

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. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services	

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>
	That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 3, 2013.
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<u>Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:</u>
That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 3, 2013, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions for the 2013 SSBA Annual General Meeting	Three proposed resolutions for presentation at the 2013 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual Convention, had been distributed.	
	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>	
	That the following resolution and associated rationale be approved for submission to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for presentation at the 2013 Annual Convention:	
	BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education, in consultation with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and other relevant stakeholders, lead a process to develop a provincial policy guiding the appropriate policy and procedures to effectively address the needs of students and staff with anaphylactic allergic reactions.	
	<u>Rationale:</u>	
	Anaphylactic allergic reactions are a very serious health concern. The rate of anaphylactic allergic reactions in our population has grown dramatically as has the range of allergens that cause these potentially fatal reactions.	

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All school boards have students with this health concern and likely virtually every school. The Canadian School Boards Association recommends every school board should have a written anaphylaxis policy and written procedures that provide minimum standards for schools within its region. Our province of Saskatchewan is the only province that does not have a provincial anaphylaxis policy. Individual boards may have policy and procedures in place, but there is neither provincial expectation nor guidance as to the appropriate policy and procedures that are warranted for our communities. The most successful board policies cultivate understanding and enlist the support of the entire school community. Additionally, policies should be flexible enough to allow schools and classrooms to adapt to the needs of individual children and differences in the organizational and physical environment of schools.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the following resolution and associated rationale be approved for submission to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for presentation at the 2013 Annual Convention:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education be urged to restore full Board decision-making authority regarding the method by which portable classrooms are acquired and installed in school divisions and, further, that Ministry funding criteria for approved portable projects not be conditional upon board participation in a Ministry-mandated bulk purchase program.

Rationale:

In 2013-14, in order to qualify for Ministry funding, school boards with approved portable projects were required to participate in a Ministry-specified bulk purchase program. This was the case notwithstanding that, in some instances, boards had the ability to acquire relocatable classrooms in a more economical and efficient manner. The 2013-14 experience was unsatisfactory from a number of perspectives: portables were not delivered on time, portable specifications were not met, and costs were higher than originally projected by the Ministry. In the future, there may be instances where accessing a group purchase program is the best alternative available to a board, but in those instances where a board has the capacity to deliver portables outside of such a program, this must be facilitated by the Ministry and not result in any financial penalty to the board. A “one size fits all” approach is not desirable in this regard.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the following resolution and associated rationale be approved for submission to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for presentation at the 2013 Annual Convention:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association seeks partnership with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation and other stakeholders to develop a provincial health policy guideline for children to assist school divisions developing comprehensive health policies.

Rationale:

School serves as an important access point for health practices and modeling of healthy lifestyles. It plays a significant role in supporting and practicing student health and wellness. Research shows school-based health interventions can improve academic performance through effectively embracing the interdependence between health and education outcomes.

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In Saskatchewan, there is no comprehensive policy guideline of provincial protocols and standards for school-based health education and practice. To positively influence and enhance the health and well-being of all students, it is important to develop a provincial policy guideline, which will establish standards for wellness education and practice, as well as promote awareness and commitment for comprehensive school health. Promoting and supporting the healthy growth and development of children and youth is a shared responsibility among family, school and other government/non-government agencies. Therefore, a collaborative approach and strategic planning is crucial for the success of this initiative.

Motion Carried.

2013 SSBA
Annual General Meeting:
Appointment of Voting Delegates and Vote Distribution

Information regarding the appointment of voting delegates and distribution of votes for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association 2013 Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information.

Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:

That Mrs. C. Anderson, Ms. C. Beck, Dr. J. Ekong, Mrs. K. Gagne, Dr. K. O'Reilly, Mr. D. West, and Miss A. Young be appointed as voting delegates to the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to be held November 12-13, 2013, in Saskatoon.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That, in accordance with the established formula, the 51 vote allocation to be cast on behalf of the Board at the 2013 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting be allocated as follows:

Mrs. K. Gagne – 8 votes;

Ms. C. Beck – 8 votes;

Mrs. C. Anderson – 7 votes;

Dr. J. Ekong – 7 votes;

Dr. K. O'Reilly – 7 votes;

Mr. D. West – 7 votes;

Miss A. Young – 7 votes;

and that, as a matter of policy, if for some reason the number of Board members attending the general assembly is less than the number specified, the total available votes be divided among members in attendance as evenly as possible, as determined by the Chairperson, in order to ensure that the Board's entire voting allotment can be cast.

Motion Carried.

Biennial Review

Information regarding the Biennial Review (September 2013) had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, provided a brief background on the biennial review process. Mr. Mark Whiting, Manager, Policy, Planning and Research, provided an overview of the Biennial Review and highlighted actions undertaken since the previous Biennial Review, including completion of the High School Facility Study, the Elementary Attendance Area Study, and the consultations to determine the future site for a merged Imperial/McDermid School facility. He further pointed to the merger of the Dieppe School attendance area with that of McLurg School, the merger of the Haultain School attendance area with that of Glen Elm School, the

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construction and opening of the redesigned Douglas Park and Arcola Schools, the design, tendering and current construction of Seven Stones Community School, and the ongoing planning for the North Central Shared Facility development. He reported on enrolment trends, program delivery model variances, educational funding model changes, and major capital funding processes. Ms. MacRae advised that, as a result of the plan, the Board has been able to annually reinvest over \$1M realized from operational savings directly into enhancing educational services throughout the school system. She further noted the revitalization of urban/core school infrastructure with committed investment of over \$90M in new educational facilities for the division. She pointed to over \$3.3M in targeted improvements to schools involved in mergers. Ms. MacRae noted a system-wide facility utilization rate of 86%, with an elementary facility utilization rate of 103%. Mr. Whiting responded to a question relative to the areas of enrolment growth within the system. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

Heritage
Designation

Information relative to the designation of heritage properties had been distributed.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That the motion of Ms. C. Beck, tabled at the June 18, 2013, Board meeting, be lifted from the table.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck (as previously tabled):

That, pursuant to the request from the École Connaught School Community Council for support of heritage designation for École Connaught Community School, the Board of Education seek further information relative to the process for designating heritage properties, the consequences associated therewith, and grants available for renovations should heritage designation occur.

Motion Carried.

In discussion, Ms. Beck thanked administrative staff for compiling the information provided but asked that her motion stand as originally made, noting that she would like further information regarding the Department for Canadian Heritage and Cultural Spaces, the Canadian Heritage Legacy Fund and Saskatchewan Heritage Legacy Grants, as well as any other possible municipal or provincial heritage designation grants. Mrs. Gagne expressed appreciation for the research undertaken by Miss Young on the subject over the Summer months.

Board Annual
Work Plan
2013-14

Mrs. K. Gagne outlined the proposed Board Annual Work Plan for 2013-14, noting that the plan is designed to reflect activities in the three priority areas of: 1) Improving Student Success; 2) Quality Governance and Policy Making; and 3) Community Relations and Advocacy. Board members expressed appreciation for the layout of the Work Plan. It was noted that the dates for two of the subdivision meetings had been switched from the draft version of the Plan.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the Proposed Board Annual Work Plan for 2013-14 be approved.

Motion Carried.

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Closed
Session

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

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:

Establishment
of Additional
Board Meeting

- 1) That an additional Board meeting be scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., at 1600 4th Avenue, Regina.

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 *SSBA 2014 Proposed Budget, Facility Naming*, and *Joint Boards Meeting*. 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 9:05 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer