

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

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| 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.

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| Adoption of Agenda | <u>Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:</u>       |
|                    | That the agenda be adopted as prepared. |

Motion Carried.

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| Approving of Minutes | The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 6, 2015. |
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Motion by Miss A. Young:  
  
That the minutes of the Board meeting of January 6, 2015, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

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| High School Strategy | Information regarding the High School Strategy had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided additional information, highlighting the action plan developed for the continued implementation of the strategy. He noted that the critical piece of the Strategy is creating equity of opportunity for all Regina Public high schools through the Neighbourhood Schools Model and access to Campus Regina Public. He pointed to greater access to quality, diverse courses and extracurricular programs at neighbourhood high schools, enhanced neighbourhood access to specialized programming for French Immersion, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, the new programming offerings at Martin Academy, the specific program options for students with intensive support needs, and access to Campus Regina Public courses for all Grades 11 and 12 students. He referenced space utilization consideration and the development of a five-year Capital Improvement Plan. He noted the public consultation process undertaken through ThoughtExchange and highlighted examples of the feedback received. He advised that a brochure, <i>More Ways to Succeed in High School</i> , will be provided to all Grade 8 students by the end of the week. He expressed appreciation to the administrative |
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members who were instrumental in developing the High School Strategy. Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to communication channels and consistent messaging, intensive needs programming, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate transitioning and credit recognition, and the potential impact of a tight provincial budget. Board members expressed appreciation for the report and for the extensive public engagement throughout.

Public  
Education  
Advocacy  
Committee

Dr. J. Ekong provided a brief summary of the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held January 13, 2015. She noted that the Committee discussed and approved the Public Education Advocacy Plan. She advised that Ms. Juanita Redekopp-McKeown, Supervisor of Instruction, outlined the Pre-Kindergarten selection process and criteria, and that the Committee directed Division staff to investigate broadening the vulnerability criteria for Pre-K to allow for improved inclusion and to also review transportation options for the program. She advised of two recommendations made, namely, that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Education requesting clarification on capital project approvals and the status of the capital projects submitted by the Board, and that a letter of invitation be sent to Regina Saskatchewan Party MLAs requesting a meeting with the Board members.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the report of the Public Education Advocacy Committee, including the Public Education Advocacy Plan, be accepted as prepared and presented.

Motion Carried.

Community  
Relations  
Committee

Miss A. Young provided a brief summary of the Community Relations Committee meeting held January 20, 2015. She noted a discussion regarding Policy 18 “School Community Councils.” She reported that administration will review the policy and bring forward recommended changes to the Committee which will subsequently be circulated to Principals and School Community Councils for feedback prior to consideration by the Policy and Planning Committee. She further noted that this year’s Board/School Community Council Community Forum will be held March 10, 2015, at Arcola Community School, on the topic “Internet Exploitation.” She concluded by noting that the 4th Annual Board/Student Forum will be held in late April or early May, with the topic of discussion to be “Improving Student Attendance and Credit Attainment as a means of Increasing Graduation Rates”.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the report of the Community Relations Committee be accepted as prepared and presented.

Motion Carried.

Policy and  
Planning  
Committee

Dr. K. O’Reilly provided a brief summary of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting held February 3, 2015. She noted that the Committee discussed revisions to Policy 17 “Aboriginal Education” and Policy 18 “School Community Councils.” She advised that input would be sought from the Elders Advisory Committee relative to changes to Policy 17, and that Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, would work with staff to prepare draft policy and procedures and would bring an update to the next Policy and

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Planning Committee meeting. She further advised that potential amendments to Policy 18 would be held in abeyance pending implementation of the High School Strategy.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the report of the Policy and Planning Committee be accepted as prepared and presented.

Motion Carried.

First Quarter  
Operating  
Results  
(2014-15)

First Quarter Operating Results for the 2014-15 fiscal year had been distributed. Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, provided additional information, advising that the revenue stream for the School Division is, for the most part, realized proportionally over the 12-month fiscal year, and that major expenditures are realized over a 10-month period from September to June, resulting in a current operating deficit position.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the First Quarter Operating Results (2014-15) be accepted as prepared and presented.

Motion Carried.

Public Section

Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, advised that while she attended the Public Section meeting on February 5, 2015, she was absent from the room during the Theodore litigation discussion, and noted that more detail on that matter would be provided in camera.

Members’  
Council

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she, Mr. D. West, Miss A. Young, and Ms. Julie MacRae, Director of Education, attended Members’ Council on February 5-6, 2015. She noted that, in response to last year’s provincial budget experience, the Saskatchewan School Boards Association will ask each Saskatchewan school board to take part in an online survey relative to the 2015 provincial budget. She outlined the key questions that will be included, focusing on sufficiency, autonomy, accountability, sustainability, and transparency. She further advised that the SSBA has engaged the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy to review its mandate, and is asking boards to discuss the Association’s strategy and advocacy roles.

SaskPower  
Utility  
Easement  
Agreement

Information regarding a request from SaskPower for an easement for the relocation of power lines on, over, under and/or through the Scott Collegiate property had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, advised that the easement is required to accommodate the construction of the new North Central Shared Facility.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That the Board authorize execution of the Easement Right-of-Way with SaskPower relative to the Scott Collegiate property.

Motion Carried.

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2015-2016 and  
2016-2017  
School Year  
Calendars

Information regarding the development of the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year calendars had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided additional information, highlighting that the calendars were developed in consultation with representation from the Regina Public School Teachers’ Association and the local union presidents, as well as with the Regina Catholic School Division and the Prairie Valley School Division in order to align calendars for the three divisions. He further advised that the Ministry of Education has provided direction regarding the first day of school for students in those years where Labour Day falls on September 5, 6 or 7.

Motion by Dr. K. O’Reilly:

That the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year calendars be approved as presented, subject to review by the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

U of R State of  
the University  
Update

Mr. D. West noted that he and Miss A. Young had attended the U of R’s State of the University Address on January 29, 2015, an event hosted by the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce. He advised that President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Vianne Timmons, spoke of the University’s increased enrolment numbers and plans to indigenize the University of Regina.

Subdivision  
Reports

Mr. D. West advised that he had attended the theatrical production, *Awesome 80s Prom*, at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate and applauded the students for their performances. He further acknowledged the work of Ms. Jodi Scott and Ms. Samantha Taylor for their work.

Mrs. C. Anderson brought Board members up-to-date regarding the development of a provincial anaphylactic policy, noting that an Advisory Board has been formed to formulate a policy for boards to consider. Mrs. K. Gagne thanked Mrs. Anderson for her continued work on this important issue.

Ms. C. Beck acknowledged that it is Staff Appreciation Week and wanted to express appreciation to Regina Public Schools’ staff for their good work. She advised that she had attended École Connaught Community School’s living arts event at the Cathedral Community Centre. She also recognized the SWISH Basketball Tournament, a feeder school tournament held at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate, and thanked everyone involved in its planning.

Board members recognized Ms. Julie MacRae on the occasion of her retirement, thanked her for her service and dedication to Regina Public Schools, and wished her continued success in her new role as Deputy Minister of Education.

Closed  
Session

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Miss A. Young:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Board:

- Negotiations

1) That, subject to ratification by the other party, the tentative agreement between the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan and SGEU Local 4292, effective September 1, 2013, to August 31, 2016, be approved, and that the appropriate officers be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.
- Properties Matter

2) That the City of Regina be advised that Board’s comments on the Stage 1 Skywood Concept Plan will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for consideration until such time as negotiations between the Ministry and City relative to the acquisition of a school site in the Skywood subdivision have been completed.
- Personnel Matter

3) That the Director of Education be authorized to establish September 1, 2013-August 31, 2015 out-of-scope salary and benefit packages within the parameters identified and, further, that advocacy through the Saskatchewan School Boards Association proceed as discussed.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

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 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 *Theodore Litigation*, and *Annual Meeting of Electors Follow-Up*. The progress reports were accepted.

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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 9:17 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer