

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<br>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<br>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                            |                       |

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: *Public Section* and *Facilities Matter*.

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| Adoption of<br>Agenda | <u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>                             |
|                       | That, with the additions requested, the agenda be adopted. |

Motion Carried.

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| Approving of<br>Minutes | The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2015. |
|                         | <u>Motion by Ms. C. Beck:</u>   |

That the minutes of the Board meeting of March 24, 2015, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

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| University of<br>Regina<br>Transitions | Information relative to the University of Regina School Divisions Transitions Committee (URSDTC) had been distributed. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, provided background information regarding the formation of the URSDTC—a partnership of Regina Public, Regina Catholic, and Prairie Valley school divisions, the University of Regina and Federated Colleges—focused on enhancement of transition outcomes for all Regina area students. Mr. Len Brhelle, Consultant for the URSDTC, outlined five partnership priorities: to gather information from Regina area students who have been through the transition process (both successfully and unsuccessfully) to improve transition rates; to facilitate professional dialogue and learning between Regina area school divisions and University management, faculty and staff; to facilitate learning experiences for Regina area students with University faculty, staff and students; to promote initiatives that encourage and assist all Regina area Aboriginal students to explore a post-secondary education; and to guide Regina area school divisions and the University in the expansion of the UR Accelerated program and establishing dual credits. He highlighted this year’s focus on English Language Arts for all students as they transition. He provided |  |
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further information on dual credit courses, collecting data through surveys, developing a mechanism to share the student transitions data more broadly with students, teachers, faculty members and administrators, building on the successes of past professional learning experiences, and reviewing the strategic plans of all the partners to improve the transition of Aboriginal students and recommend areas of collaboration. Mr. Brhelle and Mr. Walter expanded on past survey information, and responded to questions relative to supports for students who are employed while attending school, dual credit course options, potential partners, broadening instructional approaches, and encompassing more grades in surveys. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation.

Audit and Compliance Committee

Mr. D. West provided a brief summary of the Audit and Compliance Committee meeting held April 1, 2015, noting the results of the March 31, 2015, subsequent events audit, and a discussion regarding a Control Opinion, prepared by MNP LLP, on *PS 3260 Liability for Contaminated Sites*. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information on the adoption of the contaminated sites potential liability standard. Mr. West highlighted the proposed 2014-15 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.

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 27, 2015, 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.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the Statement of Proceedings of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Electors, held on January 27, 2015, be adopted as prepared and referred to the 2016 Annual Meeting of Electors.

Motion Carried.

Notice of Motion

Miss A. Young gave notice of her intention to present the following motion at a future Board meeting:

WHEREAS Regina Public Schools has four Shared Values of: I belong, I respect, I am responsible, and I want to know;

WHEREAS all students are welcomed, included, and recognized at Regina Public Schools;

WHEREAS students should feel safe regardless of cultural background, religion, ability, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or gender identity;

AND WHEREAS many transgender, twin-spirited, queer, genderqueer, androgynous, asexual, and intersexed individuals face discomfort, discrimination, harassment and even violence in traditional gender segregated washrooms;

BE IT RESOLVED that all Regina Public schools – existing and new builds – include at least one gender neutral and accessible washroom.

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Subdivision Reports  
Dr. K. O'Reilly noted Regina Public Schools' representation at the University of Regina's 37th Annual Spring Pow wow on April 11 and 12, 2015. She highlighted that the Division sponsored 122 of the "tiny tots" in their dance competitions. She expressed appreciation for the sponsorship and advised that the event was very enjoyable.

Closed Session  
Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:  
That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:  
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 #2014-09  
1) That Grievance #2014-09, submitted by CUPE 3766, be declined.

Personnel Matter  
2) That the tentative agreement between the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan and CUPE 3766, 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 April 14, 2015, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 10:00 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:  
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.

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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 *Audit and Compliance Committee*, *Update on SSBA Mandate Meeting*, *Budget Deliberations*, *Public Section*, *Facilities Matter*, and *CSBA Congress 2015*. 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 Ms. C. Beck:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

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

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer