

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	Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly
	Ms. Carla Beck, Vice-Chair	Mr. Dale West
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Miss Aleana Young
	Dr. Jane Ekong	
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	

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and, on behalf of the Board members, expressed gratitude to the staff of Regina Public Schools for ensuring, notwithstanding the events of the day, a smooth and safe start up to the school year. She summarized discussions held at a meeting of board chairs with the Minister of Education relative to the development of a “Student First” provincial strategy. She further noted that Ministry officials affirmed unequivocally that boards of education would remain intact.

She then asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as prepared.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Miss A. Young:</u>
	That the agenda be adopted as prepared.

Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 18, 2013.
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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 18, 2013, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

School Opening Update	Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, welcomed the Trustees to a new school year and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of staff from Student Achievement, School Services and Division Services in preparing for the 2013-14 school year. She outlined the four sessions offered to teachers during the first week (based on recommendations from the results teams), as well as a full-day interactive workshop for every teacher and intern with external Education Consultant, Mr. Damian Cooper. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, reported on a lockdown that occurred on the first day back for students, involving four schools, and advised that, with the work of Principals,
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Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, and Regina Police Services, everything ran as smoothly as possible. Mr. Walter noted that it is too soon to determine enrolment projections, but estimated that the Division will meet or exceed its projections. He advised that every teaching position has been filled, and that there are only a few educational assistant positions that remain vacant. He further advised that, due to space utilization challenges, attendance boundaries have been closed for two high schools and nine elementary schools—Winston Knoll and Campbell Collegiates, Dr. A. E. Perry, Ethel Milliken, W. F. Ready, Jack MacKenzie, W. S. Hawrylak, George Lee, MacNeill, Arcola and Douglas Park Schools. Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, emphasized the preparation that occurred during August to ensure appropriate professional development sessions were in place for the start of the school year. Mr. Walter responded to a question relative to out-of-area registrations at schools with closed boundaries. Board members acknowledged all staff for their dedicated efforts in preparing for the 2013-2014 school year.

PotashCorp Presentation Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, advised that, unfortunately, PotashCorp representatives were unavailable and that the intended presentation would be rescheduled.

SSBA 2013 Annual General Meeting – Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions Information relative to the submission of bylaw amendments and resolutions for the 2013 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne noted the deadlines for submission, and requested that any forthcoming resolution proposals be submitted prior to the September 24, 2013, Board meeting. Mrs. C. Anderson advised that she will be bringing forward a proposed resolution relative to the establishment of a provincial anaphylaxis policy.

CSBA Conference Update Dr. J. Ekong provided a summary of the Canadian School Boards Association Conference, which she attended in Vancouver on July 4-6, 2013. She advised that the conference theme was “Diversity and Health.” She outlined the pre-conference workshop on healthy active living in Canadian Schools. She highlighted the conference presentation by Dr. Beirsto on “Diversity Matters,” and remarked, with delight, on the presentations of keynote speakers, former Governor General Michaëlle Jean, and Mr. Alvin Law. Mrs. K. Gagne thanked Dr. Ekong for her report.

Budget 2013-14 Final Estimates Information relative to the approval by the Ministry of Education of the Board’s 2013-14 revenue and expenditure estimates submission (as detailed at the June 18, 2013, Board meeting) had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, noted that, following said approval, The Education Act, 1995 requires Board approval of the final 2013-14 estimates.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2013-14 estimated revenues and expenditures, as submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Education, be adopted as the final statement for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Motion Carried.

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City of Regina
Development
Applications

Information relative to City of Regina development applications had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Manager, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information. With regard to the application for Zoning Bylaw and Concept Plan amendments relative to Harbour Landing Phase 10, Stage 2, he noted the Division's continuing interest in a future school site in the area, preferably near the geographical location of the former "town centre," and further observed that the said site should be sized to accommodate a potential shared-used facility. He noted that, concerning the application for Concept Plan Approval of the proposed Somerset development, based on the projected population of the development, the Division does not perceive the need for a new school in the area, as students residing in Somerset could be accommodated in existing local schools. He did point out, however, the Division's desire that the City and developer continue to consider ease of access, safety and minimized walking distances to school sites with respect to the development, particularly regarding the provision of a safe crossing at roadway and railway crossings. With respect to the application for Zoning Bylaw Amendment for a Laneway Housing Pilot Project in Harbour Landing, he identified that the Division would have concerns with the potential for increased on-street resident parking and possible vehicle congestion along James Hill Road adjacent to the future school site, and, as such, would be opposed to the proposed changes occurring for the area adjacent to the future school site. Mr. Whiting and Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, responded to questions relative subdivision plans for Harbour Landing, City presentations, timelines for future schools, and physical safety of school sites and availability of safe routes to schools.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That, with respect to the Harbour Landing Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application and Concept Plan Amendment (13-Z-17/13-CP-5), the City of Regina be notified of the Board's concerns regarding the identification of an optional future school site location near the former town centre area.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That, with respect to the Somerset Concept Plan Approval Application (09-CP-1), the City of Regina be notified of the Board's concerns regarding ease of access, safety and minimized walking distances to school sites, and that students residing in this new area would be accommodated in existing area schools.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:

That, with respect to the Harbour Landing Zoning Bylaw Amendment (13-Z-18), the City of Regina be notified of the Board's concerns regarding the proposed development along James Hill Road adjacent to the future school site.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Ryan Labatt asked to address the Board relative to a student transportation issue. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that his request had been reviewed at the agenda planning meeting in June, 2013, wherein it was deemed to be an operational matter and, thus, referred to administration. Mr. Labatt expressed concern that there have been discrepancies in the information provided and wished to present to the Board. Mrs. Gagne consulted with the Board members, and the majority agreed to receive the presentation. Mr. Labatt advised that, due to the closure of Athabasca, his two children now attend Lakeview School. He further advised

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that his children had been bussed from their previous child care provider’s residence to Lakeview School but he had been informed that they would not be bussed from their new child care provider’s residence because that address is within the established walking distance of the school. Mr. Labatt argued that the intersection at Regina Avenue and Montague Street is very busy and that, for safety reasons, transportation should be provided to Lakeview School. He emphasized the difficulty in finding child care, and asked that an exception to administrative procedure be made in these circumstances. Mrs. Gagne reminded Mr. Labatt that, in accordance with Policy 9, Board members can ask questions for clarification, but that the decision of the Board would be delivered to him by the Director of Education. Mr. Labatt responded to questions. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, provided further information. Mrs. Gagne thanked Mr. Labatt for his presentation.

Closed
Session

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:
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 reported progress with respect to consideration of *SSBA Award Nominations, Biennial Review 2013*, and *CSBA Conference Update*. 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 Mrs. C. Anderson:
That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:51 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer