

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

June 12, 2023
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board Office, Port Hardy, B.C. at 6:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Leightan Wishart, Chair
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair
Janet Deane, Trustee
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee
Eric Hunter, Trustee
Kat Tjepkema, Trustee
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Bella Corrigan, Student Trustee
Owen Vanlerberg, Student Trustee

WELCOME

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

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
46/23**

Deane/Hunter:
That the regular meeting minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

No additions to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
47/23**

Prescott/Deane:
That the in-camera agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

PMYSA Support Letter to the Town of Port McNeill was reviewed.

PRESENTATION

No presentations.

DISTRICT REPORTS: SUPERINTENDENT REPORT	Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported on events happening around the district such as the Alert Bay playground upgrade. Review of the ‘How are we doing?’ report has been completed with the FNEC subcommittee. One area to highlight in that report is the Indigenous 6 year completion rate that has increased 12.2%. Cheslakees daycare is on track to re-open in Sept 2023.
DISBURSEMENTS 48/23	Field/Garrett: That the May 2023 disbursement report be approved as circulated. CARRIED
2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW	Secretary Treasurer John Martin presented the 2023-24 Annual Budget Bylaw. Trustees unanimously agreed to give the bylaw all three readings at this time.
49/23	Deane/Hunter: That Annual Budget Bylaw 2023-24 receive first reading. CARRIED
50/23	Deane/Hunter: That Annual Budget Bylaw 2023-24 receive second reading. CARRIED
51/23	Deane/Hunter: That Annual Budget Bylaw 2023-24 receive third reading. CARRIED
ENROLLMENT REPORT	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported on enrollment numbers.
STAFFING UPDATE	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney provided an update on staffing for the 2023-2024 school year.
FIELD TRIP - NISS	Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney brought forward one high-risk field trip request from NISS to take five students and two chaperones on Jun 15 th on a fishing trip in the waters around Malcom island. Field/Garrett That the high-risk field trip for NISS be approved as presented. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT	No committee report.
BUSINESS ARISING	No business arising.
NEW BUSINESS	No new business.
TRUSTEE SHARING:	
BCPSEA	Vice-Chair Field shared his report electronically prior to this meeting and stated there was nothing further to add.
FNEC	Trustee Hunter discussed the recent Scholarship Committee meeting and all the amazing applications they received.
TRUSTEE TOURS	Trustee Hunter and Chair Wishart discussed the school visits and points of interest. Student guides were a highlight.
HEARING OF DELEGATES	
STUDENT TRUSTEES	Student Trustees Owen Vanlerberg and Bella Corrigan shared their successful WellNISS day and the Golf team's recent tournament success.
DPAC	No DPAC Representative
VINTA	VINTA President Jason Voth discussed the need to come up with a solution for owed remedy time. He would like to see a focus for work life balance for his members.
CUPE	CUPE President Jody Welch had nothing to report.
QUESTION PERIOD (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)	<p>A guest asked if policy number 4-90 will be reviewed in the fall at the next policy committee meeting. The Secretary Treasurer confirmed that it will be discussed at the next Policy meeting.</p> <p>A guest asked what the districts priorities are for creating a new strategic plan in 2025. The Superintendent explained the board's process to create a strategic plan.</p>

ADJOURNMENT
52/23

Prescott:
That the regular meeting of June 12, 2023 be adjourned
(6:44pm)

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer