

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 welcomed visitors, Mrs. Vicky Bonnell, Chairperson, Mr. Rob Currie, Director of Education, and Mr. Noah Wernikowski, Communications Officer, Regina Catholic Schools, to the meeting. She then asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. It was requested that the following item be added: *Banking Resolutions*.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That, with the addition requested, the agenda be adopted.

Motion Carried.

Approving of Minutes The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 25, 2014.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of March 25, 2014, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Grades 10-12 Report Information regarding Grades 10 through 12 initiatives had been distributed. Mr. Darren Boldt, Superintendent, Student Achievement, provided additional information, highlighting improvements in graduation rates, particularly for First Nations and Métis students, and for those students who graduate after three-years from entering Grade 10, with approximately 90% of all students graduating by the time they are 22 years old. He outlined focused targets such as each student attaining eight credits per year, and having students reading and writing at grade level. He commented on advisory programs, Aboriginal Advocates, the collection of qualitative data from students, transition rooms, intensive reading interventions, and the online resource, MyBluePrint, for use by teachers, students, and parents/guardians. He advised that the development of the online resource, I Teach and I Learn, will eventually encompass all 24 credits required to graduate. He highlighted the development of a central registration process for students registering during the school year. He further mentioned the High School Strategy, briefly touching on the development of the

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Martin Academy, the initiation of Advanced Placement in all high schools, and the equitable offering of extra-curricular opportunities for students. Mr. Boldt responded to questions relative to the locally developed literacy program, transition rooms, intake processes, the MyBluePrint program, and supports for English as an Additional Language students. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Joint Southeast Community Development Project Feasibility Study

The Joint Southeast Community Development Project Feasibility Study had been distributed. Mr. D. West provided additional background information. He advised that the feasibility study was jointly commissioned by the two Regina school divisions to evaluate the issues and assess the viability of pursuing a joint use education facility in Regina’s Southeast. He commented that the report will be used to inform future dialogue between the boards and with their respective communities, and the report’s findings will also assist the divisions’ administrations with planning. He further noted that the report identifies a number of creative alternatives to new builds that would assist in easing some of the existing or anticipated enrolment pressures that both divisions will face. He outlined that the report will form the basis for a more comprehensive high school strategy that will build upon the high quality options currently available to high school students in both divisions. Mr. West highlighted that the report exhibits the spirit of collaboration between the two school divisions and serves as a strong starting point for the work that will be done in developing the three joint elementary schools announced by the Ministry of Education earlier in the year.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the Feasibility Study for the Southeast Community Development Project be received for information.

Motion Carried.

Mrs. K. Gagne announced that the Board would briefly recess during which time she and Mrs. Vicky Bonnell would respond to any questions from the media relative to the aforementioned Feasibility Study. The Board reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Update on Health Initiative Meeting

Mrs. C. Anderson provided an update on a meeting she had attended with Saskatchewan School Boards Association President, Ms. Janet Foord, and Executive Director, Mr. Darren McKee, on April 8, 2014, to be debriefed on a discussion held with Hon. Don Morgan, Minister of Education, and Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Health, relative to the future of the collaborative health policy. She advised that she is currently developing a list of priorities in health and wellness and assembling information to be used in a survey of students, parents, trustees, and seniors, that will be circulated in the Fall through the Saskatchewan Alliance for Youth and Community Well-Being.

Annual Meeting of Electors: Statement of Proceedings

As required under section 97(8) of The Education Act, 1995, the Secretary’s statement of proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Electors, held January 28, 2014, had been circulated to Members of the Board. It was noted that the statement of proceedings would be subject to approval at next year’s annual meeting of electors.

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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the Statement of Proceedings of the 2014 Annual Meeting of Electors, held on January 28, 2014, be adopted as prepared and referred to the 2015 Annual Meeting of Electors.

Motion Carried.

Response to Motion Regarding School Bundle Projects

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she had written a letter to the Hon. Don Morgan, Minister of Education, following the Annual Meeting of Electors held January 28, 2014, relative to the resolution regarding public consultation on public-private partnership schools, requesting that the Ministry of Education and SaskBuilds hold a public consultation meeting on the subject. She further advised that Mrs. Vicky Bonnell, Chairperson, Regina Catholic Schools, would be writing a follow-up letter to the Minister of Education regarding same.

Community Relations Committee

Miss A. Young provided a brief summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held March 31, 2014, highlighting discussions relative to the School Community Council Forum, held on April 8, 2014, and the Student/Board Forum, scheduled for April 29, 2014. She indicated that the topic of community engagement was referred to the Board's August 2014 Planning Session, and requested that Board members bring constructive ideas and critical questions to the Planning Session. She concluded by noting an update provided by Mr. Terry Lazarou, Supervisor of Communications, on the Shared Values Recognition Program.

Audit and Compliance Committee

Mr. D. West provided a brief summary of the Audit and Compliance Committee meeting held April 7, 2014, noting a discussion relative to compliance matters, including the results of the March 31, 2014, subsequent events audit. He highlighted the proposed 2013-14 Audit Service Plan submitted by Meyers Norris Penny LLP, and the Audit Involvement Letter provided by the Provincial Auditor. It was further reported that the Second Quarter Financial Results were reviewed with the Committee and that same were also included in the Board meeting agenda materials.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That Meyers Norris Penny LLP be appointed as the Board's auditor for the 2013-14 fiscal year, in accordance with the Audit Service Plan, dated April 7, 2014.

Motion Carried.

Mr. West advised that the Committee reviewed the notes of the discussions from the Policy Review meeting held November 29, 2013, relative to Electronic Meeting Attendance, and reaffirmed the decision to not provide for electronic meeting attendance by Board members for the reasons indicated. He further advised that Mr. Justin Arendt, Superintendent, Information Governance and Reporting, provided information relative to Electronic Board packages and, of the two options outlined for consideration, the Committee decided Option 1 (email distribution and secure network access) was preferable.

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Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the distribution of Board meeting agendas and materials through email distribution and secure network access be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Spring General Assembly Update

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she, Dr. J. Ekong, Dr. K. O'Reilly and Miss A. Young had attended the Saskatchewan School Boards Association's Spring General Assembly, held in Regina on April 10 and 11, 2014. Dr. J. Ekong provided a brief summary of a presentation by Dr. Mark Anderson, Principal, Luther College, on Education About Religion(s) in Public High Schools, noting that Dr. Anderson advanced that teaching world religions would allow students to gain knowledge of the religious tenets of different faiths, giving them the ability to think about religion proactively. Dr. K. O'Reilly provided a brief summary of a presentation by Mr. Daniel Murfitt, Principal, William Colenso College, New Zealand, on the Te Kotahitanga program aimed at raising Maori student achievement. She noted that the Division could relate to issues outlined by Mr. Murfitt, such as poverty and substance abuse, and how success can be achieved through culturally relevant pedagogy, relationship building and maintaining high student expectations. Miss A. Young advised that she also found Mr. Murfitt's presentation very interesting. She noted that she took the opportunity to network for Mrs. C. Anderson relative to the health initiative. She further provided a brief summary of the Public Section Executive Meeting discussions on the SSBA's governance model review, the Provincial education budget, the Provincial Education Sector Plan, Pre-Kindergarten, and joint facilities, and an update on the Theodore litigation. Mrs. K. Gagne noted that the presentations were interesting and stimulated good discussions, but expressed concern that the sessions provided did not focus on governance issues.

Subdivision Reports

Miss A. Young highlighted the 11&U Initiative Conceptual Framework that had been distributed by Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, noting the wonderful example of the Division's creative and sustainable partnerships.

Banking Resolutions

Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, advised that a Request for Proposals had been issued for Banking Services and that Banking and Borrowing Resolutions were required in order to proceed with finalization of arrangements with the successful proponent, Scotiabank.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Board appoint Scotiabank as its banker and agree to the terms set out in the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement, or where applicable, the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement section of the Business Banking Services Agreement.
- 2) Any two of the following persons are authorized to sign and deliver the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement, any service requests and any other banking agreements with you:

Chairperson
 Director of Education
 Deputy Director, Division Services

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- 3) The persons and the required combination of those persons are verified to be the persons authorized and the combination of those persons required to give instructions, verifications and approvals on behalf of the Board from time to time. The Board will provide this verification by a certificate in writing given to Scotiabank by any two of the officers set out below (the most recent certificate provided will be the current certificate in effect):

Chairperson
 Director of Education
 Deputy Director, Division Services

- 4) All instructions, agreements and documents signed, made, drawn, accepted, endorsed or completed and which are signed by the persons authorized from time to time are valid and are binding on the Board. The Board seal is not required on any written document to make it valid or show consideration.
- 5) This resolution remains in effect until cancelled by written notice to Scotiabank and Scotiabank has acknowledged receiving the notice.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan (the “Board”) considers it necessary to borrow certain sums of money from time to time to meet current operating expenditures;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

- 1) The Board does borrow from The Bank of Nova Scotia (“the Bank”) sums of money from time to time as required to meet current expenditures of the Board, provided that the total principal amount owed to the Bank at any one time shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Million (\$20,000,000) Dollars.
- 2) Any two of the following officers:

Chairperson
 Director of Education
 Deputy Director Division Services
 (the “Officers”)

be and are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Board:

- a) to apply to the Bank for the aforesaid loan to the Board and to negotiate rates of interest; and
- b) to obtain advance of monies from the Bank by way of overdraft on the Board’s account or pursuant to promissory notes, loan agreements or other evidence of indebtedness from the Bank, as maybe permitted or required by the Bank; and
- c) to execute on behalf of the Board such bills, promissory notes or similar or other forms of obligation as the Bank may require as evidence of and security for all sums borrower hereunder,

and each document executed as aforesaid shall be valid and binding upon the Board according to its tenor and the Bank shall never be bound to inquire whether such officers are observing the limitations on their authority as set forth in this resolution.

- 3) All sums borrowed pursuant to paragraph 1 hereof or so much thereof as from time to time remains unpaid shall bear interest at rates per annum as mutually agreed between the Board and the Bank from time to time.
- 4) As security for repayment of money borrowed pursuant to paragraph 1 hereof, the Board hereby charges to and in favor of the Bank all the revenues of whatever nature and kind by such security documentation as the Bank may require in respect to the foregoing charge. The said charge shall be collateral to the obligation of the Board to repay with agreed interest on all

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sums borrowed from the Bank. The Bank shall not be bound to recover any such requisitions or other monies before being entitled to repayment from the Board.

- 5) The Bank shall be furnished with a certified copy of this resolution and a list of the Officers together with specimens of their signatures, and this resolution and the said list shall be binding on the Board until notice to the contrary or of any changes therein shall be given to the Manager of the Bank.

Motion Carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Miss A. Young:

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:

CUPE 3766
Grievance
2013-08

- 1) That Grievance #2013-08, submitted by CUPE 3766 on behalf of a member, be declined.

Audit and
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- 2) That Policy 7, Board Operations, be amended as discussed.

Meeting
Adjournment
Time

- 3) That the April 15, 2014, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 10:00 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Properties
Matter

- 4) That a land exchange whereby the parcel of land currently owned by SaskPower (located at the corner of 4th Avenue and Lewvan Drive) is exchanged for a parcel of land owned by the Regina Board of Education (located on the southeast corner of the Wascana School site) be approved, at no cost to the Board, subject to the conclusion of an acceptable agreement.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 1 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 2 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 3 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That recommendation No. 4 (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 *Request for Feedback re: Proposed Position Statements, Budget Deliberations, and Campus Regina Public Presentation*. 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. K. O'Reilly:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 10:43 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer