

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

November 9, 2020

6:01 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, via ZOOM Video Conference at 6:01 pm with the following in attendance:

Jeff Field, Vice-Chair  
Paul Cann, Trustee  
Leanne Farrell, Trustee  
Carol Prescott, Trustee  
Eric Hunter, Trustee  
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee  
Xandry Frost, NISS Student Trustee  
Ella Barrett, NISS Student Trustee  
Jimmy Dawson, PHSS Student Trustee  
Aaliyah Stewart, PHSS Student Trustee

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**WELCOME**

Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw.

**ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald called for nominations for the position of Board Chair. Trustee Hunter nominated Chair Wishart for Board Chair, who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were 3 calls for nominations with no further nominations. Trustee Wishart was acclaimed as Board Chair. Chairperson Wishart assumed the Chair.

**ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR**

Chairperson Wishart called for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Trustee Prescott nominated Vice-Chair Field who stated a willingness to accept the position if elected. There were 3 calls for nominations with no further nominations. Vice-Chair Field was acclaimed as Board Vice-Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
56/20**

Vice-Chair Field/Trustee Cann:  
That the regular meeting minutes of the October 5, 2020 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

Election of Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair/Public Agenda  
District Reports/BCSSA/Public Agenda

<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS AMMENDED 57/20</b>	Trustee Hunter/Vice-Chair Field: That the agenda be adopted as amended.	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	None.	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	None.	
<b>DISTRICT REPORTS:</b>		
<b>SCHOOL PLANS-2020-21 58/20</b>	Trustee Garrett/Trustee Prescott: School Plans were shared with the Board for approval and that all of the 2020-2021 School Plans be approved.	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>GREAT SHAKEOUT</b>	Tsunami Alert-Oct 19, 2020: BC earthquake drill. Scenarios and evacuations went well.	
<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>	Superintendent, Carol Robertson reported that schools were closed on October 13 <sup>th</sup> . There was no estimated restoration time for power, power lines and trees were down, as well as school buses were stuck. Because of the various situations we closed schools.	
<b>BCSSA</b>	Superintendent, Carol Robertson shared that the BCSSA conference took place last week. It was 2 days of extensive training on compassionate leadership.	
<b>FUNDING/TRANSPORTATION</b>	Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald discussed updates on funding. We received federal and provincial funding for safe return to class.  Transportation: Two new school buses have been ordered. The first bus to arrive will be the diesel bus with seat belts. It is expected to arrive before the end of November. The electric bus is targeted to arrive before the end of March.	
<b>DISBURSMENTS 59/20</b>	Trustee Hunter/Trustee Garrett: That the October disbursement statement be approved as circulated.	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>UPDATE ON PIDA LEGISLATION</b>	Vice-Chair Field discussed the Public Interests Disclosure Act. The time frame to be in compliance is December 31, 2021.	
<b>ORIENTATION</b>	Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald discussed that new employee Orientation was held on Thursday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	

<b>PRO-D DAY</b>	Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald discussed Provincial Development Day which was held across the Province on October 23, 2020.
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	No new business arising.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	No new business.
<b>TRUSTEE SHARING</b>	Chair Wishart discussed attending a class by Zoom at Port Hardy Secondary School. The discussion was around Municipal politics and working with council.
<b>BCPSEA</b>	Vice-Chair Field reported that the Public Interest Disclosure Act is in the works.  Vice-Chair Field discussed that the BCPSEA meeting will be held at the end of January. Any resolutions brought to the Annual General Meeting as a Board will need to be brought forward by December 9 <sup>th</sup> and will have to be duly tasked by the Board.
<b>FNEC</b>	Trustee Hunter reported the next FNEC meeting is set on November 20 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>BCSTA</b>	Chair Wishart discussed the upcoming BCSTA meeting.  Trustee Prescott, nothing to report.
<b>HEARING OF DELEGATES</b>	No hearing of delegates.
<b>VINTA</b>	VINTA President, Jason Voth discussed approaching the next months with understanding, compassion and empathy.
<b>CUPE</b>	No representative available to report.
<b>DPAC</b>	No representative available to report.
<b>STUDENT TRUSTEES</b>	Student Trustee, Xandry Frost inquired about the Mental Health Grant.  Superintendent, Carol Robertson responded that The Mental Health Grant funds will be distributed between schools.  Student Trustee, Ella Barrett discussed her concern around Dr. Bonnie Henry's recent announcement.

**REP COUNCIL MOTION**

Chair Wishart discussed attending BCSTA Rep Council Meeting. The BCSTA AGM is scheduled April 15-17, 2021 and the Academy is on November 27-28, 2020.

**QUESTION PERIOD  
(10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

No questions presented to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:  
60/20**

Trustee Prescott:  
That the regular meeting of November 9, 2020 be adjourned (6:39 pm)

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer