

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

March 13, 2023
6:00 PM

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 6:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Leighton Wishart, Chair
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair
Janet Deane, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Kat Tjepkema, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee

William Grant, Student Trustee
Bella Corrigan, Student Trustee

WELCOME

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

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
14/23**

Hunter/Deane:
That the regular meeting minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

Capital Plan Bylaw 2023-24 CPSD85-01/John Martin

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
15/23**

Garrett/Deane:
That the regular agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

**DISTRICT REPORTS:
SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported on events happening around the district such as the Regional Science Fair. She gave a big thank you to all involved, and a special thank you to Melody Watson and Malcolm Fleeton for their time in planning such an event.

Eagle View Elementary was recently featured in the 'Lost & Found' series led by the Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation. The series was created to give Canadian children a platform to showcase their COVID-19 stories. A video can be viewed by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv3HlciDaMQ> or on our district Facebook page.

The district continues to meet with VINTA President Jason Voth to maintain open lines of communication. The district held another New Employee Orientation on February 28 at U'mista in Alert Bay. A North Island Training Plan is in its infancy as we connect with other districts and partners to gather information.

**DRAFT BOARD
SCHEDULE 2023-2024**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald presented the 2023-2024 Draft Board Meeting Schedule.

16/23

Field/Prescott:

That the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**DISBURSEMENTS
17/23**

Deane/Hunter:

That the February 2023 disbursement report be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**RECIPROCAL
AGREEMENT**

Secretary Treasurer John Martin received a Reciprocal Agreement request from the Sointula Recreation Association. John Martin discussed and recommended the district move forward with an agreement.

18/23

Garrett/Hunter:

That the district moves forward with a Reciprocal Agreement with the Sointula Recreation Association.

- CARRIED**
- 2023-24 CAPITAL PLAN BYLAW CPD85-01** Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the Capital Plan Bylaw 2023-24 CPD85-01. Trustees unanimously agreed to give the bylaw all three readings at this time.
- 19/23** Hunter/Deane:
That Capital Plan Bylaw 2023-24 CPD85-01 receive first reading.
- CARRIED**
- 20/23** Hunter/Deane:
That Capital Plan Bylaw 2023-24 CPD85-01 receive second reading.
- CARRIED**
- 21/23** Hunter/Deane:
That Capital Plan Bylaw 2023-24 CPD85-01 receive third reading.
- CARRIED**
- ENROLLMENT REPORT** Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported on enrollment numbers.
- FIELD TRIP – PHSS** Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney brought forward an International field trip previously approved in principle. The trip request from PHSS is to take up to 30 students to Japan from March 18 to 29, 2024. Rena provided an update on the planning and requested the board's approval.
- 22/23** Field/Tjepkema:
That the PHSS field trip to Japan in 2024 be approved as presented.
- CARRIED**
- 2023-2024 CALENDAR** Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney brought forward two changes to the 2023-2024 School Calendar to align with the provincial observed holiday dates.
- 23/23** Field/Tjepkema:
That the Board approve the amendments to the 2023-2024 School Calendar.
- CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING NEW BUSINESS	<p>No business arising.</p> <p>Trustee Kat Tjepkema talked about School Lunch Programs and some parent feedback received around hot lunches. The Superintendent provided some historical information on why schools have not provided microwaves and recommended thermoses be sent with learners when needed.</p>
TRUSTEE SHARING: BCPSEA	<p>Vice-Chair Field provided an update to Board Trustee Leightan reviewed some highlights.</p>
FNEC	<p>Trustee Hunter discussed upcoming third FNEC meeting.</p>
TRUSTEE TOURS	<p>Chair Wishart discussed the school visits at Sunset Elementary and Cheslakees Elementary earlier in the day. Both Principals gave presentations to the Board and one group of learners sang a welcome song.</p>
HEARING OF DELEGATES STUDENT TRUSTEES	<p>Student Trustees Bella Corrigan and William Grant spoke about a proposed trip to Science World with PHSS. Discussions on fundraising have begun. The student council recently met to continue planning for a school dance in May. They have received approval from their school principal and are excited to continue planning and start fund raising.</p>
DPAC	<p>No DPAC representative</p>
VINTA	<p>VINTA representative Michelle Sedola discussed the shortage of TTOCs and the added last-minute duties that causes for teachers. Michelle brought forward the need to make our district stand out, such as a four-day work week, or reducing the number of blocks, to attract and retain staff as well as to reduce the burn out rate of staff.</p> <p>Trustee Leightan Wishart shared student teacher programs that were successful in the past and possible future programs.</p> <p>Trustee Jeff Field gave feedback on discussions he had with another district that have implemented a four-day work week. Trustee Carol Prescott discussed some parents having childcare issues with Friday's current schedule not being a</p>

full day. She stressed that parents would need to be brought into the discussion. Trustee Janet Deane shared her experience working for a district with a four-day work week. Student Trustees were asked for their feedback on the same topic, and both said they were not in favour of losing a school day. Leighton Wishart confirmed everyone would be brought into the decision if the district decides to continue to explore this option.

CUPE

No CUPE representative

**QUESTION PERIOD
(10 MINUTES
MAXIMUM)**

Teacher Sarah Soltau asked for more information on the North Island Teacher Training program. Superintendent Christina MacDonald provided information on discussions she had with other districts and partners.

**ADJOURNMENT
24/23**

Prescott:
That the regular meeting of March 13, 2023 be adjourned
(6:46 pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer