

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 Ms. Carla Beck, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Dr. Jane Ekong 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.

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that Dr. K. O'Reilly was absent due to a work commitment out of the country.

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 27, 2012.
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	<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>  That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 27, 2012, be approved as distributed.
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Motion Carried.

Trustee Recognition	Mrs. K. Gagne made presentations to former trustees, Mrs. A. Fraser, Mr. T. Stobbs and Dr. B. Young for their years of distinguished and dedicated service to Regina Public Schools. Current Trustees highlighted the accomplishments of the previous board and expressed appreciation to the former trustees for their hard work and dedication to public education.
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Strategic Planning Committee	The Continuous Improvement Report 2011-12: Reporting on Student Success had been distributed. Ms. C. Beck advised that the Report had been discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held December 7, 2012. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, advised that, upon approval, the report will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education and an accountability conference with Ministry officials would be arranged for early in 2013. Mr. Mike Walter,
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Chair	S/T

Deputy Director, School Services, and Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, outlined areas of the Report, noting trends over time in the three 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, provided information relative to the priority area of Governance, Facilities and Accountability. Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication demonstrated in the ongoing implementation of the Continuous Improvement Framework.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the Continuous Improvement Report 2011-12: Reporting on Student Success be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the Division Office staff be formally thanked for work done in the completion of the Continuous Improvement Report 2011-12.

Motion Carried.

Community Relations Committee

Miss A. Young provided a brief summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held December 11, 2012, and thanked Mrs. C. Anderson for chairing the meeting. Miss Young highlighted the School Community Council Forum to be held at Douglas Park School on January 15, 2013, with the theme "Building the Future for Everyone." She also noted that parents will have the opportunity to volunteer for a committee to look at ways of recruiting and retaining School Community Council members.

Public Education Advocacy Committee

Mrs. C. Anderson provided a brief summary of the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held December 12, 2012, highlighting discussions of and edits to the draft Public Education Advocacy Plan for 2012-13. She further noted that Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, provided information and responded to questions relative to the Shared Values Recognition Program.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the proposed Public Education Advocacy Plan 2012-13 be adopted for discussion at the January 15, 2013, Board Planning Session.

Motion Carried.

Audit and Policy Review Committee

Mr. D. West advised that the Audit and Policy Review Committee met with the External Auditor and a representative from the Office of the Provincial Auditor on December 12, 2012, to discuss the draft 2011-12 Audited Financial Statements. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, outlined the year's operating results, and provided additional information relative to capital grants and expenditures. In addition, the ongoing discussions between the Provincial Auditor and the Provincial Government relative to the recording of capital loans were highlighted. It was further noted that the First Quarter Financial Results for 2012-13 were reviewed with the Committee and were also included in the Board meeting agenda materials.

Chair	S/T

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the Audited Financial Statements for the period September 1, 2011, to August 31, 2012, be approved as presented, and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to endorse same.

Motion Carried.

Mr. D. West also provided information relative to a proposed revision to Policy 7 *Board Operations*, regarding establishment of the Board meeting schedule and the meeting presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That the proposed revisions to Policy 7 *Board Operations* be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Board Package Documents

Ms. C. Beck presented the motion of which she had given notice at the June 19, 2012, Board meeting. A friendly amendment, suggested by Mr. D. West, to include the phrase, "subject to the discretion of the Director of Education," was accepted by Ms. Beck.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

RESOLVED that Board package documents, subject to the discretion of the Director of Education, be provided to the public electronically via the Regina Board of Education website prior to regularly scheduled board meetings.

Ms. Beck offered the following rationale in support of the motion: to allow for more informed public discourse by making available accurate and readily accessible information; to reduce the amount of printed material in keeping with the Board's stated goal of sustainability; to follow the example of other similarly-sized Canadian school boards that currently publicly distribute board package material prior to board meetings; and to bolster public support and trust by being transparent and providing timely access to pertinent information. Other Board members expressed concern that the wording of the motion did not contemplate certain documentation that would be considered private and confidential at the time of a meeting and that may or may not be made public following receipt by the Board.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the above motion be tabled for discussion at the Board Planning Session to be held January 15, 2013.

Tabling Motion Carried.

Facilities:  
SaskPower/  
SaskTel  
Easement

A request from SaskPower and SaskTel, regarding execution of an easement agreement relative to providing services to the new Seven Stones Community School, had been distributed.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That execution of the Easement Right-of-Way with SaskPower and SaskTel relative to the Seven Stones Community School property be authorized.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Public Accounts In accordance with legislative requirements, copies of the Board’s 2011-12 Statement of Public Accounts had been distributed.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That the 2011-12 Statement of Public Accounts of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Facilities Matters

- 1) That “Imagining Secondary Schooling for the Year 2035: New Approaches to Student Engagement in Regina Public High Schools” (December, 2012), prepared by SIDRU, be received.
- 2) That, subject to approval by the Ministry of Education, the Administration be authorized to finalize an agreement with the City of Regina relative to the transfer of the Ken Jenkins School (building only) on the terms and conditions discussed.

Personnel Matter

- 3) That the tentative agreement between the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan and the Regina Public School Teachers’ Association effective, July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2013, be approved, and that the appropriate officers be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

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.

Chair	S/T

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That recommendation No. 3 (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 *Audit and Policy Review Committee* 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. J. Ekong:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:35 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer