

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

**June 13, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at School Board Office, 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

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<b>WELCOME</b>	Chairperson Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES 56/16</b>	Manke/Hunter: That the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting be adopted. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA</b>	Capital Plan Bylaw School Fees Emails - Correspondence
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA 57/16</b>	Schmidt/Prescott: That the agenda be adopted with additions. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>PRESENTATION – PORT HARDY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOC. AND THE DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY</b>	A delegation of Port Hardy Youth Soccer Association executive members and Councillors Fred Robertson and Dennis Dugas presented to the Board on the need to repair the PHSS soccer fields sprinkler system. Port Hardy Youth Soccer committed to paying up to \$2,500 to help with the cost of repairs. The delegation requested the Board form a committee and enter into discussions with Port Hardy Youth Soccer and the District of Port Hardy to work together on a solution.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE – EMAILS</b>	Chairperson Wishart shared emails received from parents requesting a two-week spring break. He also shared his response that explained VINTA collective agreement language and concerns for working families and CUPE employees.
<b>NEW CURRICULUM LETTERS</b>	Superintendent Scott Benwell shared letters from the Ministry that were distributed to administrators, teachers, and families outlining changes to provincial assessments and the graduation program.

- THOUGHTEXCHANGE** Dr. Benwell reported that SD85 had reviewed its strategic plan by engaging with schools and local community through Thoughtexchange. Dr. Benwell presented an executive summary of the thoughts collected and noted that the majority of respondents were parent and community members.
- 2016-2017 PRIORITIES** Dr. Benwell revisited priorities set out by the District in 2012-2013. He pointed to the continued work that will need to be done regarding the redesigned K-12 curriculum.
- DISBURSEMENTS** Field/Prescott:  
**MAY 2016** That the May 2016 disbursement statements be approved.  
**58/16** **CARRIED**
- 2016-2017 BUDGET BYLAW** Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the Board with the 2016-2017 Budget Bylaw. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw receive all 3 readings at this time.
- 59/16** Prescott/Field:  
That the 2016-2017 Budget Bylaw receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading.  
**CARRIED**
- 60/16** Manke/Schmidt:  
That the 2016-2017 Budget Bylaw receive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.  
**CARRIED**
- 61/16** Schmidt/Hunter:  
That the 2016/2017 Budget Bylaw receive 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.  
**CARRIED**
- CAPITAL PLAN BYLAW** Mr. Martin presented the 2015-2016 Capital Plan Bylaw that will provide up to \$1.5 million in funding support to upgrade the HVAC system at PHSS and to purchase four new school buses. It was unanimously agreed to by trustees that the bylaw receive all 3 readings at this time.
- 62/16** Field/Prescott:  
That the 2015-2016 Capital Plan Bylaw receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading.  
**CARRIED**
- 63/16** Field/Prescott:  
That the 2015-2016 Capital Plan Bylaw receive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.  
**CARRIED**
- 64/16** Field/Prescott:  
That the 2015-2016 Capital Plan Bylaw receive 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.  
**CARRIED**
- PM 4-20 HIRING POLICY UPDATE** Mr. Martin proposed changes to PM 4-20 Hiring to reflect current hiring practices including FNEC representation for positions that

involve targeted funds, and replacing school planning council references with parent advisory council references. The policy will be brought to the October policy committee meeting for further amendments.

65/16

Prescott/Hunter:  
That amendments to PM 4-20 Hiring be approved.

**CARRIED**

**PHSS SCHOOL FEES**  
66/16

Field/Hunter:  
That the Port Hardy Secondary School guitar rental fee of \$60 for the 2016-2017 school year be approved.

**CARRIED**

**PRO-D Day**

Assistant Superintendent Carol Robertson reported on the Accessible Resource Center (ARC BC) training workshop held on May 24<sup>th</sup> for CUPE support staff.

**ENHANCED  
PROMISING  
PRACTICES**

Ms. Robertson reported that the Ministry of Education will be featuring Cheslakees School in an *Early Years* fall publication. The school will be highlighted as an early learning centre.

**WOSS LAKE GREASE  
TRAIL FIELD TRIP**  
67/16

Skrlac/Field:  
That the field trip for Kwakwaka'wakw Worldviews and Perspectives 12 students to camp, canoe and travel the Woss Lake Grease Trail on September 19 to 23, 2016 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**PHYSA REQUEST**  
68/16

Field/Schmidt:  
That the Board form a committee consisting of two trustees, the Secretary Treasurer and the Manager of Operations and Maintenance to work with Port Hardy Youth Soccer and District of Port Hardy representatives on concerns regarding School soccer fields.

**CARRIED**

Trustees Field and Schmidt volunteered to sit on the committee.

**TRUSTEE SHARING**

Trustee Manke recognized how difficult it must be for the Sea View principal to plan for the upcoming year not knowing what the community will look like.

Trustee Schmidt attended the District track and field meet and enjoyed seeing all of the schools come together. She attended the Eke Me-Xi and PHSS yayuma and was moved by the experience. She was at the K'ak'ot'lats'i school and saw much pride when students sang to the PHSS grads when the grads came to visit.

Trustee Hunter shared a conversation he had that morning with a student who helped lead the cultural dancing during the NISS

graduation ceremony. Trustee Hunter attributed the student's success to the culture program and to the Director of Instruction, Kaleb Child.

Trustee Prescott was moved by the button blanket presentation at the NISS graduation ceremony, and thought it was an amazing addition to the evening. She stated that Sea View is a community that bands together in times of need. The school offers daily breakfast and fitness programs and has the support of the town. She was pleased to report that Sea View's individual reading pilot program was a huge success.

Trustee Skrlac enjoyed her visit to Sea View. She did not wish to say goodbye to Dr. Benwell or Mr. Child, but rather that things were meant to be. She was recently appointed to the BCSTA credentialing committee and will be celebrating her 68<sup>th</sup> birthday this week.

**BCPSEA**

There was no BCPSEA report

**BCSTA**

There was no BCSTA report

**FNEC**

Trustee Schmidt reported that FNEC met in May. The council discussed school projects, hiring protocols and scholarship recipients.

**DPAC  
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no DPAC representative.

**VINTA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough had nothing to report. He told Dr. Benwell and Mr. Child that his door was always open.

**CUPE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

CUPE Local 401 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president Jody Welch has nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT  
69/16**

Schmidt:

That the regular meeting of June 13, 2016 be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer