

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 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: *SSBA Members' Council* and *Métis Sashes*.

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 February 22, 2011.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:
That the minutes of the Board meeting of February 22, 2011, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Regina Trades and Skills Centre Update Information relative to the Regina Trades and Skills Centre and its programming had been distributed. Mr. Armand Martin, Executive Director, Regina Trades and Skills Centre, and Mr. Len Brhelle, Principal, Campus Regina Public, provided additional information. Mr. Brhelle outlined the programming opportunities available to high school students from Regina Public, Regina Catholic and Prairie Valley School Divisions, including Trades and Skills Construction Apprenticeship Program (TASCAP), Culinary Arts, and Construction Worker Preparation. He noted that enrolment for the courses continues to grow. Mr. Martin outlined that adult programming is industry-driven with courses being offered based on industry needs. He emphasized the importance of partnerships, and provided examples of recent partnerships that facilitated off-site training in scaffolding, painting, residential framing, and hardwood installation. Mr. Brhelle responded to questions relative to enrolment levels and academic credits. Mr. Martin responded to questions relative to programming capacity and female participation. The Board expressed appreciation for the presentation, and Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, thanked Mr. Martin and Mr. Brhelle for their hard work and dedication.

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Members' Council Information	Information relative to the SSBA Members' Council semi-annual meeting, held February 24-25, 2011, had been distributed. Dr. B. Young and Mrs. K. Gagne provided additional information, noting the topics addressed the fundamentals of effective board governance and the expectations of boards and directors. Dr. Young and Mrs. Gagne recommended that Board members schedule time to meet informally to discuss Board governance and future plans. It was agreed to discuss possible meeting dates in the closed session portion of the meeting.
School Travel Planning Update	Information relative to the Saskatchewan In-Motion School Travel Planning initiative had been distributed. Mrs. A. Fraser provided additional information, noting that the two public schools involved, McLurg and Ruth M. Buck Schools, are in the first of the two-year process. She advised that she had attended the McLurg community walkabout/discussion and the Ruth M. Buck community discussion. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, responded to questions relative to liability and the difference between this initiative and the "walking school bus." Board members requested more information relative to liability issues.
Joint Board Meeting Proposed Agenda	A proposed agenda for the joint meeting of the Regina Catholic and Public Boards of Education, scheduled for March 10, 2011, had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, outlined the proposed agenda noting the two key discussion items: Characteristics of Shared Use Facilities and Possible Future Developments.
Lieutenant Governor's Prayer Breakfast	Information relative to the 41st annual Lieutenant Governor's Prayer Breakfast, scheduled for April 13, 2011, at been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, advised that a table at the breakfast had been arranged and Trustees interested in attending should contact him via email.
Block Project Approval	Information relative to approval of 2011 Block Projects had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, and Mr. Ron Christie, General Manager, Educational Facilities, provided additional information, noting that five roofing projects and the replacement of ventilation units in the auto mechanics and welding shops at Cochrane High School had been approved, at a total anticipated cost of \$1.1 million. Mr. Christie responded to questions relative to estimated and actual costs.
Request for Presentation	A request from a parent and ratepayer to make a presentation to the Board relative to current busing arrangements had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that the area in question was part of an attendance boundary change made in 2009. Board members requested that Mr. Hoium contact the parent and discuss the policies and procedures in place and that, following such discussion, the Board would consider the request if necessary.

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Future Agenda Topics Requests Mrs. A. Fraser advised that she would like a presentation at a future Board meeting relative to the Heroes Program at Cochrane High School. Dr. B. Young advised that she would like a presentation at a future Board meeting relative to the Advanced Placement Program at Balfour Collegiate.

Métis Sashes At the December 14, 2010, Board meeting, it was noted that the Board would provide Métis sashes for delegates attending the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Spring Assembly and Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, would identify possible dates and schools for Trustees to attend and learn how to make the sashes. Mr. Walter advised that the date has now been scheduled for March 28, 2011, at 1:00 PM, at Albert Community School. He further advised that Ms. Lisa Allen, Principal of Albert Community School, was confident that sufficient sashes could be made for all delegates at the Spring Assembly. Mrs. C. Anderson noted that McDermid Community School’s newsletter published a segment identifying the meaning associated with the sash colours, and it was suggested that the article be included with the sashes.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:
That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Personnel Matter 1) That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to finalize arrangements with representatives of CUPE 650 for the presentation of Grievance G02-2011.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:
That recommendation No. 1 (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 *Facility Information, SSBA Members’ Council, Joint Board Meeting Preparation, Trustee Matter, and School Community Council Consultations Interim Update*. The progress reports were accepted.

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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 9:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer