

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

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

In the absence of Mrs. K. Gagne, Chairperson, Mr. D. West, Vice-Chairperson, chaired the meeting. 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: *Board/Student Forum* and *Public Section Legal Matter*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Ms. C. Beck:</u> That, with the additions requested, the agenda be adopted. 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 March 3, 2015. <u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u> That the minutes of the Board meeting of March 3, 2015, be approved as distributed. Motion Carried.
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[Dr. J. Ekong joined the meeting prior to commencement of the Credit Attainment/Attendance Strategy presentation.]

Credit Attainment/Attendance Strategy	Information regarding Priority Strategy #4 – Improving Student Attendance and Credit Attainment as a means of Increasing Graduation Rates – had been distributed. Mr. Greg Enion, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, reminded Board members of the 11 and Under initiative and provided information relative to a 12 and Up initiative and a Community Hub Model currently being developed for possible introduction in the Fall. He discussed how social engagement for at-risk families, together with increased service response coordination, will assist in increasing school attendance, and in reducing/preventing youth involvement in criminal activities. Mr. Darren Boldt, Superintendent, Student Achievement, outlined the Triple 8 Strategy, focused on students obtaining a minimum of eight credits every year between Grades 10
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and 12. He noted that if students obtain eight credits by the end of Grade 10 it greatly increases their chances of graduating on time. Mr. Boldt further highlighted how the High School Advisory program has evolved and outlined what students can expect from their advisory teachers. He provided information on the Credit Recovery Program, designed to allow students extra time to complete the tasks necessary to obtain credits. He pointed to student engagement translating into enhanced student achievement, and highlighted the successes being seen at Campus Regina Public and Martin Academy. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided additional information relative to the High School Strategy and improving equitable opportunities for students. Mr. Enion, Mr. Boldt and Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to the difference between the 11 and Under and 12 and Up initiatives and the Community Hub model, credit recovery processes, data availability, and student course selection assistance. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

2015-16 and
2016-17 School
Year Calendars

Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, recalled that the Board, at its February 10, 2015, Board meeting, approved, in principle, the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year calendars, pending Ministry approval. He further advised that the Ministry has approved the 2015-2016 school year calendar; however, the date for Teacher Convention needed to be changed from March 4, 2016, to March 11, 2016.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

That the revised 2015-2016 school year calendar be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

With respect to the 2016-2017 school year calendar, Mr. Walter noted two issues: 1) that the Christmas break must start no later than December 23rd pursuant to legislative requirements; and 2) that the Final Report by the Joint Committee (SSBA, Ministry of Education, STF) entitled, “Understanding and Exploration of Teacher Time and Workload Intensification,” identifies as an action that, “Every school division will have a calendar development policy and process that is based on the best practices, principals, and processes, and includes consultations with teachers, students, parents, support staff, school community councils, or the broader community into the school year calendar,” with said action item to commence by October 2015. Based on the foregoing, Mr. Walter recommended that the 2016-2017 calendar previously adopted by the Board be rescinded.

Motion by Dr. K. O’Reilly:

That approval of the 2016-2017 school year calendar be rescinded, and that the Division’s Administration develop a consultation plan for establishing the 2016-2017 school year calendar.

Motion Carried.

SAMA Annual
Meeting
Appointment of
Voting Delegate

Notification of the Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency, scheduled for April 15, 2015, in Regina, had been distributed. Each Saskatchewan board of education had been invited to appoint one elected member as a voting delegate to attend the annual meeting. Dr. J. Ekong had been appointed as the Board’s representative to SAMA at the December 16, 2014, Board meeting, and confirmed her availability to attend the meeting.

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Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That Dr. J. Ekong be appointed as the Board’s voting delegate to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency Annual Meeting to be held April 15, 2015, in Regina.

Motion Carried.

Twelfth Year
(formerly Youth
Salute)

Information had been distributed regarding the Twelfth Year Opening Ceremony to be held on Friday, May 1, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the Artful Dodger. Dr. K. O’Reilly agreed to attend the event and to extend greetings and congratulations on behalf of Regina Public Schools.

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:

- Personnel
Matter
- 1) That the tentative agreement between the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan and CUPE 650, 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.
- 2) That the tentative agreement between the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan and CUPE 4643, 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.
- Meeting
Adjournment
Time
- 3) That the March 24, 2015, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 10:00 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.
- Budget Matter
- 4) That the SSBA Report Card on Educational Funding be completed and submitted as discussed.

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Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

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 *Legal Matter, SSBA Mandate Determination 2015, Budget Matters, Board/Student Forum, Public Section Legal Matter*, and *Board Self-Evaluation and Planning*. 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 Miss A. Young:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 10:27 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer