

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE IN-CAMERA MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)**

**December 11, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by, Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill, B.C. at 3:08 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

Absent: Lyn Skrlac, Trustee

---

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
66/17**

Hunter/Field:  
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of November 14, 2017  
be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
67/17**

Hunter/Field:  
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of November 14,  
2017 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

Trustee update  
Personnel  
Student walkout

**ADOPTION OF THE  
AGENDA  
68/17**

Schmidt/Hunter:  
That the in-camera agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**EXCLUDED PRF  
#12/17  
69/17**

Field/Prescott:  
That the Excluded P.R.F. #12/17 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CRITICAL  
INCIDENTS**

Superintendent Robertson informed the Board of a number of  
critical incidents that have impacted staff, students and community.

**SKILLS TRAINING  
GRANT**

Ms. Robertson was pleased to inform the Board of a skills training  
support grant.

**CUPE PRF #12/17  
70/17**

Field/Hunter:  
That the CUPE P.R.F. #12/17 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**GRIEVANCE  
UPDATES**

There were no outstanding CUPE grievances.

**TRUSTEE UPDATE** Secretary Treasurer John Martin shared information on behalf of Trustee Skrlac.

**PERSONNEL** Ms. Lori Deacon left the meeting at 3:18 p.m..

**71/17** Manke/Prescott:  
That approval would be given, in principle, to a request from the Ministry of Education to extend the secondment of Scott Benwell or Kaleb Child, or both, until July 31, 2019.

**CARRIED**  
Hunter opposed

**72/17** Prescott/Field:  
That should the secondment of Dr. Scott Benwell to the Ministry of Education be extended until July 31; 2019, Ms. Carol Robertson be offered a temporary appointment of Acting Superintendent of Schools and CEO until July 31, 2019.

**CARRIED**

Ms. Carol Robertson returned to the meeting at 3:56 pm.

**73/17** Hunter/Schmidt:  
That should the secondment of Dr. Scott Benwell to the Ministry of Education be extended until July 31; 2019, Ms. Christina MacDonald be offered a temporary appointment as Acting Director of Instruction until July 31, 2019.

**CARRIED**

Ms. Christina MacDonald returned to the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

**74/17** Hunter/Field:  
That should the secondment of Mr. Kaleb Child to the Ministry of Education be extended until July 31; 2019, Ms. Irene Isaac be offered the temporary appointment of Acting District Principal - Aboriginal Education until July 31, 2019.

**CARRIED**

Ms. Lori Deacon returned to the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

**VINTA PRF #11/17** Prescott/Manke:  
**75/17** That the VINTA P.R.F. #12/17 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**GRIEVANCE UPDATES** Director of Instruction Christina MacDonald reported on one new VINTA grievance, three grievances had been settled, and one that is outstanding.

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE IN-CAMERA MEETING – December 11, 2017 - Page 3**

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP** Board Chair Wishart asked that student representatives be invited to participate in Committee of the Whole and public Board meetings.

**STUDENT WALKOUT** Trustee Hunter raised concerns regarding protests of local fish farming.

**ADJOURNMENT 76/17** Field:  
That the in-camera meeting of December 11, 2017 be adjourned (4:21 p.m.).

**CARRIED**

---

Chairperson of the Board

---

Secretary-Treasurer