

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

February 8, 2021

6:03 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leighton Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, via ZOOM Video Conference at 6:03 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

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**WELCOME**

Chair Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwikwetlem First Nations and Kwakwaka'wakw.

Chair Wishart welcomed Muffy Jones, Human Resource Manager/Administrative Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer, School Board Office.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR  
MINUTES  
01/21**

Field/Hunter:  
That the regular meeting minutes of the December 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

Aboriginal Programs Update/Superintendent/Regular Meeting  
TTOC updates/Assistant Superintendent/Regular Meeting

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
AS AMMENDED  
02/21**

Field/Hunter:  
That the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION**

No presentations.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence.

**DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**DRAFT BOARD SCHEDULE 2021-2022 03/21** Superintendent, Carol Robertson presented the 2021-2022 Draft Board Schedule.

Field/Hunter:  
That the 2021-2022 Board Schedule be approved.

**CARRIED**

**ATTENDANCE TRACKING (ABSCENCES)** Superintendent, Carol Robertson reported recent tracking of student absences due to high stress anxiety levels around COVID-19. The transition student program is not included in the tracking.

**MINISTRY UPDATES** Superintendent, Carol Robertson discussed recent Ministry meetings and updates. New COVID-19 K-12 guidelines have now been made public and are shared on School District No. 85 website and all our school websites.

**MINISTRY EVALUATION: MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS STRATEGY** Superintendent, Carol Robertson shared correspondence from the Ministry regarding the Mental Health Grant.

**ABORIGINAL PROGRAM UPDATES** Superintendent, Carol Robertson shared a FNEC report on behalf of the Aboriginal Programs District Principal.

**DISBURSMENTS 04/21** Field/Garrett:  
That the December 2020 and January 2021 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**AMMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET 2020/2021** The Board approved three readings in one sitting of the Amended Annual Budget 2020/2021.

**05/21** Field/Farrell:  
That the 2020/2021 Amended Annual Budget receive 1st reading.

**CARRIED**

**06/21** Field/Farrell:  
That the 2020/2021 Amended Annual Budget receive 2nd reading.

**CARRIED**

**07/21** Field/Farrell:  
That the 2020/2021 Amended Annual Budget receive 3rd reading.

**CARRIED**

<b>RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT A REQUEST</b>	Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald discussed records available to the public. A link to the list has been added to School District No. 85 website under: About SD85, Business Operations, Finance.
<b>SCHOOL USE AGREEMENT: BACKUP GENERATOR</b>	Secretary-Treasurer, Ray McDonald discussed a request from the Regional District of Mt. Waddington to replace their backup generator at one of our schools.
<b>DRAFT SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022 08/21</b>	Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald brought forward the draft 2021-2022 School Calendar. The calendar was reviewed and amended at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.  Field/Cann: That the 2021-2022 School Calendar be approved as amended.
	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>ENROLLMENT REPORT 2020-2021</b>	Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald reported 2020-2021 enrollment updates. We are maintaining our current enrollment.
<b>TTOC UPDATES</b>	Assistant Superintendent, Christina MacDonald reported updates on contract TTOCs.
<b>BUSINESS ARISING:</b>	2021 Board Committee List.
<b>BOARD COMMITTEES LIST 2021</b>	Chair Wishart reviewed the Board Committee List updated December 14, 2021.
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	Regional Representation/Trustee Field Public Ways to Promote School District No. 85/Chair Wishart
<b>REGIONAL REPRESENTATION</b>	Trustee Field shared information regarding the need to examine regional representation for Vancouver Island.
<b>PUBLIC WAYS TO PROMOTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85</b>	Chair Wishart discussed ways to promote and share positive information about School District No. 85 with the public.
<b>TRUSTEE SHARING:</b>	Chair Wishart shared information regarding attending a critical thinking project with UBC and the University of Queensland.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> Chair Wishart discussed attending a Partner Liaison's Meeting and shared the agenda items included in that meeting.

**BCPSEA**

Vice-Chair Field asked if the board was in agreement with him sending an email advocating for the board. He will request that a regional representative be appointed for Vancouver Island. The board was in agreement.

Vice-Chair Field also discussed budget items.

**FNEC**

Trustee Hunter shared agenda items from the last FNEC meeting. The date for the third and final meeting this year is May, 19, 2021.

The Provincial Council meeting is scheduled February 20, 2021. Practice sessions are scheduled February 16 and 17.

**BCSTA**

Trustee Prescott, attended a couple PAC meetings and inquired about the next DPAC meeting. Chair Wishart stated that the next DPAC meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

**HEARING OF DELEGATES**

No hearing of delegates.

**STUDENT TRUSTEES**

No student trustee to report.

**VINTA**

VINTA President, Jason Voth, shared a report around the need to extend FTE counselling time in schools.

**CUPE**

CUPE President, Jody Welch, no updates to report.

**DPAC**

No representative to report.

**QUESTION PERIOD  
(10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

No questions presented to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT  
09/21**

Field:  
That the regular meeting of February 8, 2021 be adjourned (7:30 pm)

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary- Treasurer