

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 Mr. Dale West, Vice-Chair Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Ms. Carla Beck Dr. Jane Ekong Dr. Kathleen O'Reilly
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. K. O'Reilly:</u> That the agenda be adopted as prepared. Motion Carried.	
Declaration of Any Conflicts	Ms. C. Beck declared a conflict of interest with respect to the matter of the Civic Pension Update.	
Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 17, 2014. <u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u> That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 17, 2014, be approved as distributed. Motion Carried.	
School Opening Update	Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, welcomed the Trustees to a new school year and recognized the hard work and dedication of staff from Student Achievement, School Services and Division Services in preparing for the 2014-15 school year. She noted that it is too soon to determine enrolment, but estimated it will meet or exceed projections. She highlighted two school communities that have returned to different facilities, specifically the newly completed Steven Stones Community School and the renovated École Connaught Community School located on 4th Avenue. She advised that for the most part, both schools experienced smooth start-ups. She acknowledged the work of the Facilities Department personnel who did an amazing amount of work over the Summer to get these two facilities, as well as the rest of the	

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schools, ready for a new school year. She sought Board and public assistance in reminding communities about school safety considerations and adherence to school zone speed limits. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided information relative to professional development opportunities offered prior to school start-up. He noted that the New Teacher Induction was held, as well as a half-day session for substitute teachers. In relation to enrolment, he advised that classroom sizes are being monitored to ensure appropriateness, and that shifts in staff will be made if necessary. Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, advised that, in late August, 12 staff members participated in a two-day training session to become RespectED Coordinators. He further emphasized the extensive professional development sessions that were available for the start of the school year. Board members acknowledged all staff for their dedication in preparing for the 2014-2015 school year.

CSBA Congress Update

Mr. D. West provided a summary of the Canadian School Boards Association Conference, held in Niagara Falls in early July, 2014. He highlighted the conference presentation by Regina Public Schools on Campus Regina Public and expressed appreciation to Mr. Jason Coleman, Principal, Campus Regina Public, and Ms. Riley Wood, a Grade 12 Campbell Collegiate/Campus Regina Public student, who participated in the presentation. He further noted keynote speakers Astronaut Chris Hatfield, Finnish educator and scholar, Pasi Sahlberg, and The Right Honourable Paul Martin. Dr. J. Ekong echoed Mr. West’s appreciation for the thought-provoking conference, noting that Chris Hatfield was a very dynamic speaker. She expressed pride in the innovation taking place at Regina Public Schools, as evidenced in the Campus Regina Public presentation. Mr. West advised that next year’s conference will be held in Saskatoon and urged Board members to attend. On behalf of the rest of the Board, Mrs. K. Gagne expressed appreciation for the update and thanked Mr. Coleman and Ms. Wood for presenting at the conference.

Armed Forces Reserve Co-op Program

With the permission of the Board, Mrs. K. Gagne asked that the Armed Forces Reserve Co-op Program presentation be considered next.

Information regarding the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve Co-op Program had been distributed. Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, provided further information, noting that the Co-op is an education program whereby students can apply to join the Army Reserve and earn two secondary school credits by undertaking military training during the regular school day. He welcomed Commander Colonel Ross Ermel to make the presentation. Colonel Ermel advised that the Canadian Armed Forces is comprised of three elements—the Navy, the Army, and the Air Force—with two components—Regular Force (full-time), and Reserve Force (part-time). He noted that there are over 100 different occupations in the Armed Forces with 68,000 Regular Force personnel and 30,000 Reserve Force personnel. He advised that the Army Reserve is a part-time, fully integrated component of the Canadian Army, with many Reservists also serving full-time on employment contracts. He further advised that the primary role of the Reserve Force is to augment, sustain, and support the Regular Force. He outlined that the 38 Canadian Brigade Group is an Army Reserve located in 10 communities across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and North-western Ontario. He provided background information relative to the introduction of the Basic Military Qualification Co-op Program in Saskatchewan. Captain Peter Sliwowski provided an overview of the program, highlighting that this will be the first Co-op Program that provides two school credits. He further noted that the program will provide students with excellent work experience and employment skills opportunities. He advised that basic training consists of physical and mental training that stresses skills

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development, teamwork, discipline, physical fitness, ethics, and safety training. He outlined eligibility and application requirements. He further noted that Co-op candidates will receive pay in accordance with standard basic pay rates and that, upon completion of the program, candidates could continue employment with the Unit. Colonel Ermel concluded by advising that a teacher will be dedicated to the program, with his instructors delivering the basic training based on a student-instructor ratio of approximately 6:1. He pointed to the opportunities for youth to explore something different, giving them experience they can carry with them throughout their lives. Colonel Ermel, Captain Sliwowski and Mr. Enion responded to questions relative to the number of applicants chosen, application criteria, recruitment cycle, credits, and student payment. Board members expressed appreciation for the program and requested a future presentation involving Co-op Program students.

2014-15 Budget
Final Estimates

Information relative to the approval by the Ministry of Education of the Board’s 2014-15 revenue and expenditure estimates submission (as detailed at the June 17, 2014, 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 2014-15 estimates.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2014-2015 estimated revenues and expenditures, as submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Education, be adopted as the final statement for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Motion Carried.

Capital
Requests
Update

Information regarding the Provincial Government’s new Capital Program Process had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, noting that Divisions have been asked to identify their top three priorities for this year for Ministry consideration. He advised that, based on the last B5 capital application filed by the Division, the top three priorities would be the Athabasca/Argyle School merger rebuild, the proposed Imperial/McDermid Schools merger and rebuild, and the Haultain/Glen Elm School merger rebuild. Mr. Whiting responded to a question relative to the Ministry of Education decision-making timelines.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the Athabasca/Argyle School merger rebuild, the proposed Imperial/McDermid Schools merger and rebuild, and the Haultain/Glen Elm School merger rebuild be submitted to the Ministry of Education as the Board’s current capital project priorities.

Motion Carried.

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Consultation
Report 2013-14

Information relative to the 2013-14 School Community Council Consultation Report had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided additional information, summarizing themes of questions asked and number of attendees, as well as providing an overview of the 2014 Forum that centred on drug education. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

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Subdivision Reports Ms. C. Beck echoed the comments made earlier in the meeting and acknowledged the hard work of all the staff involved in ensuring a smooth transition for École Connaught Community School students who have relocated to the 4th Avenue facility. She noted, with appreciation, that teachers, as well as Principal Chris Keyes, were on the buses on the first morning of school to ease the anxiousness of students and parents alike.

Closed Session Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:
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 *Civic Pension Update, Board Self-Evaluation Workshop Reminder, STF Conciliation/Labour Relations Update, and School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee Meeting Update*. The progress reports were accepted.

[Ms. C. Beck absented herself from the discussion with respect to the Civic Pension Update.]

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 8:31 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer