

Regina, Saskatchewan
September 7, 2010

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. Mike Walter, 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: *Group Home, 2010-11 School Year Calendar* and *Legal Update*.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

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 22, 2010.

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 22, 2010, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

School Opening Update Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, welcomed the Trustees to a new school year and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of staff from Division Services and Instruction and School Services in preparing for the 2010-11 school year.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. D. West welcomed Mr. Mike Walter as the new Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services.

Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, reported on the numerous undertakings of Division Services staff in preparation for school opening. In addition to the regular extensive Summer cleaning routine, she noted that in-school operations staff performed numerous maintenance projects. In terms of major projects, she referenced the Douglas Park and Arcola School rebuilds that did not commence due to a delay in tender approval. However, she highlighted that the delay enabled Facilities staff to focus on \$2.5 million in maintenance projects, including the renovation of two new pre-kindergarten

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classrooms, repair or replacement of flooring at 25 schools, partial roof replacements at seven schools, window replacements at 10 schools, major painting projects at eight schools, site work projects at six schools, completion of a number of accessibility projects, replacement of 20 roof top units on relocatables at five schools, and the readying of suitable spaces at six elementary schools for school-based consultants.

Ms. Burnett summarized projects and upgrades undertaken by the Information Technology department, including going live with PowerSchool, the new student information system. She highlighted that the Transportation department planned routes, prepared and distributed letters and fielded inquiries. She reported that, over the Summer months, the Human Resources department issued 257 teacher contracts as well as a number of support position contracts. Ms. Burnett expressed appreciation to all staff involved in the projects outlined.

Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided an overview of work undertaken by Instruction and School Services staff to prepare for a smooth school opening. He noted that, with the alignment of practices, the difficult challenge of replacing the principal at Campbell Collegiate was accomplished seamlessly. He highlighted the creation of consultant positions to better support schools. He outlined learning opportunities provided for teachers during the Summer including Circle of Courage training and the New Teacher in-service that involved approximately 100 new teachers. He emphasized the introduction of PowerSchool that will assist the Division in accessing enrolment detail in a more timely manner.

To spotlight Division successes, Mr. Walter provided an overview of a presentation received by Principals at their August 24th meeting. He highlighted student achievement data, aboriginal student graduation rates, Structural Innovation sites, department reorganization, serving more students in neighbourhood schools, and sustained efforts to address student behaviour issues.

Board members expressed appreciation for the update and requested that a letter be sent from the Board to the Administrative Council members expressing the Board’s recognition and appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Proposed
2010-11 Board
Annual Work
Plan

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, reviewed the Proposed Board Annual Work Plan for 2010-11, highlighting various regular Board meeting agenda items, accountability reports and events.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That the Proposed Board Annual Work Plan for 2010-11 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Community
Leaders
Advisory
Committee:
Funding for
Official
Community
Plan

Information relative to a request from the City of Regina regarding the disposition of funds previously provided for the Shaping Regina initiative, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that any residual funds returned to the Board could be allocated to support specific joint Board/City of Regina planning or capital activities such as the work on collaborative site development planning.

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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the City of Regina be requested to return Shaping Regina residual funds in the amount of \$2,268.51 with same to be allocated in support of joint Board/City of Regina school site planning activities.

Motion Carried.

Facilities:
SaskPower/
SaskTel Utility
Easement
Agreement

A request from SaskPower and SaskTel regarding execution of an easement agreement relative to the Douglas Park School property had been distributed.

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

That execution of the Utility Easement with SaskPower and SaskTel relative to the Douglas Park School property be authorized.

Motion Carried.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Public Section

- 1) That an allocation of \$3.00 per pupil in support of Public Section, Saskatchewan School Boards Association, be approved for the purpose of replenishing the litigation fund.
- 2) That the sum of \$40,778 currently held in designated reserve fund specifically for legal fees be forwarded to the Public Section, Saskatchewan School Boards Association, for the purpose of supporting the litigation fund.

Properties

- 3) That the transfer of the Board's interest in the Robert Usher Collegiate property to Conseil des écoles fransaskoises on the terms and conditions specified be approved and that execution of the necessary sale and transfer documentation be authorized.

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- Legal Matter 4) That the payment of all legal fees incurred in relation to the matter *Ronald Warsaba, Patricia Warsaba and Spencer Warsaba (suing by his Litigation Guardians Ronald Warsaba and Patricia Warsaba) v. Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan* be authorized, including those related to Board employees named (or potentially named) as Defendants in the said action.

- Positive Path Forward 5) That the Positive Path Forward developed at the May 2010 Board Self-Evaluation session be approved.

- 2010-11 School Year Calendar 6) That the 2010-11 School Year Calendar approved by the Board at its April 6, 2010, meeting be amended to move the Elementary Professional Development and Teacher Preparation Day from October 1 to October 8, 2010.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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

Motion Defeated.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

That recommendation No. 4 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That recommendation No. 5 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 6 (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 *Renewal Planning, Legal Update, Personnel Matter, Discussion of June Meeting with Associate Schools, and Group Home*. 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. A. Fraser:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:29 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer