

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 asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was requested that the following items be added: *Public Section Update, Education Relations Board Update, Agenda for School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee Meeting, and Members' Council Update.*

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>  That, with the additions requested, the agenda be adopted.
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Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on September 24 and October 7, 2013.
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Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:  
  
That the minutes of the Board meetings of September 24 and October 7, 2013, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Heritage Designation Information	Mrs. K. Gagne noted that a motion to seek further information relative to the process for designating heritage properties, the consequences associated therewith, and grants available for renovations should heritage designation occur, was lifted from the table and adopted at the September 24, 2013, Board meeting and that the Board was now in a position to deal with the request of the École Connaught School Community Council in this regard.
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Motion by Miss A. Young:  
  
WHEREAS the Board has researched the implications of obtaining a Heritage Designation for École Connaught Community School; and Whereas obtaining such a designation would serve to limit the Board's options; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board decline the request from the Connaught School Community Council to seek a heritage designation for the existing facility.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Speaking in support of the motion, Mrs. C. Anderson referred to the goal of achieving equity throughout the school system and stated that heritage designation of the École Connaught Community School building could hinder the Board’s plans for a new facility in the community. Miss A. Young commented that, based on the extensive time invested and research assembled by administration and individual trustees, she was of the opinion that a heritage status designation of the building was not in the interests of the Board. Dr. J. Ekong cautioned that maintaining an operational school in the area should not be confused with heritage property issues. Mrs. K. Gagne noted that the Board was voting on the issue of seeking heritage designation and not about the future of École Connaught Community School. She stated that the Board of Education exists to ensure quality programming at its schools and that pursuing heritage status is not included in that mandate. Mr. D. West clarified that the Board has already approved a rebuild of the school, and that heritage status could serve to hinder said rebuild.

In speaking against the motion, Dr. K. O’Reilly asserted that École Connaught Community School deserves heritage designation, being Regina’s oldest public school. She noted that the school has been recognized by Heritage Canada as one of Canada’s top 10 endangered properties. She further emphasized that it would cost the Board nothing to seek such designation. Ms. C. Beck expressed concern regarding consideration of the motion at this point in time and advised that she could not support the motion because of a lack of guidance from the Ministry of Education as to whether the Board would receive funding to build a new school in the community. She further suggested that, if said provincial funding was not forthcoming, to preclude seeking heritage designation could jeopardize the Board’s options to access funds to upgrade the current facility.

Student  
Enrolment  
Report

Information relative to 2013-14 Student Enrolment had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, provided additional information, including actual enrolment comparisons from 2012-13. Mr. Walter noted the actual enrolment, as of September 30, 2013, was 21,449 students, an increase of 548 students from 2012-13, and 108 over 2013-14 projections. Mr. Walter responded to a question regarding reporting on enrolment at Cochrane High School. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

Facilities:  
Borrowing

Information, relative to borrowing by way of long-term loan for the Board’s share of the construction of Seven Stones Community School and the Campbell Collegiate foundation remediation and restoration, had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information, outlining the legislatively-prescribed borrowing process.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That application be made to the Ministry of Education for permission to borrow the sum of \$7,538,047 in 2013 repayable over 20 years, for the purpose of partially funding the costs of: a) constructing and equipping Seven Stones Community School; and b) remediating the foundation at and restoring Campbell Collegiate; and that the amount of said debt shall be payable in 240 monthly instalments in the years 2013 to 2033 inclusive, with interest at a rate not to exceed 4.47% per annum.

Motion Carried.

Chair	S/T

Sustainability Report      In accordance with provision in Policy 14, *Sustainability*, the 2012-13 School Year Report on Sustainable Development in Regina Public Schools had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Manager, Policy, Planning and Research, provided addition information, noting this was the first reporting pursuant to the relatively new Sustainability policy. He highlighted sustainability initiatives in the areas of facility design, operations and maintenance, transportation, professional development, and governance. Mr. Whiting responded to questions relative to school participation in the City's new recycling program, and school-based sustainability policies. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

Notice of Motion      Dr. J. Ekong gave notice of her intention to present the following motion at a future Board meeting:

RESOLVED that the Board consider the use of IT strategies by Trustees to augment their ability to execute their duties whenever appropriate.

Closed Session      Motion by Miss A. Young:  
That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 *Heritage Designation Information*, *Student Enrolment Report*, *Education Sector Plan Update*, *Public Section Update*, *Education Relations Board Update*, *Agenda for School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee Meeting*, and *Members' Council 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 Mr. D. West:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:26 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer