

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. It was requested that the following items be added: *Accounting Policy Change* and *Personnel Matter*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>
	That, with the additions 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 November 25, 2014.
	<u>Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 25, 2014, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Standing Committees	Based on member preferences expressed and in accordance with Policy 8 “Committees of the Board,” Mrs. K. Gagne asked for a motion to appoint members to serve on the four standing committees until the next Organizational Meeting.
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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That:

- a) Mr. D. West (Chair), Ms. C. Beck and Miss A. Young be appointed to serve on the Audit and Compliance Committee;
  - b) Miss A. Young (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Dr. J. Ekong be appointed to serve on the Community Relations Committee;
  - c) Dr. K. O'Reilly (Chair), Ms. C. Beck, and Mr. D. West be appointed to serve on the Policy and Planning Committee; and
  - d) Dr. J. Ekong (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson, and Dr. K. O'Reilly be appointed to serve on the Public Education Advocacy Committee;
- until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.

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Appointment of Board Representatives In accordance with Policy 9 “Board Representatives,” Mrs. K. Gagne asked for a motion to appoint members to represent the Board on certain external committees.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That:

- a) Mr. D. West be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (and Dr. K. O'Reilly appointed as alternate);
  - b) Mrs. K. Gagne and Mr. D. West be appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee;
  - c) Miss A. Young be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Community Leaders Advisory Committee; and
  - d) Dr. J. Ekong be appointed to serve as Board Representative for the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency;
- until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.

Municipal Planning Update Information regarding City of Regina Development Applications had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, noting that the school site changes outlined in the Greens on Gardiner applications are the result of Ministry of Education discussions with the City pertaining to the school bundle project and, as such, the Division is in concurrence with these applications. Relative to the proposed “Westerra” Mixed-Use Neighbourhood Application, Mr. Whiting advised that the developers have held a number of events, affording Administration the opportunity to review and comment on the plans. He noted that the future school site size is under discussion. He further highlighted other suggested comments, including those with respect to preferred school building location, roadway access, and adjacencies to gas lines and/or any other potential hazard zones. Additionally, Mr. Whiting provided updates on the Foxtail, Kensington Greens, Somerset, Hawkstone, Skyview, Edgewater, Fairways West, Coopertown, Harbour Landing, and Harbour Landing West developments as well as a development just north of Greens on Gardiner. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. K. Gagne expressed appreciation for the report.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the City of Regina be advised that the Regina Board of Education concurs with the applications related to the Greens on Gardiner site; and that, relative to the Westerra project, the Administration point out the desire for the site/school to be located away from gas lines and/or any other potential hazard zone, and for the school be accommodated on the northern part of a site.

Motion Carried.

Audited Financial Statements Information relative to the 2013-2014 Audited Financial Statements had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, noted that the Board had approved the Statements at the November 25, 2014, Board meeting. She advised that, during its review of the Statements, the Ministry of Finance made further inquiries regarding the inclusion of Note 20 “Accounting Changes PS3260 Liability for Contaminated Sites,” which indicated early adoption of the new standard effective September, 2013. In particular, it was determined that since the Board has knowledge of the existence of fuel tanks at certain school sites and as Phase II assessments providing liability estimates will

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not be completed relative to same until early 2015, the Board should postpone adoption of the new accounting standard until 2015. Accordingly, Ms. Burnett advised that it was determined that Note 20 be removed from the previously approved statements and that Note 2(a) be amended to indicate that the Liability for Contaminated Sites standard will be adopted effective 1, 2014 (rather than September 1, 2013), and that, due to this change, the Provincial Auditor has requested Board confirmation of the revised statements.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the revised Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2014, incorporating amendment to Note 2(a) and deletion of Note 20, be approved.

Motion Carried.

Subdivision  
Reports

Mr. D. West took the opportunity to highlight the winter concerts taking place at various elementary schools, and extended congratulations to staff and students for spreading the spirit of the season to parents, grandparents, and community members.

Dr. J. Ekong advised that she had attended École Wilfrid Walker's theatrical presentation *Cybermare*, a play exploring issues faced by teens when dealing with the internet and social media. She suggested that an excerpt from the thought-provoking performance could form part of the upcoming Parent Forum.

With it being the first night of the lighting of the menorah, Dr. K. O'Reilly wished a Happy Hanukkah to anyone who celebrates same.

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:

Parent  
Presentation

- 1) That disposition of the Pre-Kindergarten application submitted on behalf of Mariam Saadeldin be confirmed.
- 2) That the Public Education Advocacy Committee be requested to formulate a strategy to lobby the Ministry of Education for improvements in Pre-Kindergarten assessments and funding.

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- Personnel  
Matter
- 3) That the proposal submitted by The Geldart Group (December 9, 2014) to conduct executive search services relative to the position of the Director of Education be accepted.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

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.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Balfour Team Name Change*, *Negotiations*, *Public Section Update*, *North Central Shared Facility Update*, and *Personnel Matter*. The progress reports were accepted.

[Ms. C. Beck joined the meeting during the Balfour Team Name Change presentation.]

- 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 9:42 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer