

Regina, Saskatchewan
November 17, 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 Mrs. Angela Fraser, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Ms. Carla Beck	Mrs. Katherine Gagne Mr. Tim Stobbs Mr. Dale West
Administration Present	Mr. Don Hoium, 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: *High School Musical*.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That, with the addition 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 November 3, 2009.

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 3, 2009, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Standing Committee Appointments In accordance with Policy 8 "Committees of the Board," Dr. B. Young asked for motions to appoint members to serve on the four standing committees until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That Ms. C. Beck (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Mr. D. West be appointed to serve on the Audit and Policy Review Committee until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That Mrs. A. Fraser (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Mrs. K. Gagne be appointed to serve on the Community Relations Committee until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That Mrs. K. Gagne (Chair), Ms. C. Beck and Mr. T. Stobbs be appointed to serve on the Public Education Advocacy Committee until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That Mr. T. Stobbs (Chair), Mrs. A. Fraser and Mr. D. West be appointed to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Board Representatives

In accordance with Policy 9 “Board Representatives,” Dr. B. Young asked for a motion to appoint members to represent the Board on certain external committees.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That:

- a) Dr. B. Young be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association;
- b) Dr. B. Young and Mrs. A. Fraser be appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee;
- c) Mrs. K. Gagne be appointed to serve as Board Representative for the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency; and
- d) Mr. D. West be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Community Leaders Advisory Committee;

until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Division Organizational Structure and Introduction of Administrative Council

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, and Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, introduced Board members to the Administrative Council members, including Superintendents, Managers and Supervisors. Mr. Hoium emphasized the horizontal management structure of the Division, and highlighted the intertwining work of the departments. Mr. Hoium and Mr. Brown responded to questions relative to the integration of information technology in both the business and instruction areas of education. Mrs. A. Fraser expressed appreciation to the Administrative Council Executive and staff for the abundance of explanatory information being provided to Board members.

Chair	S/T

2009
Convention
Appointment of
Voting
Delegates and
Vote
Distribution

Information regarding the appointment of voting delegates and distribution of votes for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association 2009 Convention had been distributed. Dr. B. Young advised that she would attend, but would have to leave early and, accordingly, would not participate in voting.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That Mrs. C. Anderson, Ms. C. Beck, Mrs. A. Fraser, Mrs. K. Gagne, Mr. T. Stobbs, and Mr. D. West be appointed as voting delegates to the Annual Convention of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to be held November 30-December 1, 2009, in Saskatoon.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That, in accordance with the established formula, the 51 vote allocation to be cast on behalf of the Board at the 2009 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Convention be allocated as follows:

- Mrs. C. Anderson – 9 votes;
- Ms. C. Beck – 9 votes;
- Mrs. A. Fraser – 9 votes;
- Mrs. K. Gagne – 8 votes;
- Mr. T. Stobbs – 8 votes;
- Mr. D. West – 8 votes;

and that, as a matter of policy, if for some reason the number of Board members attending the convention is less than the number specified, the total available votes be divided among members in attendance as evenly as possible, as determined by the Chairperson, in order to ensure that the Board’s entire voting allotment can be cast.

Motion Carried.

2009
Convention
Resolutions

Proposed Resolutions for the 2009 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education, noted that Board members would meet briefly following the Learning Alliance meeting with Saskatoon Public Schools to discuss same. Mr. Hoiium also advised that, along with other Boards, Regina Public Schools would be participating in the Showcase Presentations on December 1st, highlighting Structural Innovation, Improving Outcomes for First Nations and Métis Students, and Innovation for Achievement.

Public Section
Meeting

Information regarding recent and upcoming meetings of the Public Section had been distributed. Dr. B. Young noted that the Public Section General Meeting scheduled for November 30th coincides with SSBA’s Orientation for New Trustees. She recommended that Board members attend the Public Section meeting to receive litigation and mediation updates, and learn more about the Section’s strategic plan and bylaws.

Continuous
Improvement
Plan 2009-10

Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education, Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, and Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided an overview of and responded to questions relative to the Continuous Improvement Plan 2009-10 that had been presented and approved at the September 15, 2009, Board meeting.

Chair	S/T

Final 2009-10 Budget Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided an overview of and responded to questions relative to the Division's 2009-10 Final Budget that had been presented and approved for submission to the Ministry at the September 1, 2009, Board meeting. Ms. Burnett highlighted that, at the October 20, 2009, Board meeting, an increase of \$326,220 to budget revenues and expenditures had been approved in accordance with direction from the Ministry of Education.

Review of Board Work Plan (2009-10) The Board Annual Work Plan 2009-10, that had been presented and approved at the September 1, 2009, Board meeting, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided a summary of the Work Plan, highlighting various regular Board meeting agenda items, accountability reports and events. Mr. Hoium noted that, with the delay of the Budget approval, certain accountability reports have been subsequently delayed, including the Continuous Improvement Plan and Report.

2009-10 Student Enrolment Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided an update on student enrolment, including actual enrolment comparisons from 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09. Mr. Brown noted the actual enrolment, as of September 30, 2009, is 20,308 students. He outlined that, of this total, 124 students are enrolled in more than one program and that 45 students are 22 years of age or older and pay tuition fees. As a result, total enrolment for funding purposes is 20,139 students. Mr. Brown also outlined that, prior to 2008-09, pre-kindergarten enrolment numbers were not included in the report. He advised that projected enrolments are ahead of schedule by one year, which could be attributed to an increase in students enrolling through the Newcomer Welcome Centre. In this regard, he advised that the Administration was discussing with the Ministry the impact of immigration on the Division.

Learning Alliance Meeting Proposal It had been proposed that a Learning Alliance meeting with the Saskatoon Board of Education be held prior to the start of the SSBA Fall Assembly in Saskatoon on Sunday, November 29, 2009. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, noted that he would confirm these arrangements with the Saskatoon Board of Education and advise Board members accordingly.

High School Musical Mr. D. West advised that he had recently attended the high school musical, *The Wedding Singer*, at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate, and congratulated the staff and over 80 participating students, past and present, on a superb presentation.

Closed Session Motion by Mr. D. West:
That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:
That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

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

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| CUPE 650
Grievance
G05-09 | 1) That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to finalize arrangements with CUPE 650 representatives for the presentation of Grievance G05-09. |
| Meeting
Adjournment
Time | 2) That the November 17, 2009, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time. |

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Provincial Bargaining*, *School Visit Guidelines*, and *Personnel Matters*. 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 Mr. D. West:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 10:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer