

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

September 09, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by, Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 3:19 pm with the following in attendance:

Paul Cann, Trustee
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee

By phone: Leanne Farrell, Trustee

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
41/19**

Hunter/Prescott:
That the minutes of the in-camera meeting of June 10, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC
MINUTES
42/19**

Hunter/Prescott:
That the public minutes of the in-camera meeting of June 10, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
MINUTES
43/19**

Hunter/Prescott:
That the minutes of the special in-camera meeting of July 02, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
MINUTES
44/19**

Hunter/Prescott:
That the public minutes of the special in-camera meeting of July 02, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

1. Assistant Superintendent: *Board Initiated Transfer*
2. New Business: *BCPSEA – Trustee Field*

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA
45/19**

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

CARRIED

**EXCLUDED PRF #09/19
46/19**

Hunter/Garrett:
That the Excluded P.R.F. #09/19 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**S/T POSTING
47/19**

Superintendent Robertson, reviewed the draft posting for the position of Secretary Treasurer as presented in the Board package. Superintendent Robertson asked the Board for approval of the draft for posting on September 10, 2019.

Prescott/Cann:

That the posting for the position of Secretary Treasurer be approved as presented.

CARRIED

CUPE PRF #09/19

There was nothing to report on CUPE PRF #09/19.

GRIEVANCE UPDATES

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Martin advised that there are no grievances to report.

**LEASE AGREEMENT –
WOSS PROPERTIES**

Mr. Martin referred to the lease agreement with the Regional District of Mount Waddington. Mr. Martin advised that after surveying work took place, there were discrepancies found. The long term goal would be for SD85 and RDMW to exchange parcels of land. In the interim properties can be exchanged through a lease, renewing as often as needed until a land swap is feasible. Mr. Martin requested approval from the Board.

48/19

Prescott/Garrett:

That the lease agreement between School District 85 and the Regional District of Mount Waddington, covering properties in Woss, be approved.

CARRIED

**POTENTIAL PROPERTY
SALE**

Mr. Martin requested permission from the Board to enter into exploratory discussions with a potential property purchaser, with any details being brought back to the Board.

49/19

Field/Cann:

That the Board give permission for staff to enter into exploratory discussions regarding the potential purchase of a piece of unused property.

CARRIED

**VINTA PRF #09/19
50/19**

Prescott/Hunter:

That the VINTA P.R.F. #06/19 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

GRIEVANCE UPDATES

Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Christina MacDonald stated that there are no new grievances to report. Ms. MacDonald advised there is one grievance currently being worked on from previous years.

**NON-
NEIGHBOURHOOD
REQUESTS**

Ms. MacDonald shared that there are five non-neighbourhood requests that were submitted after the February 15, 2019 deadline and, as per policy if approved by the Board, they would not come into effect until October 1, 2019.

Ms. MacDonald shared the first non-neighbourhood request.

51/19

Field/Prescott:

That the non-neighbourhood transfer request to FRES be approved.

CARRIED

Ms. MacDonald shared the second non-neighbourhood request.

52/19

Field/Prescott:

That the non-neighbourhood transfer request to FRES be approved.

CARRIED

- 53/19** Ms. MacDonald shared the third non-neighbourhood request.
- Garrett/Prescott:
That the non-neighbourhood transfer to SES be approved. **CARRIED**
- Ms. MacDonald shared the fourth non-neighbourhood request.
- 54/19** Prescott/Field:
That the non-neighbourhood transfer to EVES be approved. **CARRIED**
- Ms. MacDonald presented the fifth non-neighbourhood request.
- 55/19** Field/Hunter:
That the Board is in support of the Assistant Superintendent's recommendation to deny the transfer request to PHSS. **CARRIED**
- STRONG START
OUTREACH LOCATION** Ms. MacDonald advised that the current Strong Start Outreach location in Woss has only three children enrolled, often leaving the worker with no students for the day. Ms. MacDonald stated this is not an effective use of resources and asked for approval from the Board to move the location to Alert Bay where there are approximately 22 families that would take advantage of this service. Ms. MacDonald also noted there is an online service available for the families in Woss.
- 56/19** Hunter/Prescott:
That the request to move the Strong Start Outreach location from Woss to Alert Bay be approved. **CARRIED**
- BOARD INITIATED
TRANSFERS** Ms. MacDonald presented the enrollment numbers to the Board noting enrolment is down considerably at one school with a significant increase at another. Ms. MacDonald stated a meeting took place with the teaching staff of the school with the declined enrollment advising a decrease in teachers is anticipated. There will be a Board-initiated transfer to the school with increased enrollment and a second transfer to fill a current posting at another school. A letter will go out to parents at the school with declined enrollment explaining the reconfigurations.
- BCPSEA** Vice-Chair Field shared that negotiations between BCPSEA and BCTF are not going well, even with the mediator.
- ADJOURNMENT
57/19** Prescott:
That the in-camera meeting of September 09, 2019 be adjourned (4:27 p.m.). **CARRIED**