

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 items be added: *Commendation* and *SSBA Education Equity Working Advisory Group*.

Adoption of Agenda      Motion by Mr. D. West:

That, with the additions 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 8, 2010.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 8, 2010, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Presentation      Dr. B. Young made a presentation to Mr. Ross Brown, on the occasion of his retirement and in recognition of his many years of distinguished and dedicated service to Regina Public Schools, and wished him well in his future endeavours. Mr. Brown expressed his appreciation to the Board.

Budget 2010-11      Copies of the 2010-11 Budget Submission had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, and Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided additional information. Mr. Hoium outlined the division challenges, including evolving educational funding, ensuring literacy and numeracy development, delivering core curricula, preparing students for an increasingly technological society, meeting the needs of the First Nations and Métis population, facilitating appropriate interventions to serve more students in their neighbourhood schools, preparing students for employment and

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post-secondary educational opportunities, maintaining strong parental and community involvement in schools, and supporting program offerings and providing effective and efficient school facilities. He highlighted the five key actions in the Continuous Improvement Plan priority area of Higher Literacy and Achievement.

Mr. Brown summarized the key actions in the Continuous Improvement Plan priority areas of Equitable Opportunities and Outcomes for All, and Smooth Transitions Into and Through the System.

Ms. Burnett highlighted the Continuous Improvement Plan priority of Governance, Facilities and Accountability. In a year-to-year comparison, she noted that the 2010-11 budget is based on the approved Ministry allocation which was built on the Board’s 2009-10 budget and adjusted for limited increased costs associated with teacher increments, an enrolment adjustment factor based on last year’s enrolment increase, and a 1.24% inflation adjustment factor on all non-teaching costs. She further explained that, under the current funding model, the level of grant and tax support is finite.

Ms. Burnett noted that budget expenditures, including net non-cash items, totalled \$192,287,231, representing a 2.32% increase over last year’s re-stated budget. She indicated that revenues were projected at \$222,747,917, so, while on the face of the 2010-11 PSAB-compliant budget, a \$30.46 million surplus is predicted, this is attributable to the fact that \$34.7 million in capital grants needs to be recognized in 2010-11 but the projected expenses will not begin to be amortized until future years after the school rebuild projects are complete.

Mr. Hoium, Mr. Brown and Ms. Burnett responded to questions. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that, while she is committed to the work of the Board and the Administration, and views the budget proposal as extremely sound, she would be opposing its submission to the Ministry based on the fact that additional funds were not being provided in support of the three Associate Schools.

Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2010-11 budget be approved as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

[Dr. B. Young, Mrs. A. Fraser, Mrs. C. Anderson, Ms. C. Beck, Mr. T. Stobbs, and Mr. D. West supported the motion; Mrs. K. Gagne opposed the motion.]

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That utilization of operating surplus funds for undertaking network and wireless system upgrades, for a total cost not to exceed \$1.8 million, be authorized.

Motion Carried.

Strategic Planning Committee: Continuous Improvement Plan 2010-11

A draft of the Continuous Improvement Plan 2010-11: Planning for Student Success had been distributed. Mr. T. Stobbs advised that, further to his comments at the May 25, 2010, Board meeting, the draft now included a complete Financial Section.

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, Mr. Ross Brown, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, Mr. Mike Walter, Superintendent, Instruction

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and School Services, and Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information, reporting on priority strategies, key actions, and measures of progress for the four priority areas. Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication shown in the ongoing development of the plan.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the draft Continuous Improvement Plan 2010-11: Planning for Student Success be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Audit and  
Policy Review  
Committee

Information relative to the Audit and Policy Review Committee meeting of May 18, 2010, had been distributed. Ms. C. Beck and Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided a brief summary of discussions held at the meeting. Ms. Beck outlined recommended changes to Policies 3, 7, 9, 12 and 15, and the repealing of Policy 14. In addition, Ms. Burnett noted only one significant transaction was reported in the Subsequent Events Audit (as at June, 2010), that being the awarding of the Request for Proposals for the purchase of 12 school buses in February, 2010.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That Policy 3 (Appendix) be amended to provide that a system Blackberry be made available to the Chairperson for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That Policy 7, Article 9, be amended to include, after 9.2, that, “in recognition of the governance model of the Board and Good Practice and Dispute Resolution principles, in the case of presentations by employee groups, a request to present will be welcomed after the subject matter(s) have been discussed with Administration at the established discussion tables.”

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the amendments of a housekeeping nature to Policies 9 and 12 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That, in view of the exhaustive provisions of The Education Act, 1995, Policy 14 be repealed, and that the clause delegating the Director the authority to suspend a teacher be incorporated into Policy 12, Article 4.

Motion Carried.

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Public Education Advocacy Committee Information relative to the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held June 3, 2010, had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne provided a brief summary of discussions held at the meeting, noting that the Committee would be pursuing an advocacy meeting cycle with MLAs, and recommended annual meetings with the Regina Catholic Schools Trustees and Director of Education, and possible biennial meetings with the Regina Labour Council. She advised that the Shared Values Recognition Program Selection Committee reviewed nominations on June 15, 2010, and award recipients will be announced in September. She further advised that Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, provided an update on the website redesign developments.

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 11, 2010, had been circulated to Members of the Board.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting of Electors held on May 11, 2010, be accepted as the statement of proceedings of the said meeting.

Motion Carried.

Commendation Mrs. A. Fraser observed that Winston Knoll Collegiate recently lost a grade 12 student in a tragic accident, and noted that the actions of the Principal, Vice-Principal, staff, School Community Council, parents and students in the wake of this tragedy were recognized and commended at the student's funeral.

SSBA Education Equity Working Advisory Group Dr. B. Young expressed appreciation to Mrs. C. Anderson and Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, for agreeing to sit on the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Education Equity Working Advisory Group.

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

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 4:00 to 5:23 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer