

Regina, Saskatchewan  
November 27, 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. K. Gagne, Chair Ms. C. Beck, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson Dr. Jane Ekong	Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly Mr. Dale West Miss Aleana Young
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Administration Present	Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services
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The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mr. D. West:</u>  That the agenda be adopted as prepared.
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Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 6, 2012.
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Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 6, 2012, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Website Design Recognition	Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, advised Board members that the Canadian Association of Communicators in Educator had presented Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, with an award of merit for the Regina Public Schools website redesign. Ms. MacRae noted that Mr. Lazarou had been ably assisted behind the scenes by Ms. Suzanne Shuba, Executive Assistant, and many individuals from the Information Technology Department.
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Appointment of Standing Committees	Based on member preferences expressed and in accordance with Policy 8 "Committees of the Board," Mrs. K. Gagne asked for a motion to appoint members to serve on the four standing committees until the next Organizational Meeting.
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Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That:

- a) Mr. D. West (Chair), Ms. C. Beck and Miss A. Young be appointed to serve on the Audit and Policy Review Committee;
  - b) Miss A. Young (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Dr. J. Ekong be appointed to serve on the Community Relations Committee;
  - c) Mrs. C. Anderson (Chair), Dr. J. Ekong and Dr. K. O’Reilly be appointed to serve on the Public Education Advocacy Committee; and
  - d) Ms. C. Beck (Chair), Dr. K. O’Reilly and Mr. D. West be appointed to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee;
- until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Board Representatives

In accordance with Policy 9 “Board Representatives,” Mrs. K. Gagne asked for a motion to appoint members to represent the Board on certain external committees.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That:

- a) Mr. D. West be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association;
  - b) Mrs. K. Gagne and Ms. C. Beck be appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee;
  - c) Dr. J. Ekong be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Community Leaders Advisory Committee; and
  - d) Dr. K. O’Reilly be appointed to serve as Board Representative for the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency;
- until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.

2012 Fall General Assembly Update

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that a new executive was elected at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association’s 2012 Fall General Assembly with Ms. Janet Foord being elected as President. She further noted that the proposed 2013 budget was not approved by the membership and that, as a result, a status quo budget will prevail for the coming year. Miss A. Young highlighted the Student Leaders Panel, wherein Saskatchewan students from Grades 10 to 12, as well as a few recent graduates, spoke with delegates about leadership from a student’s perspective, expressing a desire to engage with boards. Mr. D. West emphasized that advocacy is an important responsibility of board members, and noted that the Honourable Mr. Russ Marchuk, Minister of Education, was in attendance. Mrs. Gagne advised that she and Ms. C. Beck had an opportunity to meet with the other large urban boards regarding ongoing advocacy efforts and that a follow-up meeting with Minister Marchuk will be arranged.

“Reconciling the Past, Preparing for the Future” Update

It was noted that Board members Ms. C. Beck, Dr. J. Ekong, Dr. K. O’Reilly, and Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, had an opportunity to attend the “Reconciling the Past, Preparing for the Future” gathering on November 15, 2012. Dr. O’Reilly advised that Justice Murray Sinclair, chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, gave an outstanding presentation and suggested that it would have been an extremely worthwhile annual meeting session. Ms. Beck provided background information on the striking of the Commission,

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and its five-year mandate. She further noted that more information can be found at [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca). She highlighted Justice Sinclair’s challenge to teach all children to speak to and about others with respect, and to teach every child about residential schools. She further highlighted Theodore Fontaine’s first-hand account as a survivor of a residential school. Dr. Ekong noted the impact made by Mr. Fontaine speaking of his first-hand experiences, which are also outlined in his book, *Broken Circle: The Dark Legacy of Residential Schools: A Memoir*.

Youth Health Revolution Conference Update

It was noted that Ms. C. Beck and Mrs. C. Anderson attended the Youth Health Revolution Conference in Alberta from September 30-October 2, 2012. Mrs. Anderson advised that Ms. Beck was representing Regina Public Schools and she was representing the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, and that the conference was designed to give those in attendance a chance to think about and discuss student fitness, nutrition and mental health. She outlined Canadian statistics on physical activity, and noted that she had materials to pass on to the Audit and Policy Review Committee. Ms. Beck noted that student health has to be a priority, as it is paramount to student success and linked with achievement. She highlighted presentations by Mr. André Picard, National Public Health Report for *The Globe and Mail*, and Mr. Mark Tremblay, Director of Healthy Active Living and Obesity Research Group. She also noted a presentation on student mental health.

B-5 Facilities Plan Application

Information regarding a proposed Five-Year Proposed Capital Requests Application had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, reminded Board members that the Ministry of Education requests boards to submit five-year construction plans in order to analyze and prioritize major capital project funding requests on a provincial basis. Ms. Burnett and Mr. Ron Christie, General Manager, Educational Facilities, responded to questions relative to Balfour Collegiate and École Connaught Community School.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That submission of the B-5 application and associated B-1 documentation to the Ministry of Education, as indicated, be authorized.

Motion Carried.

Naming of Sheldon-Williams Fitness Centre

Mrs. K. Gagne noted that the Board, at its meeting on June 19, 2012, had approved the naming of the Sheldon-Williams Fitness Centre. Mr. D. West advised that he had attended the opening of the fitness centre, named in honour of long-time staff member and basketball coach, Mr. Ray Jacoby. He noted the participation of Mr. Mark Mueller, Quarterback for the University of Regina Rams, in the event. He further highlighted that Mr. Jacoby had spearheaded fundraising efforts to equip the fitness centre with stationary bikes, treadmills, fitness balls, weights, and TVs.

Prior to retiring to the in-camera portion of the meeting, Mrs. K. Gagne reminded Board members of the Campus Regina Public grand opening to be held November 29, 2012, at 1:45PM.

Mr. D. West also advised that he and Mrs. Gagne were interviewed by Mr. Dave Morgan on Community Radio earlier in the day and it had been an enjoyable experience.

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Closed  
Session

Motion by Miss A. Young:

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  
Adjournment  
Time

- 1) That the November 27, 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.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Public Section Update, Personnel Matter, Facilities Update, Board Package Documents, and Student 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 Dr. K. O'Reilly:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:56 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer