

Regina, Saskatchewan  
May 22, 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 Mrs. Angela Fraser, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Ms. Carla Beck	Mr. Tim Stobbs Mr. Dale West Dr. Barbara Young
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: *Public Education Advocacy Committee, Leader-Post Article, Public Section, and Personnel Matter.*

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

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 April 24, 2012.

Motion by Mrs. A. Fraser:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of April 24, 2012, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Signing Collective Agreement A Local Agreement between the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union Local 4292 and the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan covering the period January 1, 2011, to August 31, 2013, had been ratified by both parties. The Agreement and five Letters of Understanding were duly signed by Negotiating Committee Members, Ms. Pat Gwilliam, Ms. Marla Dufour and Mr. Joe Pylatuk, and by Mrs. Katherine Gagne, Chairperson, and Ms. Debra Burnett, Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Board. The Board expressed its appreciation for the successful negotiation process and to all those involved.

Audit and Policy Review Committee Mr. D. West provided a summary of the Audit and Policy Review Committee meeting held April 23, 2012, highlighting the discussion of draft Policy 14, *Sustainability*, that provides a framework focused on the four domains of sustainability: curriculum/teaching/learning, facilities and operations,

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professional development, and governance. Ms. Julie MacRae advised that the Director of Education will report annually to the Board on the progress of the Division’s sustainability initiatives. Ms. C. Beck noted that the policy is framed in terms of a joint responsibility involving the Board, students and staff in collaboration with parents and community.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That draft Policy 14, *Sustainability*, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Mr. West reported that the Committee also discussed the matter of subsequent events audits. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, noted that, in order to meet the requirements for the audit of the Province’s consolidated financial statements, the Board is required to complete financial schedules for the Ministry of Finance regarding the Board’s financial activities between August 31, 2011, and March 31, 2012, including contractual obligations involving lease and construction contracts, legal obligations in excess of \$2 million, guaranteed debt obligations, and other significant transactions. She reported on the schedules that were submitted to the Ministry of Finance on April 4, 2012. She further noted that an additional subsequent events audit is required for the period between March 31, 2012, and June 6, 2012, with a materiality threshold of \$80 million, and advised that, at this time, there would be nothing for the Board to report with respect to this time period. Mr. D. West further advised that Ms. Burnett had responded to questions relative to the IT security audit during the Committee meeting.

Strategic  
Planning  
Committee

Mr. T. Stobbs provided a summary of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held April 24, 2012, noting discussions relative to the Division Leadership Planning Session held March 1-2, 2012, and the development of the Continuous Improvement Plan, the final version of which will be presented to the Board on June 5, 2012. He advised that the upcoming Board self-evaluation process will include discussions on strategies and actions to meet goals as well as “stretch targets.”

Community  
Relations  
Committee

Mrs. A. Fraser provided a summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held April 25, 2012, advising that the final report relative to the Trustee/School Community Council (SCC) meetings will be circulated to Board members prior to the August, 2012, planning session, and then provided to principals, SCC Chairs, and posted on the Board’s website. She further advised that the Committee agreed that smaller SCC group meetings did not need to be held every year, and that, for the 2012-13 school year, a large group event would be planned for all SCCs. She noted the review of the agenda for the Student Leadership Forum and agreement to group students from various schools among the Board members.

Public  
Education  
Advocacy  
Committee

Dr. B. Young highlighted the meeting with City Councillors held May 15, 2012. Board members provided feedback on topics discussed, including but not limited to Design Regina, transportation services, the Civic Pension Plan, EAL funding, Renewal plans, enrolment projections, Campus Regina Public, Southeast high school initiatives, and School Community Council concerns. It was noted that, notwithstanding that only four Councillors were able to attend the meeting, the discussions were productive.

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Public Engagement Workshop Update  
 Ms. C. Beck and Mrs. A. Fraser provided a summary of discussions held at a Public Engagement Workshop offered by the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, noting that many of those in attendance were School Community Council members. Both Ms. Beck and Mrs. Fraser regarded the workshop as beneficial and further noted that it would serve as a good resource for School Community Councils.

High School Facility Study Update  
 Information relative to the High School Facility Study had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that the Saskatchewan Instructional Development and Research Unit (SIDRU) had been contracted to assist with the study. She advised that an interim report will be provided to Trustees at the June 19, 2012, Board meeting, with a final report expected by the end of November, 2012.

Establishing June 12, 2012, Board Meeting  
 Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, advised that the final step in the Board self-evaluation process contemplates a Board meeting with the consultant on June 12, 2012.

Motion by Mr. T. Stobbs:

That a Board meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 11:30 a.m., at 1600 4th Avenue, Regina, for the purpose of considering the results of the Board self-evaluation and positive path forward processes.

Motion Carried.

Community Development Project – Shared Use Facilities Meeting  
 Information relative to discussions at the April 30, 2012, meeting of the Regina School Boards’ Steering Committee on a shared high school in Southeast Regina had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, advised that it was the recommendation of the Committee that approval to proceed with a jointly-funded feasibility study be brought forward to the respective boards of education.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

That participation with the Regina Separate School Division #81 in a jointly-funded study designed to determine the feasibility of constructing a high school in Southeast Regina as a shared facility with other potential community partners be authorized.

Motion Carried.

Leader-Post Article  
 Ms. C. Beck drew attention to an article in the May 22nd edition of The Leader-Post highlighting five students who will be graduating from the Regina Public Schools Adult Campus in June, 2012. Ms. Beck advised that, through a partnership with Conexus Credit Union, photos and autobiographies of the five students will be displayed at the Credit Union’s main branch commencing May 31, 2012.

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Closed Session

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Dr. B. Young:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

June 5, 2012, Board Meeting

1) That the Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2012, be cancelled and that instead, a Board meeting be scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2012, commencing at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina.

Meeting Adjournment Time

2) That the May 22, 2012, 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 *Personnel Matters, 2012-13 Budget, Public Section, School Merger Activities Update, Policy Review, and Director Evaluation*. The progress reports were accepted.

[Ms. C. Beck noted a conflict of interest with respect to a Personnel Matter and absented herself from the discussion.]

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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 9:42 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer