

Regina, Saskatchewan
December 14, 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. Katherine Gagne, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Ms. Carla Beck	Mrs. Angela Fraser Mr. Tim Stobbs Mr. Dale West
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	

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: *Métis Sashes*, *RHSAA*, and *Board Newsletter*.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 November 16, 2010.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 16, 2010, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Naming of Shirley Schneider Support Centre at Balfour Collegiate Mr. Don Hoiium, Director of Education, introduced Ms. Cindy Hock, Principal, Balfour Collegiate, Ms. Shirley Schneider, and Larissa, a Balfour student. Ms. Hock provided background information on the Balfour Special Tutorial Program, highlighting Ms. Schneider's tireless efforts since 1972 in providing tutoring through correspondence courses to young women so that pregnancy would not result in the discontinuation of their education. She noted that, although Ms. Schneider retired in 1993, she continues to advocate for the program and the young women who access the support. Larissa, a Grade 12 student, spoke of her experience in the program, expressing her gratitude for the support provided during and after her pregnancy. She indicated that, with the support of her mother and the program, she is now realizing her potential to further her education. Ms. Hock acknowledged the program's successes over the past 38 years and advised that the staff and students wanted to honour Ms. Schneider for her many years of dedicated service to the program. Board members expressed appreciation for the program. Ms. Schneider highlighted information on the upcoming RCMP Gala Ball in support of the MacKenzie Infant Care Centre.

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Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

That the Balfour Special Tutorial Program at Balfour Collegiate be re-named the “Shirley Schneider Support Centre at Balfour Collegiate” in honour of Shirley Schneider.

Motion Carried.

Shared Educational Leadership Initiative: Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and Regina Public School Board

Information relative to a shared educational leadership initiative with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, and Mr. Gerry Hurton, Executive Director, Education and Training Secretariat, FSIN, provided additional information. Mr. Hoium highlighted the formalized arrangements with the FSIN designed to enhance leadership development opportunities for both First Nations and Regina Public personnel in the future. Mr. Hurton expressed his appreciation for the support of Regina Public in benefitting teachers and ultimately students.

Public Presentations

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Bob Hughes. Mr. Hughes spoke in favour of keeping Athabasca School open. He expressed his opinion that the school affords more opportunities and greater engagement of students because of its smaller size. He noted his granddaughter’s improved academic achievement, attributing same to the small school atmosphere and excellent teaching staff. He highlighted the positive social factors associated with smaller schools. He appealed to the Board not to close Athabasca school. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Marie Karner. Ms. Karner also spoke in favour of keeping Athabasca School open. She focused on the Board’s share values as providing students with meaningful and positive learning experiences, regardless of their personal circumstances, background, identity or socio-economic status. She advised that Athabasca School provided her daughter with quality education and extra-curricular opportunities that have resulted in her academic and personal growth. She urged the Board to consider that social value is at least as great as economic value. Her daughter, Simone, reflected on her positive experiences as a student at Athabasca School. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Audit and Policy Review Committee

Mr. D. West advised that the Audit and Policy Review Committee met on December 1, 2010, with the External Auditor and a representative from the Office of the Provincial Auditor, to discuss the draft 2009-10 Audited Financial Statements. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information, noting that, upon completion of the draft statements, the Ministry of Education provided information relating to Capital Grants Payable and Operating Grants Receivable that may necessitate adjustments to the draft statements. Notwithstanding this lack of clarity, current legislative provisions require approval of the Statements by the Board prior to December 31, 2010. Ms. Burnett responded to questions.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2009-10 Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan be approved as presented

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subject to any adjustments necessitated by provincial government direction regarding the recognition of capital grants; and that endorsement upon the statements and distribution thereof be held in abeyance pending said government direction.

Motion Carried.

Mr. West advised that the Committee discussed a change to Board Policy 7, *Board Operations*, relative to shortening the timelines for approving requests for presentations to be made to the Board by allowing the Chair, Vice-Chair and Director to approve such requests at agenda setting meetings.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the proposed revision to Clause 9.2 of Policy 7, *Board Operations*, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Strategic
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The Continuous Improvement Report 2009-10: Reporting on Student Success had been distributed. Mr. T. Stobbs advised that the Report had been discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on December 6, 2010.

Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, and Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, reported on and responded to questions relative to implementation and key actions, measures of progress and plans for improvement in each of the priority areas of Higher Literacy and Achievement, Equitable Opportunities and Outcomes for All, and Smooth Transitions into and through the System. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, reported on and responded to questions relative to implementation and key actions, measures of progress and plans for improvement in the priority area of Governance, Facilities and Accountability. Ms. Burnett also presented the Financial Plan section of the Report. Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication demonstrated in the ongoing implementation of the plan.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That the Continuous Improvement Report 2009-10: Reporting on Student Success be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Public Accounts

Draft copies of the Board’s 2009-10 Statement of Public Accounts had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, responded to questions and noted that the Accounts were being presented in draft form due to the current uncertainty regarding the recognition of capital grants and inability to finalize the 2009-10 Audited Financial Statements and in order to satisfy legislatively imposed timelines.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2009-10 Statement of Public Accounts of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan be approved as presented subject to any adjustments necessitated by provincial government direction

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regarding the recognition of capital grants; and that the Accounts be distributed and made public upon finalization of the 2009-10 Audited Financial Statements.

Motion Carried.

Date of 2011 Annual General Meeting Given that a number of Board members have indicated the intention to attend the Sustainability and Education Academy from May 1-4, 2011, Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, recommended that the date of the Annual General Meeting be changed from May 3 to May 10, 2011.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That, due to a scheduling conflict, the date of the 2011 Annual Meeting of Electors be changed from Tuesday, May 3, 2011, to Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina.

Motion Carried.

Director and Board Evaluation Meeting Date To avoid availability conflicts, Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, proposed that he contact Mr. Terry Gunderson and schedule the yearly Director and Board Evaluations for Friday, May 27, 2011. Board members concurred with Mr. Hoium’s recommendation.

Trustee/SCC Consultations Feedback In an effort to provide Board members an opportunity to engage in roundtable discussion regarding their individual School Community Council consultation meetings, Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, proposed that the second Board meeting of each month include an agenda item for said discussion. Board members agreed with the proposal.

Métis Sashes As it had been agreed to provide Métis sashes for delegates attending the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Spring Assembly, Mrs. C. Anderson inquired if Board members would be interested in learning how to make said sashes. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, agreed to identify possible dates and schools, and any interested Board members could email Mr. Walter or Mrs. Anderson relative to their availability.

RHSAA Dr. B. Young asked if it would be possible to obtain a schedule of high school athletic games. Mr. D. West advised that schedules are posted on the RHSAA website and that he has requested a hard copy of same from the RHSAA Director, which he will distribute when received.

Closed Session Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:
That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

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| Contract Award re: Construction of Douglas Park School | 1) That the new Douglas Park School construction project be awarded to Westridge Construction based on the bid, itemized and alternative pricing submitted and as such are accepted by the Board and Ministry of Education. |
| Meeting Adjournment Time | 2) That the December 14, 2010, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time. |

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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 *Bargaining Update, Treasury Board Presentation, Board Newsletter, Renewal Planning, and Personnel Matter*. 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. C. Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 10:42 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer