

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

**June 12, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, 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, Trustee  
Lyn Skrlac, Trustee (by telephone)

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**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  
42/17**

Hunter/Schmidt:  
That the minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

No additions

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA  
43/17**

Schmidt/Hunter:  
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION**

Acting District Principal Irene Isaac explained the process that the District is undertaking to review its Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (EA). The District is revisiting the EA goals through student surveys and community consultations. FNEC may choose to elaborate on existing goals and potentially add new ones. She is hoping to formalize the EA with a signing that would coincide with the raising of the new pole at NISS sometime next year.

**INQUIRY  
CELEBRATION**

Acting Superintendent Carol Robertson reported on the inquiry celebration dinner on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The district hosted Drs. Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser, school inquiry teams and parent representatives to showcase and share school inquiry projects. School teams met with District staff the next day to further develop their inquiry questions for the 2017-2018 school year.

**DISBURSEMENTS  
MAY 2017  
44/17**

Schmidt/Hunter:  
That the May 2017 disbursement statements be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2017-2018 BUDGET  
BYLAW**

Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the Board with the 2017-2018 Budget Bylaw. It was unanimously agreed to by all trustees that the bylaw receive all 3 readings at this time.

45/17

Manke/Schmidt:

That the 2017-2018 Budget Bylaw receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**CARRIED**

46/17

Schmidt/Manke:

That the 2017-2018 Budget Bylaw receive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**CARRIED**

47/17

Prescott/Field:

That the 2017-2018 Budget Bylaw receive 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

**CARRIED**

**PRO-D DAY**

Acting Director of Instruction Kathy Bedard reported on the May 5<sup>th</sup> school-based pro-d day. Areas of focus included curriculum, reporting, self-assessment, technology, core competencies, self-regulation and social/emotional learning. CPI training was also offered to district employees.

**SEA VIEW FIELD TRIP  
48/17**

Field/Hunter:

That the Sea View whole-school field trip to visit Link River Campground and go swimming on June 27, 2017 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**TRUSTEE SHARING**

Chairperson Wishart enjoyed the lunch provided by Sea View students and visiting the beehive and school gardens. He appreciated how involved the students were in their learning.

Trustee Manke stated that the beehive is a wonderful and timely teaching tool given the current global bee crisis. He enjoyed participating in the Village Island field trip with NISS students and was saddened to think that the people that once lived there were jailed and had their belongings confiscated for potlatching.

Trustee Hunter enjoyed the informality of the school visit at Sea View, comparing it to a conversation at the kitchen table. He felt fortunate to have sat on the district scholarship committee and viewed it as an enlightening experience.

Trustee Prescott enjoyed the NISS graduation ceremony and reminded trustees that the Eke Me-Xi grad is June 24. She informed trustees that the lunch they were served during the Sea View school visit was prepared by the students and made from rhubarb harvested from the school garden.

Trustee Field enjoyed the Sea View visit. He was able to attend all of the Port Hardy schools' PAC meetings this month. He announced that

the first students to graduate from PHSS are having their 40-year reunion this summer.

Trustee Schmidt attended the District track meet and was pleased to see student participants from local band schools as well as Tahsis and Gold River. She attended PHSS grad and is planning to attend Eke Me-Xi grad.

Chairperson Wishart attended both graduation ceremonies and was impressed with the more than \$100,000 donated locally in scholarships and bursaries. Three North Island graduates received full-ride scholarships to Vancouver Island University.

Trustee Skrlac thanked trustees for their patience as she participated in the meeting by telephone. She wished everyone a wonderful summer.

**BCPSEA**

Trustee Field attended the BCPSEA regional meeting in Courtney. Discussions focused on staffing, teacher bargaining and retention and recruitment.

**BCSTA**

Trustee Schmidt will be attending the CSBA Congress and Aboriginal Gathering in Whistler July 5-8.

**FNEC**

Trustee Prescott reported on the final FNEC meeting. School projects were shared, scholarships were chosen, and the Enhancement Agreement community meetings were discussed.

**DPAC  
REPRESENTATIVE**

DPAC representative Coral Emms announced that DPAC offered \$400 in scholarships to both PHSS and NISS. DPAC will not be meeting again until September.

**CUPE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no CUPE report.

**VINTA  
REPRESENTATIVE**

VINTA President Shawn Gough was pleased that staffing is proceeding smoothly with good communication between District and VINTA, unlike many other school districts. He asked trustees to be publically active in advocating for more funding and request a meeting with Clair Trevena for this purpose.

**ADJOURNMENT  
49/17**

Schmidt:  
That the regular meeting of June 12, 2017 be adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer