

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

May 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School Learning Commons, Port McNeill, B.C. at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

Leightan Wishart, Chair
Lyn Skrlac, Vice-Chair

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
48/16**

Schmidt/Hunter:
That the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Capital Project Bylaw No. 127118
Shutters/Power Failure.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
49/16**

Skrlac/Schmidt:
That the agenda be adopted with additions.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from VINTA President Shawn Gough.
Letter from Ted Cadwallader, Provincial Director, Aboriginal Education, Ministry of Education.

**PRESENTATION
North Island College
President John Bowman**

John Bowman and Caitlin Hartnett presented North Island College's nine strategic priorities and goals that will empower students and build a strong foundation for success in all of our communities. Discussion occurred regarding current and recent NIC offerings and possible programming in the future.

**STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
BOOKLETS**

Dr. Benwell presented the Student Achievement Booklets that were prepared to represent this year's student data, in collaboration with Ministry of Education. He noted that we are not where we would like to be but we are trending in the right direction with respect to success for our students.

**DISBURSEMENTS
APRIL 2016
50/16**

Schmidt/Hunter:
That the April 2016 disbursement statements be approved.
CARRIED

WATER TESTING

Mr. Martin reported on the second batch of lead testing results that came back recently. This set of sampling was much more extensive and done in a normal operating environment when schools were in use. Two sites came back with higher lead levels than guidelines. To maintain an acceptable lead content (below 10 ug/L), a flushing program will be required for the schools with elevated results along with posted signs recommending that users run water for 3 to 5 minutes in advance.

**CAPITAL PROJECT
BYLAW NO. 127118
51/16**

Trustees unanimously agreed to give all three readings at one meeting.

Schmidt/Hunter:
That Capital Project Bylaw No. 127118 receive first reading.

CARRIED

52/16

Schmidt/Hunter:
That Capital Project Bylaw No. 127118 receive second reading.

CARRIED

53/16

Schmidt/Hunter:
That Capital Project Bylaw No. 127118 receive third and final reading.

CARRIED

**NISS KAYAKING
FIELD TRIPS (x2)
54/16**

Field/Manke:
That the Grade 12 NISS Outdoor Pursuits class kayaking field trips for May 30 and June 17-19 be approved.

CARRIED

**ENHANCEMENT
AGREEMENT
RENEWAL**

Mr. Child informed the Board that the current Enhancement Agreement will need to be renewed by February 2017 as it was signed in February 2012 with a five year term. He stated that planning is underway from June to September to build a framework and structure for consultation.

**SHUTTERS AT EVES
AND PHSS**

Trustee Field was concerned about student safety with the shutters in the event of a power failure. It was noted that maintenance would be seeking solutions.

**UPCOMING
CONFERENCES**

Trustee Schmidt informed trustees of upcoming conferences in December, April, and July. Discussions regarding costs and travel budgets took place.

BCPSEA

A Regional Meeting will be held in Courtenay on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 and Trustee Field will be attending.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt attended the Provincial Council meeting after the AGM. The BCSTA budget was approved and discussions on communication and advocacy about the budget took place.

FNEC

There was no report as the next meeting is scheduled for May 17th at the Blackbear Resort in Port McNeill.

TRUSTEE SHARING

Trustee Wishart thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Alert Bay Elementary School with a grade 3/4 student leader who accompanied trustees around the school. They first went into the First Nation room while the boys drummed and the girls danced. They next visited the learning commons, and outside they played four square. The students ran the show and were very informative. He noted that Jen Turner, principal, loves her job and she is doing well.

Trustee Prescott stated that students at ABES received a high level of student learning.

Trustee Schmidt informed the Board about the girls' soccer team who were down island for their final game and ended up one point away from going to the islands. The girls received compliments from the hotel about how well behaved they were.

Trustee Skrlac shared compliments on ABES and added she felt the school was positive, open, and friendly. Trustees could see that the students brain stormed, planned, and took over.

Trustee Manke had a good time and it was pleasant to be in Alert Bay Elementary School.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no DPAC representative.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough reported on attending the Practical Study of Law in Education Conference in Toronto with Dr. Scott Benwell and Mr. John Martin. He noted the emergence of transgender issues and he encouraged the Board to think about this for next year. Mr. Gough wished Dr. Scott Benwell and Mr. Kaleb Child well on their two year term away and that he couldn't think of two better people to do this work.

Mr. Gough commented on the district's fantastic work with the water testing. He spoke with Tracy Sherlock from the Vancouver Sun on this issue and told her about the School District response and that the School District was looking after people's best interests.

Mr. Gough was invited to a conference on the Defense of Public Education. It will focus on how to promote good public education around the world, with attendees from Canada, USA, and Mexico. He will also be attending a Mental Health Workshop with the rehab consultant next week.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE representative.

**ADJOURNMENT
55/16**

Schmidt:

That the regular meeting of May 9, 2016 be adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer