

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

June 13, 2022  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill, BC at 6:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Leightan Wishart, Chair  
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair  
Paul Cann, Trustee  
Leanne Farrell, Trustee  
Carol Prescott, Trustee  
Eric Hunter, Trustee  
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee

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**WELCOME**

Chair Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
30/22**

Hunter/Farrell:

That the regular meeting minutes of May 9, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

Trustee Garrett/Capital Projects/New Business

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA  
31/22**

Hunter/Farrell:

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION**

No presentations.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported the following:

On June 3 It was a pleasure to see the Alert Bay Elementary School students and staff at their community feast and performance.

Port Hardy Secondary School and North Island Secondary School held their graduation ceremonies over the weekend. Eke Me-Xi will be holding their graduation ceremony this coming weekend.

On May 30 three North Island Secondary School youth leaders, current and past graduates, were part of a team of four that created a leadership documentary sharing their story through youth leadership in various roles. It was a collaboration with Nawalakw group and Carleton University.

The Port Hardy Secondary School pole unveiling will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

On May 24 Superintendent MacDonald attended the Rural Education Advisory Committee meeting with Minister Whiteside. They continue to work on advocating for recruitment and retention.

Superintendent MacDonald attended the DPAC meeting on May 25. They are working on creating a pamphlet to go out to schools to help recruit people to sit on DPAC.

The Ministry has released that the new student reporting policy was put on hold for this year and it will now come into effect for the 2022-23 school year.

The Ministry is not expecting any COVID-19 changes to our current K-12 protocols for September startup. They will review the protocols over the summer and will provide any updates later in August if anything has changed.

Superintendent MacDonald acknowledged students, staff and the board by thanking everyone for their hard work this year.

**DISBURSMENTS  
32/22**

Field/Farrell:

That the May 2022 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF 2022-23 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW (3 READINGS)**

Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the 2022-23 Annual Budget Bylaw. It was unanimously agreed to by trustees that the bylaw receive all three readings at this time.

**33/22**

Field/Hunter:  
That the 2022-23 Annual Budget Bylaw receive first reading.

**CARRIED**

**34/22**

Field/Hunter:  
That the 2022-23 Annual Budget Bylaw receive second reading.

**CARRIED**

**35/22**

Field/Hunter:  
That 2022-23 Annual Budget Bylaw receive third and final reading.

**CARRIED**

**STAFFING**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported staffing updates. Currently most schools are fully staffed for next school year. We are continuing to recruit for the remaining vacancies.

A number of teachers are coming to SD85 for positions in the Fall and they are seeking accommodations. It is helpful if community members can reach out to us if they have accommodations available.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Garrett inquired about the status of capital funding seismic upgrades and demolitions for SD85 schools. Darby Gildersleeve, Manager of Operations, provided an update regarding demolition and seismic upgrade projects. Secretary Treasurer John Martin also reported on seismic upgrades and where we stand for funding.

**TRUSTEE SHARING:**

Trustee Field attended the PHSS graduation ceremony as well as EVES and FRES PAC meetings.

Trustee Hunter attended the NISS graduation ceremony.

Trustee Farrell shared that the in-person school visits to FRES and SVEJSS went well and were encouraging.

Trustee Garrett attended both the NISS and PHSS graduation ceremonies.

Trustee Prescott shared her appreciation for everyone who attended SVEJSS school visit.

Chair Wishart shared information regarding the scholarship presentation and his attendance to the PHSS graduation ceremony.

Chair Wishart attended a meeting with VISTA Chairs and the new president of BCSTA. He also contacted the recreation representative for Port Hardy and a package was put together for the student teachers on things they can do in the Mt. Waddington area.

Chair Wishart noted that there are three board meetings left until the next election. Anyone wanting to run for School District Trustee can reach out to Chair Wishart for more information.

**BCPSEA**

Vice-Chair Field forwarded all updated communication to Trustees.

**FNEC**

Trustee Hunter was honoured to serve on the FNEC Scholarship Committee.

**BCSTA**

Trustee Hunter no new updates to report.

**HEARING OF DELEGATES**

No hearing of delegates.

**STUDENT TRUSTEES**

No student trustees to report.

**DPAC**

No DPAC representative to report.

**VINTA**

VINTA President Jason Voth provided a brief regarding bargaining and members concerns regarding current inflation. Mr. Voth relayed a question regarding seismic upgrades and inquired as to whether there are any timelines on PHSS upgrades being completed.

Darby Gildersleeve, Manager of Operations, provided an update regarding the PHSS upgrades. The contractor is setting their goal to have most upgrades completed and ready for September.

**CUPE**

CUPE president Jody Welch provided an update regarding the CUPE Bargaining Committee. There is a new national representative. The contract negotiations are currently in progress.

**QUESTION PERIOD (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

An SD85 employee inquired about the board or district providing any information or packages for those who are interested in running for Trustee. BCSTA puts a package together that can be forwarded to anyone who is considering running. Chair Wishart and Trustee

Farrell can provide feedback to interested candidates and answer any questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**36/22**

Prescott:  
That the regular meeting of June 13, 2022 be adjourned (6:45 pm)

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary Treasurer