

Regina, Saskatchewan
June 21, 2011

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: *Judge Bryant School Carnival* and *Balfour Collegiate*.

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 June 7, 2011.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:
That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 7, 2011, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Presentation The Board received a presentation from Mr. Bob Hughes relative to the disposition of Athabasca School. Information relative to a circulated petition had been distributed. Mr. Hughes requested that the Board revisit its decision to merge the Athabasca School attendance area and close the facility. He urged the Board to develop a small schools policy and a long-term plan for dealing with fluctuating student populations in aging neighbourhoods. He outlined the four options noted in the circulated petition: 1) to rescind the order to close Athabasca School; 2) to place a three-year grace period on the disposal of all school properties; 3) to place an immediate moratorium on future school closures; and 4) to develop a school closure policy. He noted that more than 500 petition signatures have been gathered to date. Mr. Gordon Chubak requested that the Board consider a motion to delay the disposition of Athabasca School and surrounding property for a period of at least one year to allow for the completion of a study by the Community Research Unit, University of Regina, reviewing the future viability of a community hub facility, which may include a community school. Mr. Hughes advised that the report will be presented to the

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Board for consideration in conjunction with the biennial review. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Chubak responded to questions from Board members relative to the number of households represented by the signatures on the petition, the percentage of individuals approached who signed or declined to sign the petition, and the timeline for receipt of the referenced report. Board members expressed concern regarding the request for a three-year moratorium on all school closures, and also noted that the Board employs current demographics in its biennial review. It was suggested that the researcher contact City of Regina representatives relative to city development plans. It was also recommended that the Board receive the subject report as soon as possible. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

B-1 Facilities Application

Information relative to a B-1 facilities application for a shared high school in Southeast Regina had been distributed. Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that the Regina Catholic School Board would be submitting a similar B-1 application.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That submission of a B-1 application to the Ministry of Education for a new proposed high school in South East Regina to be developed as a shared facility with the Regina Separate School Division #81 and other potential community partners be authorized.

Motion Carried.

Facilities:
Revised
SaskTel Utility
Easement

A request from SaskTel regarding execution of an easement agreement relative to the École Centennial Community School property had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, advised that the request was for a second cabinet on the site to provide fibre optic cable to the school and community (installation of the first cabinet was approved at the May 17th Board meeting).

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the Board authorize execution of the revised Utility Easement with SaskTel relative to the École Centennial Community School property.

Motion Carried.

Facilities:
SaskPower
Utility
Easement

A request from SaskPower regarding execution of an easement agreement relative to the Campbell Collegiate property had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, advised that same was required to facilitate the installation of electrical upgrades at Campbell Collegiate.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the Board authorize execution of the Easement of Right-of-Way with SaskPower relative to the Campbell Collegiate property.

Motion Carried.

[Mr. T. Stobbs noted a conflict of interest and abstained from discussion and voting on the immediately preceding motion.]

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Regina High School Athletics Association Information relative to the decision of the Regina High School Athletics Association (RHSAA) to no longer sanction baseball and softball, effective with the 2011-12 school year, had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, provided additional information, noting that the identified sports are already not sanctioned by the Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association (SHSAA). He further outlined factors considered, including lack of appropriate venues, lack of available officials, cost implications, league schedules, duplication of services, and season length. Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to the decision to continue sanctioning hockey.

Pamphlet on Children Using the Internet Mrs. C. Anderson advised that she had received pamphlets from SaskTel relative to internet use by children. She indicated that the information contained therein was very interesting and that the Board may wish to outline same on its website. It was recommended that Mrs. Anderson provide a copy of the pamphlet to Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, for further review.

Judge Bryant School Carnival Mr. T. Stobbs expressed appreciation to the Judge Bryant School Community Council for hosting a successful carnival on June 15, 2011. He advised that, along with the Principal and Vice-Principal, he volunteered to be a dunk tank participant.

Balfour Collegiate Dr. B. Young advised of a recent visit to Balfour Collegiate, and expressed admiration for the staff, learning leaders and core leaders for the Learning Improvement Plan review. She urged her fellow Trustees to sit in on a Learning Improvement Plan review if possible.

Notice of Motion Ms. C. Beck gave notice of her intention to present the following motion at a future Board meeting:

RESOLVED that Regina Public School Board delay the disposition of Athabasca School and surrounding property for a period of at least one year, allowing time to complete the study from the Community Research Unit, University of Regina, to confirm or deny the future viability of a community hub facility, which may include a community school.

Presentation to Mr. Don Hoium Dr. B. Young made a presentation to Mr. Don Hoium, Director of Education, on the occasion of his retirement and in recognition of his years of distinguished and dedicated service to Regina Public Schools.

Closed Session Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:
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:

Personnel
Matter

- 1) That the contracts with the Director of Education and Deputy Directors be amended to include an indemnification clause as discussed.

Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

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 *SSBA Saskatoon Meeting Update*, *Facilities Matters*, 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 Ms. C. Beck:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:03 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer