

Regina, Saskatchewan
January 24, 2012

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

Members Present	Mrs. Katherine Gagne, Chair	Mr. Tim Stobbs
	Mrs. Angela Fraser, Vice-Chair	Mr. Dale West
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Dr. Barbara Young
	Ms. Carla Beck	

Administration Present	Ms. Julie MacRae, 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 Youth in Motion Survey* and *SSBA Public Awareness Campaign*.

Adoption of
Agenda Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

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 January 10, 2012.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of January 10, 2012, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Business
Education
Partnership Information regarding a proposed partnership between Dr. A. E. Perry School and Scotiabank Grasslands Branch had been distributed. Mr. Ian McKillop, Principal, welcomed the new partnership and outlined potential opportunities for volunteerism and service in the community. Ms. Jane Button-Friesen, Branch Manager, Scotiabank Grasslands Branch, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be involved with Dr. A. E. Perry School in a shared community venture.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the proposed educational partnership between Dr. A. E. Perry School and Scotiabank Grasslands Branch be approved.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Continuous Improvement Report Presentation and Update on Changes to Framework Conference

Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, provided information relative to changes to the Continuous Improvement Framework Conference with the Ministry of Education, noting that the conference will be more streamlined and focused on achievement results.

The Continuous Improvement Report 2010-11: Reporting on Student Success had been distributed and approved at the December 13, 2011, Board meeting. 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 new plan format and the hard work and dedication demonstrated in the ongoing implementation of the plan.

2012-13 School Calendar

Further to direction from the Ministry of Education that, for the 2012-13 school year, students are not to return to school prior to the Labour Day weekend, Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Instruction and School Services, on behalf of the School Year Calendar Joint Committee, presented a proposed revised calendar for the 2012-13 school year.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That the revised 2012-2013 school year calendar for Regina Public Schools be approved as presented, subject to the declaration by the Minister of Education of the number of school days in the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion Carried.

Facilities: Borrowing for Douglas Park School, Arcola School, and Campbell Collegiate

Information, relative to borrowing by way of long-term loan for the Board's share of the Arcola and Douglas Park School rebuilds and the Campbell Collegiate foundation remediation project, had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information, outlining the legislatively-prescribed borrowing process and indicating that all principal and interest costs associated with the loan would be reimbursed by the Ministry of Education. Ms. Burnett responded to questions relative to process.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

THAT application be made to the Ministry of Education and the Local Government Committee for permission to borrow the sum of \$16,241,110 in 2012 repayable over 20 years, for the purpose of partially funding the costs of: a) constructing and equipping the Arcola and Douglas Park School rebuilds; and b) remediating the foundation at Campbell Collegiate; AND THAT the amount of said debt shall be payable in 240 monthly instalments in the years 2012 to 2032 inclusive, with interest at a rate not to exceed 4.25% per annum.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Facilities: A request from SaskPower, regarding execution of an easement agreement
 SaskPower relative to the placement of equipment related to the Arcola Community School
 Easement rebuild, had been distributed.

Motion by Mr. Dale West:

That execution of the Easement of Right-of-Way with SaskPower relative to the Arcola Community School property be authorized.

Motion Carried.

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

SSBA Youth in Ms. C. Anderson advised Board members that she and Ms. C. Beck had attended
 Motion Survey a meeting at the Canadian Cancer Society regarding health and wellness issues. She highlighted that the Society is developing a questionnaire for completion by students and community members, based on a model coming out of Manitoba. Ms. Beck advised that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association had been asked to send representatives to consult on facilitating school division distribution of the survey to all high school students in the province. Ms. Anderson undertook to provide Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, with information on this project.

SSBA Public Ms. C. Beck highlighted an email that was received by Trustees prior to the
 Awareness Winter break relative to interest in a public engagement workshop presented by
 Campaign the Saskatchewan School Boards Association. Board members advised of their intentions regarding attendance at the workshop.

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

Motion Carried.

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:

Meeting 1) That the January 24, 2012, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond
 Adjournment the 9:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.
 Time

Chair	S/T

French
Immersion
Designation

2) That the request of the Wilfrid Walker School Community Council that École Wilfrid Walker be designated a Type A French Language program be declined for the reasons outlined.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 *Negotiations Update, Budget Process Workshop, Renewal Plan Update, and Director and Board Self-Evaluation Process*. The progress reports were accepted.

[Ms. C. Beck noted a conflict of interest with respect to the *Negotiations Update* item and absented herself from discussion on the topic.]

Adjournment

The Chairperson advised that this concluded the business of the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9.51 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer