

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

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</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 meetings held on February 11, 2014.
	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meetings of February 11, 2014, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Public Presentations	The Board received a presentation from Ms. Amy Petrovitch and Ms. Theresa Hohne, on behalf of the École Connaught School Community Council. Ms. Petrovitch and Ms. Hohne urged the Board to work together with the school community to determine the best solutions for the relocation of École Connaught Community School students. They stressed the importance of keeping the entire dual-track school family together to ease the transition for students. They encouraged the Board to consider having remedial repairs done to the facility to allow it to stay open for one more year, and to find a temporary location for the school within the Cathedral neighbourhood. Ms. Petrovitch responded to questions relative to additional options. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.
	The Board received a presentation from Ms. June Botkin. Ms. Botkin referred to the Board’s Sustainability Policy. She presented photos of the Connaught school site, noting the orientation of the school on the property to maximize the prairie landscape. She described the school as a poor example of its former

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glory, pointing to areas that have deteriorated and features that have been removed. She referenced the February 2014 structural engineering report and inquired about the depth and width of the cracks in the beam, and the deflection of the beam over its span. She suggested that issues could be corrected through a carefully researched and planned rehabilitation project. She urged the Board to, at the very least, have the repairs done to keep the school open for another year. She further urged the Board to, during that time, have a structural evaluation done of the school by an independent engineer and conservation team. Ms. Botkin responded to questions relative to her training. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Robert Hubick, on behalf of Heritage Regina. He voiced Heritage Regina’s support for the conservation of the current École Connaught Community School facility. He offered that education is not a business but a public service. He advanced that schools are an integral part of our shared cultural, social and physical environment. Mr. Hubick noted that Heritage Regina understands that not all heritage buildings can be saved, but that every effort should be made to protect these living icons and demolition should only be the last resort. He advocated for the Board to, at the very least, seek a detailed financial and scientific survey. He referred to the report by J. C. Kenyon Engineers Inc., and urged the Board to seek an expert in heritage buildings to get another perspective on what repairs need to be done and at what cost. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Education  
Sector Plan

Information relative to the Education Sector Strategic Plan (“ESSP”) had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, provided additional information, noting that, in collaboration with Ministry of Education staff, the 28 Directors of Education in Saskatchewan, and several First Nations educational leaders, developed a strategic plan for the education sector, using a planning model known as Hoshin Kanri, during a series of working sessions between September 18, 2013, and February 6, 2014. She highlighted that the ESSP was finalized after a consultation and feedback process, known as Catchball, involving more than 1,000 people, including teachers, school division leaders, historical high schools, post-secondary institutions, the Chamber of Commerce, and unions, as well as provincial stakeholder groups, SSBA, STF, LEADS, FSIN, and MN-S. She advised that the ESSP will replace the Continuous Improvement and Accountability Framework as the over-arching guide for school division level planning with the ultimate purpose of establishing focus for and encouraging refinement of ongoing efforts to improve achievement levels and graduation rates for all Saskatchewan students. Ms. MacRae responded to questions relative to a blank achievement target and Ministry funding and resource commitments.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the Education Sector Strategic Plan be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

2014-2015  
Budget  
Proposals

Copies of the 2014-2015 Budget Proposals Report, organized according to the priorities of the Division’s strategic plan, had been distributed. Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, and Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, highlighted various aspects of the report. Ms. MacRae reminded Board members of the challenges

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faced in balancing the delivery of educational services in a generation of evolving operational and capital funding approaches, while realizing student achievement targets and providing efficient and effective school facilities. Mr. Walter highlighted enrolment trends and projections, proposed staffing deployment, and comparative staffing figures. Mr. Enion outlined targets under the priorities of Higher Literacy and Achievement, Equitable Opportunities, and Smooth Transitions. Ms. Burnett outlined targets under the priority of System Accountability and Governance. Members of the administration responded to questions. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

[Mrs. K. Gagne left the Board room for a short period of time during which Mr. D. West, Vice-Chairperson, assumed the chair. Mrs. Gagne resumed the chair upon her return.]

Coopertown  
Concept Plan

Information relative to a proposed Coopertown Neighbourhood Plan and Phase 1 Concept Plan had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, noting that a future school site has been included in the Phase 1 Concept Plan that is centrally located within the development. He noted that the location has been identified as a potential candidate for the northwest joint school. He advised that the administration continues to work with the Regina Catholic School Division administrators, the Ministry of Education, and members of the provincial school bundle project team, in developing the necessary site criteria for the development of the joint schools.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That the City of Regina be advised of the joint-school site criteria requirements outlined in this report; and further, that the decision on a preferred location for the next joint school site in northwest Regina will be dependent upon the site being fully serviced and available for Spring/2015 construction.

Motion Carried.

2014-15 School  
Year Calendar

Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, presented proposed elementary and high school calendars for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Walter advised that consultations occurred with representatives from the Regina Catholic School Division and the Prairie Valley School Division to align the calendars as much as possible. He further noted that consultation had been conducted with representation from the Regina Public School Teachers' Association and local union presidents. It was suggested that, for informational purposes, Board meeting dates could be added to the calendars.

Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:

That the 2014-2015 school year calendar be approved as presented, subject to review by the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

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Notices of Motion                      Dr. J. Ekong gave notice of her intention to present the following motion at the March 25, 2014, Board meeting:

WHEREAS a motion requesting that “the Board explore the possibility of increased use of IT strategies by trustees to augment their ability to execute their duties whenever appropriate” was made at the October 15 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS that motion was referred to the Audit and Policy Review Committee for consideration and report back to the Board; and

WHEREAS that committee has not officially reported back to the Board the results of their deliberation;

RESOLVED that the Board invite the Audit and Policy Review Committee to report on their progress or decisions on this issue at the next Board meeting.

Dr. J. Ekong gave notice of her intention to present the following motion at the March 25, 2014, Board meeting:

WHEREAS the Board is considering closing boundaries to some high schools; and

WHEREAS such boundary closures will affect students in different programs differently (e.g. English, IB and French Immersion); and

WHEREAS education is a partnership that involves parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards and the community;

RESOLVED that the Board:

- 1. Include parents, students and the community in consultations about the boundaries changes, garner their input and consider such input in the final decisions;
- 2. Communicate the final decision clearly to affected stakeholders and communities so that they know how each program is affected; and
- 3. Phase in the new policy over time to enable affected stakeholders the time to adjust to the policy, and make appropriate plans for their children.

Ms. C. Beck gave notice of her intention to present the following motion at the March 25, 2014, Board meeting:

THAT the Regina Board of Education seek adequate funds from the Ministry of Education’s emergency fund for capital projects, in order to make repairs as proposed by the structural engineer, J. C. Kenyon, to allow École Connaught Community School to remain open until June, 2015.

Subdivision Reports                      Mr. D. West advised that he had attended the open house at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate on February 27, 2014, and was pleased by the good turn-out of grade eight students.

Mrs. C. Anderson thanked Mrs. K. Gagne for attending the parent information meeting at École Connaught Community School on February 25, 2014, and representing trustees who were unable to attend for hospitalization and bereavement reasons.

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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:

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| Personnel<br>Matter              | 1) That the proposed Letter of Understanding with CUPE Local 3766, regarding Days of Work for the 2014-15 school year, be approved for execution on behalf of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, subject to authorization by CUPE Local 3766. |
| Meeting<br>Adjournment<br>Time   | 2) That the March 4, 2014, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 10:00 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.   |
| Establishment<br>of Meeting Date | 3) That a Board meeting be scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014, commencing at 6:00 PM, to be held at the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina.  |

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:  
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.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:  
That recommendation No. 3 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

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At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *North Central Shared Facility Update*, *Public Section Update*, *Members' Council Update*, and *Facility Matters*. 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 11:07 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer