

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

November 14, 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
Carol Prescott, Trustee
Kat Tjepkema, Trustee
Jordyn Smith, Student Trustee

Guests: Jason Voth
Jody Welch

WELCOME

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

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
75/23**

Hunter/Deane:
That the regular meeting minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

No additions to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA
76/23**

Hunter/Deane:
That the regular agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

PRESENTATION

No Presentation.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported on events happening around the district such as the New Employee Orientation held in Alert Bay. The event was well attended, and a highlight of the day was a tour of U'mista.

Christina attended a recent DPAC meeting and noted that it included a school rep from almost all schools in our district.

Christina attended the Premier's Awards of Excellence in October, and she looks forward to encouraging our staff to participate in nominating some of our team members for next year's award.

Our new School Foods Coordinator has started and has toured many of our schools to meet staff and learn about their current food programs.

Sea View Elementary Junior Secondary School received a donation of books through the Chapters Adopt a School valued at over \$2,000.

The District's Cross Country meet took place at AJ Elliott Elementary and was a great success again. The Board appreciates everyone involved in this event.

**CHANGES TO THE
SCHOOL ACT**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald provided an update on changes being made to the School Act (Bill 40).

GRADUATION DATES

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported the proposed dates requested from the secondary schools to hold their graduation and convocation ceremonies.

77/23

Garrett/Deane:
That the graduation dates be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**DISBURSEMENTS
OCTOBER
78/23**

Field/Deane:
That the October 2023 disbursement report be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

- ENROLLMENT REPORT** Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported district enrollment as of October 2023 is 1,265 students, which is down three students from last month.
- STAFFING UPDATE** Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney provided an update on staffing for the 2023-2024 school year. Vacancies for the district are currently at 5.14 FTE (7 positions).
- THE GREAT SHAKEOUT** Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported that The Great BC Shakeout emergency practice took place on October 19, 2023 with all 10 schools, TACAN, and the Board office.
- BUSINESS ARISING** No business arising.
- NEW BUSINESS** No new business.
- TRUSTEE SHARING:**
- BCPSEA** Vice-Chair Field shared the Symposium conference he attended with Superintendent MacDonald.
- FNEC** Trustee Hunter discussed the October 18 FNEC meeting.
- BCSTA** Trustee Hunter represented the district at the recent Provincial Council meeting. Trustee Hunter shared that the Trustees will be attending the upcoming BCSTA Academy conference.
- Trustee Deane shared about three schools she visited recently.
- Trustee Wishart attended the last EVES PAC meeting and shared about a new grant it received which will go towards new food initiatives.
- HEARING OF DELEGATES**
- STUDENT TRUSTEES** The Student Trustee shared information on recent NISS events such as Halloween and the start-up of their first Yearbook in many years. She also shared that Volleyball is wrapping up and the climbing wall is now in operation.

- DPAC** No DPAC representative.
- VINTA** VINTA President Jason Voth discussed his support of LGBTQ2+ inclusivity in our district.
- CUPE** CUPE President Jody Welch discussed the upcoming election for the local CUPE President position.
- QUESTION PERIOD
(10 MINUTES
MAXIMUM)** No questions.
- ADJOURNMENT
79/23** Tjepkema:
That the regular meeting of November 14, 2023 be adjourned (6:41 pm).

CARRIED

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer