

Regina, Saskatchewan
June 16, 2009

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

Members Present	Dr. Barbara Young, Chair Dr. John Conway Mr. Russ Marchuk	Mrs. Rhonda Parisian Mrs. Barb Saylor Mr. Garry Schenher
Administration Present	Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services	

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was requested that the following item be added: *Board Planning Meeting Dates*. It was noted that item 6a, *Public Section Update*, would be considered in the closed session portion of the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That, with the amendments requested, the agenda be adopted.

Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 2, 2009.

Motion by Mrs. R. Parisian:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 2, 2009, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Public Presentation The Board received a presentation from Ms. Patricia Elliott and Ms. Carla Beck. Ms. Elliott challenged the decision of the Board members to rebuild Scott Collegiate, indicating that she heard a lot of discussion in the community about wanting to retain the building. She contended that, as elected officials, trustees could reconsider their previous decision. She urged for smaller class sizes and increased after-school care. Relative to the 10-Year Renewal Plan, Ms. Elliott expressed concern regarding the lack of social supports and decline in extra-curricular participation due to bussing issues. With the building of new facilities, she questioned the physical architecture being considered, citing issues regarding lock down capabilities and the ability to contain potential fires. Ms. Elliott further questioned the legitimacy of the assertion that Structural Innovation was best facilitated in schools with enrolments over 200 students.

Ms. Beck outlined her idea to create a Walking School Bus in the Connaught School area. She highlighted the positive aspects of the project for students, including regular exercise, increased self esteem, self discipline, and higher

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academic performance, as well as enhanced social and community cohesion. She noted that the idea of a Walking School Bus was well received by the Connaught School Community Council. Due to consideration of liability issues, she advised that she was told that the Board could not authorize the event and that the School Community Council could not endorse it. Despite this, she advised that the event was a success. She questioned the Board's concerns regarding liability. She urged the Board to commence a dialogue regarding Walking School Buses.

Dr. B. Young advised that the Board was not opposed to the idea of Walking School Buses but that sufficient time was needed to work through liability and other potential issues. In this instance, adequate time was not afforded the Board and Administration as the event was planned for June 10, 2009.

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, indicated that the Division is very supportive of physical activity, but that the Board has a certain duty of care pertaining to the conveyance of students. He pointed out that the Board is bound by legislative requirements and also requires volunteers to submit criminal records checks. He advised that if a committee was struck with the City of Regina, the Board would be a willing participant in discussions.

Board members reiterated the seriousness of considering all liability issues in these instances.

Public Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Edith Mountjoy. Ms. Mountjoy urged the Board to reconsider keeping the existing Scott Collegiate facility. She likened the situation to that of the once proposed deconstruction of the Anglican Rectory in Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, and she recommended that the Board apply for heritage designation of the building. She shared personal experiences of growing up in North Central Regina, noting that social policy has failed the North Central community in many ways, and that the deconstruction of Scott Collegiate would do likewise.

Board members responded to Ms. Mountjoy's presentation, advising that past renovations and additions have compromised the building in general, and that every effort would be made to incorporate historical aspects of the facility into the new structure.

Strategic Planning Committee

Mr. G. Schenher provided a brief summary of the discussions held at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on June 2, 2009. He reported that the Continuous Improvement Plan would be finalized for approval by the Board after the budget approval in Fall, 2009. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, noted that the Continuous Improvement Plan is well established, with the strategies remaining consistent and the key actions being updated annually.

Facilities Redesign Site Recommendations

Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, introduced Mr. James Youck and Mr. Roger Mitchell, architects involved in the Argyle/Athabasca and Herchmer/Wascana facility redesigns.

Mr. Youck provided a brief summary of the Argyle/Athabasca site selection process, noting a series of criteria used to assess each site. He advised that the Argyle site had unanimous support from all committees involved in the process,

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highlighting that the site is larger than that of Athabasca, allows for better expansion opportunities, and would maximize daylight opportunities, thereby reducing heating loads on the facility.

Mr. Mitchell provided a brief summary of the Herchmer/Wascana site selection process, reiterating Mr. Youck’s comments on the series of criteria used to assess each site. He advised that consensus was reached with all committees involved in the process in favour of the Herchmer site.

Board members expressed appreciation for the presentations and for the quality of the information provided.

Motion by Mr. R. Marchuk:

That the former Herchmer School site be designated as the location for the rebuild of the existing Wascana School serving the merged Wascana/Herchmer attendance areas, subject to Ministry of Education approval.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That the Argyle School site be designated as the location for a new school facility to serve students from the existing Argyle and Athabasca school attendance areas, subject to Ministry of Education approval of the capital project.

Motion Carried.

Structural Innovation Update

Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education, updated Board members on certain Structural Innovation developments, noting that a number of the participating schools had been considering alteration of school days/hours. In consultation with the Ministry of Education, Mr. Hoiium advised that such proposals would be submitted to the Ministry in the Fall of 2009 for consideration for implementation in the 2010-11 school year.

Annual Meeting Statement of Proceedings

As required under section 97(8) of The Education Act, 1995, the Secretary’s statement of proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Electors, held May 5, 2009, had been circulated to Members of the Board.

Motion by Mrs. B. Saylor:

That the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting of Electors held on May 5, 2009, be accepted as the statement of proceedings of the said meeting.

Motion Carried.

Personal Privilege

Dr. J. Conway advised that, after serving for 18 years on the Regina Board of Education, he has decided not to run for re-election in subdivision 5 in October 2009. Dr. Conway cited withdrawal of Board access to the property tax base and the prospect of serving on a Board that thus has no power to act in the interests of the public as the reason for his decision.

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Closed Session

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Board:

Property Disposition

1) That transfer of the Robert Usher Collegiate property to the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region be approved-in-principle subject to conclusion of a satisfactory agreement for sale and Ministry of Education approval of same.

CUPE 650 Grievance G02-09

2) That, upon consideration of all relevant detail, CUPE 650 Grievance G02-09 be denied.

Meeting Adjournment Time

3) That the June 16, 2009, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mr. G. Schenher:

That recommendation No. 1 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. B. Saylor:

That recommendation No. 2 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. B. Saylor:

That recommendation No. 3 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

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At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Personnel Matters, Public Section Update, MLA Meeting, 2009-10 Budget Update, Biennial Review, and Board Planning Meeting Dates*. The progress reports were accepted.

Adjournment The Chairperson advised that this concluded the business of the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mrs. R. Parisian:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:42 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer