

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. Katherine Gagne, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Ms. Carla Beck	Mrs. Angela Fraser Mr. Tim Stobbs Mr. Dale West
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Administration Present	Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services
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The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was agreed that consideration of Item 9a, *Community Leaders Advisory Committee Update*, be discussed in closed session and that the Inclusive Education presentation be received as the first item of business.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>
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That, with the amendments requested, the agenda be adopted.

Motion Carried.

Inclusive Education Presentation	Dr. B. Young welcomed Dr. Vianne Timmons, President, University of Regina, to the Board meeting. Dr. Timmons noted that her two main areas of research have been inclusive education and family literacy. She outlined her background working with children with disabilities, and advised that her thesis revolved around the quality of life of children with disabilities and how they are educated. She stated that every child in Canada has the right to go to school and to be educated with his/her age appropriate peers. She did emphasize, however, that inclusion is not only about where a child is educated. She highlighted the importance of teacher education and attitudes. Dr. Timmons advised that inclusive education benefits a broader constituency than just the children with special needs. She referred to the quote, "The quality of education should be measured by the quality of education that we provide for our most vulnerable populations." She congratulated the Board on its commitment to educating more students in their neighbourhood schools. Dr. Timmons responded to questions relative to parental roles, teaching strategies, the role of educational assistants, recommended readings for trustees, and public perception. The Board expressed appreciation for the presentation.
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Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2010.
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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 2, 2010, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Appointment of Standing Committees In accordance with Policy 8 “Committees of the Board,” Dr. B. Young asked for a motion to appoint members to serve on the four standing committees until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That:

- a) Mr. D. West (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Ms. C. Beck be appointed to serve on the Audit and Policy Review Committee;
  - b) Mrs. A. Fraser (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Mrs. K. Gagne be appointed to serve on the Community Relations Committee;
  - c) Mrs. K. Gagne (Chair), Ms. C. Beck and Mr. T. Stobbs be appointed to serve on the Public Education Advocacy Committee; and
  - d) 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. A. Fraser:

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. K. Gagne be appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee;
  - c) Mr. D. West be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Community Leaders Advisory Committee; and
  - d) Mrs. K. Gagne be appointed to serve as Board Representative for the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency;
- until the next Organizational Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Public Education Advocacy Committee Information relative to the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held November 8, 2010, had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne provided a summary of the discussions, highlighting the Advocacy Plan for the 2010-11 school year. She noted the Committee’s recommendations that appropriate Board agenda documentation be placed on the website to encourage public engagement, and that policy changes be considered to enable requests to present to the Board to be dealt with a more timely manner. She advised of planned meetings with the Regina Catholic School Board, MLAs and employee groups.

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

That the proposed Board Advocacy Plan 2010-11 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the Board package materials be posted on the Regina Board of Education website for public viewing prior to each Board meeting, such materials to be determined by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson in conjunction with the Director of Education at the Board agenda planning meetings.

Motion Carried.

2010 Convention Agenda Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education, noted the distribution of the agenda for the 2010 Saskatchewan School Boards Association General Assembly, to be held November 29-30, 2010, in Saskatoon.

2010 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 2010 General Assembly had been distributed.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That Mrs. C. Anderson, Ms. C. Beck, Mrs. A. Fraser, Mrs. K. Gagne, Mr. T. Stobbs, Mr. D. West, and Dr. B. Young be appointed as voting delegates to the Annual General Assembly of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to be held November 29-30, 2010, in Saskatoon.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That, in accordance with the established formula, the 51 vote allocation to be cast on behalf of the Board at the 2010 Saskatchewan School Boards Association General Assembly be allocated as follows:

- Dr. B. Young – 8 votes;
- Mrs. K. Gagne – 8 votes;
- Mrs. C. Anderson – 7 votes;
- Ms. C. Beck – 7 votes;
- Mrs. A. Fraser – 7 votes;
- Mr. T. Stobbs – 7 votes;
- Mr. D. West – 7 votes;

and that, as a matter of policy, if for some reason the number of Board members attending the general assembly 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.

2010 Convention Resolutions Proposed Resolutions for the 2010 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Assembly had been distributed. Dr. B. Young noted that Mr. D. West has agreed to present the Regina Public Schools Board's resolution relative to capital funding.

Chair	S/T

- Public Section** Information from the Public Section had been distributed. Dr. B. Young provided additional information, highlighting the branding exercises that were held on October 7 and 19, 2010. She updated Board members relative to mediation discussions. Board members agreed to attend an informal meeting to discuss Public Section matters on November 29, 2010, at 8:45 a.m.
- Members' Council Summaries** Summaries of reports made at the Members' Council Meeting held October 2010 had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information relative to the work of the Accountability, Evaluation and Reporting Subcommittee, noting the discussion on the Continuous Improvement Framework. Mrs. C. Anderson provided additional information relative to the progress of the Education Equity Working Advisory Group, advising that boards of education would be invited to contribute information to assist in the development of a resource to serve as a tool for assessing the equity of education funding and for advocating with the Ministry of Education. In relation to the First Nations and Métis Education Working Advisory Group, Dr. B. Young reminded Board members that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Spring Assembly will be focused on First Nations and Métis education. Mrs. A. Fraser provided additional information relative to the Public Engagement Working Advisory Group, noting the importance of boards working together with school community councils, as well as the positive impact of parent and community involvement and support on student achievement and success, and the need for stronger public recognition of and appreciation for the value of Pre-K-12 education in the Province.
- Learning Alliance Meeting Tentative Agenda** A tentative agenda for the Learning Alliance meeting to be held on November 28, 2010, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, outlined the substantive topics for discussion, including the Provincial Funding Distribution Model and Public Section developments.
- Renewal Planning Wilfrid Walker Single Track French Immersion Program Report** A copy of the Renewing Regina Public Schools École Wilfrid Walker Single Track French Immersion Program Report had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided an overview of the report. He emphasized that both dual and single track schools in Regina Public are Type B French Immersion Programs. He advised that, from a student achievement perspective, students at the school show appropriate levels of achievement with programming delivered through a single track approach, and concluded that, as demonstrated over the past two years, single track French Immersion programming is a viable option for the Division should enrolment patterns result in the need to merge English program attendance areas. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, and Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to school population, transportation boundaries, resources and personnel. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.
- Continuous Improvement Plan Brochure** Regina Public Schools' Continuous Improvement Plan 2010-2011 Brochure had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, noted that the brochure is published annually and is made available to all Regina Public schools and all partner organizations, as well as being posted on the website. He advised that, should Board members wish to distribute the brochure at School Community Council meetings, they should contact Mrs. Linda Hecker, Executive Assistant.

Chair	S/T

Regina Public Schools/Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Memorandum of Understanding

Information relative to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that the intent of the memorandum is to facilitate sharing of student information with the Region for the purposes of immunizations, communicable disease follow-up, dental and hearing screenings.

Elders' Advisory Council Meeting Tentative Agenda

A tentative agenda for the Elders' Advisory Council meeting to be held November 26, 2010, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, outlined the proposed agenda items, including a report on Regina Public Schools' presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples, the importance of self-declaration by Aboriginal students, and follow-up discussion with respect to increasing Aboriginal parent involvement.

Contract Award re: Construction of Arcola Community School

Information relative to the tender submissions for the construction of Arcola Community School had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information, noting that the Board's decision would then be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for consideration.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the new Arcola Community School construction project be awarded to Westridge Construction based on the bid, alternate and separate pricing submitted and as such are accepted by the Board and Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

Request for Presentation

A request from Ms. Janet Brown, to make a presentation to the Board on December 14, 2010, relative to the Renewal Plan, had been distributed.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the request of Ms. Janet Brown to make a presentation be granted, and that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to finalize arrangements for same.

Motion Carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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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| Meeting<br>Adjournment<br>Time | 1) That the November 16, 2010, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.   |
| Personnel<br>Matter            | 2) That the resignation of Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, be accepted with regret; and further, that the term of employment arrangements with Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, be amended as discussed. |
| Personnel<br>Matter            | 3) That the proposal submitted by The Geldart Group to conduct executive search services relative to the position of the Director of Education be accepted.   |

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That recommendation No. 3 (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 *Community Leaders Advisory Committee Update* and *Renewal Planning Attendance Area Mergers Discussion*. The progress reports were accepted.

Adjournment	The Chairperson advised that this concluded the business of the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.
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Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:52 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer