

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

May 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill, B.C. at 5:59 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Werner Manke, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Danita Schmidt, Trustee
Leightan Wishart, 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 36/17	Hunter/Schmidt: That the minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting be adopted. CARRIED
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Inquiry Celebrations UBC Rural Education Program
ADOPTION OF AGENDA 37/17	Schmidt/Hunter: That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED
PRESENTATION	Ms. Carol Robertson, Acting Superintendent of Schools shared a short video from Teresa Campbell and Kevin Cameron of Safer Schools Together titled "Naloxone: Putting it all Together."
WOSS INCIDENT	Ms. Carol Robertson, Acting Superintendent spoke about the support to schools and community from VINTA and Senior Management after the recent Woss tragedy and expressed her appreciation.
DISTRICT PRO-D/SCHOOL-BASED PRO-D 2017/2018	There may be some changes in the type of Pro-D days next year but no changes need to be made to the calendar.
INQUIRY CELEBRATIONS	Ms. Robertson informed the Board that Inquiry Celebrations will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at NISS. Ms. Robertson invited all Board members to attend the event.

DISBURSEMENTS

APRIL 2017

38/17

Schmidt/Manke:

That the April 2017 disbursement statements be approved.

CARRIED

GUITAR RENTAL

FEES – PHSS

39/17

Hunter/Field:

That the guitar rental fee for a semester of \$60.00 be approved.

CARRIED

MILEAGE RATE –

MAY 1, 2017

40/17

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. John Martin noted that the Board Travel Policy (3-60) needed to be reviewed as rates for VINTA members pursuant to the collective agreement were changing on May 1, 2017.

Schmidt/Hunter:

That travel allowances as of May 1, 2017 be increased to \$0.53 per km and \$0.58 per km on gravel roads and as of July 1, 2018 the rate be increased to \$0.54 per km and \$0.59 per km for gravel roads.

CARRIED

**UBC RURAL
EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

Acting Director of Instruction, Kathy Bedard, informed the Board that there are three teacher candidates from UBC working in the district and they will be attending all district wide events for a three week period.

TRUSTEE SHARING

During the school visit today, Trustee Wishart stated that he was impressed with Jen Turner and the entire staff at Alert Bay Elementary School. He appreciated the two young students who guided the trustees through the school. Leighton sent regrets on behalf of both Trustee Skrlac and Trustee Schmidt to the ABES staff and students.

Trustee Manke said the students were content, happy, smiling and respectful. He was very impressed by the school.

Trustee Prescott really liked how the students self-assessed their own behaviour and achievements.

Trustee Field said that the ABES visit was enjoyable. He noted the developing music program at the school, thanks to Jen's knowledge and background from her last district. He stated that he would like to see more music and fine arts at all schools in the District.

Trustee Hunter concurred with Trustee Field with the idea of more music in the district. Mr. Hunter said he wanted to give great credit to Jen Turner for the job she does.

BCPSEA

On May 23, 2017 Trustee Field will be attending a regional BCPSEA meeting in Courtenay regarding the implementation of LoU No. 17.

BCSTA

Trustee Schmidt attended the AGM with all trustees. Ms. Schmidt stated that there was a motion that recommended there be a new mandatory course with Aboriginal content. She noted that BCSTA still have a long way to go as the voting went 110 for and 97 against. Scott Benwell and Kaleb Child presented about equity and action. Ms. Schmidt added that she is going to CSBA in July.

Trustee Skrlac attended the AGM and she noted that the session on Drug Education and Policy was worthwhile. The session recommended a harm reduction approach that keeps children close and in school.

FNEC

Trustee Hunter said the FNEC Scholarship Committee had its deliberations on the aboriginal students whom applied for scholarships.

Trustee Hunter stated that he attended the recent Yayuma at Gwa'Sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School and noted that there will be 20 students from the school attending Port Hardy Secondary School or Eke Me-Xi Learning Center in the new school year.

**DPAC
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no DPAC report.

**VINTA
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough gave out booklets "We are the Educators" for some light reading. Mr. Gough reiterated what is going on with staffing and that working with the senior staff has been smooth sailing so far. Mr. Gough informed the Board about a recent conference he attended in Saskatchewan.

**CUPE
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**ADJOURNMENT
41/17**

Schmidt:
That the regular meeting of May 8, 2017 be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer