 (Coast Mountains) and local to our area, was the successful candidate.

**P/VP MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM**

Superintendent Robertson announced that the P/VP Mentorship Program will take place again this year as it has for the last two years, and will begin with an orientation session. Superintendent Roberson and Assistant Superintendent Ms. Christina MacDonald will have check-ins throughout the program to ensure the process is going well.

**CUPE PRF #11/19
73/19**

Field/Hunter:
That the CUPE P.R.F. #11/19 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

GRIEVANCE UPDATES

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. John Martin stated that there are no new grievances to report.

**VINTA PRF #11/19
74/19**

Field/Farrell:
That the VINTA P.R.F. #11/19 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Trustee Garrett suggested that the district celebrate students who have graduated from our district and then returned to the community as teachers. Superintendent Robertson and Assistant Superintendent MacDonald will look into options for this.

GRIEVANCE UPDATES

Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Christina MacDonald stated that there are no new grievances to report.

LOP PAY ISSUE

Ms. MacDonald asked the Board to consider a one-time wage adjustment for two staff members due to application processing delays caused by the TRB. Ms. MacDonald added that the TRB has since done some streamlining and changed their practices and policies.

75/19

Field/Farrell:
That the Board approve two employees each receiving the difference in wages between what they were paid and what they should have been paid if they had Letters of Permission from the TRB for the entire length of their teaching assignments.

CARRIED

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Ms. MacDonald advised that, due to the VINTA collective agreement bookends for the 2020-2021 school calendar, there are not enough minutes available to be compliant with Ministry requirements, even with the removal of the January In-service day. Ms. MacDonald advised that this matter will be discussed with VINTA to find a solution.

MEETING IN ALERT BAY

Trustee Hunter was invited by Ms. Irene Isaac, District Principal to attend a parent meeting in Alert Bay with a general focus on student achievement and wellness. Trustee Hunter also noted that the meeting was attended by the NISS Principal and Vice Principal and ran from approximately 5 pm to 7:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT
76/19**

Prescott:
That the in-camera meeting of November 19, 2019 be adjourned (4:40 p.m.).

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer