

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

December 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, at North Island Secondary School, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:02 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
Leightan Wishart, Trustee

WELCOME

Mr. John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. Martin called for nominations for the position of Chairperson for 2017.

Trustee Skrlac nominated Trustee Wishart for the position of Chairperson of the Board. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Wishart was declared Chairperson of the Board for 2017.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson for 2017.

Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Field for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Skrlac for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Field was elected Vice-Chairperson for 2017 by ballot.

92/16

Schmidt/Prescott:
That the ballots for the election of Vice-Chair for 2017 be destroyed.
CARRIED

**ELECTIONS OF
BCSTA PROVINCIAL
COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2017.

Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Schmidt for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Schmidt was declared BCSTA Provincial Council Representative for 2017.

**ELECTION OF BCSTA
PROVINCIAL**

Chairperson Wishart asked Trustee Hunter if he was willing to remain Provincial Council Alternate for 2017. Hearing no other nominations,

COUNCIL ALTERNATE	Trustee Hunter was declared BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate for 2017.
ELECTION OF BCPSEA REPRESENTATIVE	Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2017. Trustee Manke nominated Trustee Field for the position of BCPSEA Representative for 2017. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Field was declared BCPSEA Representative for 2017.
ELECTION OF BCPSEA ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE	Chairperson Wishart stated that he was willing to remain BCPSEA Alternate Representative for 2017. Hearing no other nominations, Chairperson Wishart was declared BCPSEA Alternate Representative for 2017.
ELECTION OF FNEC REPRESENTATIVES	Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for two FNEC Trustee Representatives for 2017. Trustee Field nominated trustee Hunter for the position of FNEC Representative. Trustee Prescott nominated Trustee Schmidt for the position of FNEC Representative. Hearing no other nominations, Trustees Hunter and Schmidt were declared FNEC Representatives for 2017.
ELECTION OF FNEC ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES	Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for two FNEC Trustee Alternate Representatives for 2017. Trustee Schmidt nominated trustees Prescott and Field for the positions of FNEC Alternate. Hearing no other nominations, Trustees Prescott and Field were declared FNEC Alternate Representatives for 2017.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 93/16	Hunter/Manke: That the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	No additions
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 94/16	Skrlac/Schmidt: That the agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE	Chairperson Wishart shared Minister Bernier’s response to the BCSTA’s request for by-elections for the North Okanagan-Shuswap and Vancouver Boards of Education.
PARENT ENGAGEMENT MEETING	Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson invited everyone to attend the open house at NISS on January 24 th and have the opportunity to provide input on changes to student reporting.

- MINISTRY CHANGES** Ms. Robertson shared a Q&A document provided by the Ministry regarding changes to Grade 10-12 curriculum and graduation requirements.
- FNESC** Ms. Robertson reported that Eagle View Principal D’Arcy Deacon and Tommy Child facilitated two workshops at the FNESC conference. The pair presented on the District’s TEK-STEM event that took place at Eagle View in May.
- DRAFT 2019-2020 CALENDAR** Ms. Robertson shared a draft of the 2019-2020 school calendar. Trustee Prescott asked for a motion to open the 2017-2018 calendar for amendment. There was no seconder for the motion.
- 95/16** Hunter/Field:
That the Draft 2019-2020 be circulated for feedback.
CARRIED
- K-12 COMPLIANCE AUDIT** Ms. Robertson reported that NISS and Eke Me-Xi will be undergoing a compliance audit of their 1701 Fall Data Collection.
- DISBURSEMENTS NOVEMBER 2016** Field/Schmidt:
That the November 2016 disbursement statements be approved.
CARRIED
- CAPITAL PLAN APPROVAL** For the Ministry to process a capital plan submission, a copy of the Board of Education’s resolution that adopts the capital plan must be included as part of the hard copy supporting documentation submitted to the Ministry. Mr. Martin presented the capital plan for approval.
- 96/16** Field/Manke:
That the Board approve the Capital Plan as outlined in the summary provided.
CARRIED
- ECONOMIC STABILITY DIVIDEND** Mr. Martin reported that union employees will receive a 0.35% wage increase from economic stability dividends effective May 1, 2017.
- POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT** New policy PM 5-165 Employee and Visitor Identification Badges received 1st reading at the October 17th meeting and was circulated for feedback. Further amendments were recommended.
- 97/16** Field/Wishart:
That PM 5-165 be amended, receive 2nd reading and be circulated for feedback.
CARRIED
- Amendments to PM 5-160 LGBTQ+ were approved at the October 17th meeting and circulated for feedback.
- 98/16** Skrlac/Field:

That PM 5-160 LGBTQ+ receive 2nd and 3rd reading.

CARRIED

Draft policy 4-90 Employee-student Relationships and Communication was presented for consideration.

99/16

Skrlac/Hunter:

That PM 4-90 Employee-student Relationships and Communication receive 1st reading and be circulated for feedback.

CARRIED

Friendly amendments were made to update PM 4-12 Employee Computer Purchase Plan to include smart phones, laptops, and tablets.

100/16

Skrlac/Field:

That PM 4-12 Employee Computer Purchase Plan be amended and approved.

CARRIED

101/16

Skrlac/Prescott:

That a policy be drafted regarding student attendance to be brought to the February policy committee meeting.

CARRIED

TRUSTEE SELF-REFLECTION

Chairperson Wishart informed trustees of various options offered by the BCSTA for self-reflection, including questionnaires and facilitated discussions.

102/16

Prescott/Schmidt:

That trustee self-reflection be tabled until the spring.

CARRIED

VISTA CONFERENCE

Trustees discussed the merits and expense of attending the Spring VISTA Conference.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Manke stated that SD85 is only one of two districts in the province to have a climbing wall. He was impressed during the NISS visit by the emphasis placed on individual student learning.

Trustee Schmidt shared that Aboriginal dancers from our district will be performing at the BCSTA AGM. She enjoyed attending the pro-day and listening to the guest speakers.

Trustee Hunter enjoyed the school visit at NISS. He stated that BC education is ranked extremely high internationally.

Trustee Field enjoyed his tour of NISS with his Alert Bay tour guides. He appreciated the work being done in the three shop programs, supervised by one teacher.

Trustee Prescott stated that the students were the highlight of the NISS visit and that she liked how the students are connecting with other students in the district.

Trustee Skrlac stated that she very much enjoyed the school visit and talking to students.

BCPSEA

Trustee Field expressed his hope that the government will reinstate an elected Board of Trustees instead of continuing to appointing a public advisor for BCPSEA.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt reminded trustees that January 13 is the 1st deadline for motions.

FNEC

Trustee Schmidt reported that FNEC held its first meeting and that there were many new faces at the table. The preliminary budget was discussed as well as the postponement of the grease trail trip.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC Chairperson Miranda Berry stated that DPAC will be addressing the draft calendar with PACs. She reported that DPAC is starting to get things in motion and actively trying to get more participation from parents.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough shared his view of the District's needs regarding restored language and changes in class size and composition. He asked the Board to hire more teachers without undue delay and to honour the request of parents who choose not to have their children participate in FSA testing. He also requested that the Board put more pressure on the provincial government regarding trustee bi-elections for those Boards that have been dismissed and replace by an appointed official trustee.

Mr. Gough shared that he will be attending at the Public Education Conference and wished everyone a very merry Christmas.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

No CUPE representative.

QUESTION PERIOD

Four Port Alice parents made statements to the Board regarding their dissatisfaction with the three-year school calendar, specifically, the late December break and the lack of a two-week Spring Break.

**ADJOURNMENT
103/16**

Schmidt:

That the regular meeting of December 12, 2016 be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED