

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	Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education
	Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer
	Mr. Darren Boldt, 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.

Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 3, 2015.
	<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>

That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 3, 2015, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Audit and Compliance Committee	Ms. C. Beck advised that the Audit and Compliance Committee met with Mr. Rod Sieffert, External Auditor, Mr. Kelly Deis, Deputy Provincial Auditor, and Ms. Charlene Drotar, Principal, Provincial Auditor, on November 18, 2015, to discuss the draft 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statements. She advised that Mr. Sieffert reviewed the role of the Audit Committee and Mr. Deis provided a brief overview of the role of the Provincial Auditor. Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, outlined the year's assets/liabilities and revenues/expenditures. Ms. Beck highlighted that, although the Audited Financial Statements show a significant surplus, it is due to the entries related to capital projects. She further noted that Ms. Drotar advised that the Office of the Provincial Auditor was reviewing the financial statements and notes and expected to concur with the opinion of the External Auditor and provide a "clean" opinion. On behalf of the Committee and the Board, Ms. Beck expressed appreciation to Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, Mr. Lipinski, and their staff, for assembling the Audited Financial Statements in what is a very intense and tight timeline.
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Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2015, including the internally restricted surplus designations, be approved, pending minor changes made after the Ministries of Education and Finance format review and approval.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Beck further advised that Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, presented the draft Annual Report 2014-2015 to the Committee. Mr. Whiting provided an overview of the report, noting that the Ministry of Education prescribes the format and content of same.

Motion by Ms. C. Beck:

That the Annual Report 2014-2015 be approved, pending minor changes made after the Ministry of Education format review and approval.

Motion Carried.

Policy and
Planning
Committee

Dr. K. O'Reilly provided a brief summary of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting held November 3, 2015. She advised that the Committee reviewed recommendations to replace the existing Policy 17 *Aboriginal Education* with Administrative Procedure 254 *Aboriginal Education*, and the addition of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Council under Policy 8 *Committees of the Board*. She noted that further input would be sought from the Board regarding the proposal to rescind Policy 17.

Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:

That revision of Policy 8 "Committees of the Board" to include the addition of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Council be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Dr. O'Reilly further advised that, at the Committee meeting, Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, brought forward proposed changes to Policies 1, 2, 7 and 16. She noted that the proposed changes to Policy 7 *Board Operations* would be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Dr. K. O'Reilly:

That the proposed changes to Policies 1, 2 and 16 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Public
Education
Advocacy
Committee

Dr. J. Ekong provided a brief summary of the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held October 20, 2015. She noted that the Committee discussed ways to honour students/employees at Board meetings. She advised that the Committee was updated on programs that have been developed to address attendance issues. She further advised that the Committee agreed that meeting dates should be arranged with both Regina Opposition and Government MLAs prior to the end of the Fall session. Mr. Greg Enion, Director of

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Education, advised that a letter of invitation had been sent to the Minister of Education but no response had been received to date, and that further efforts to make meeting arrangements were underway. Dr. Ekong concluded by advising that the Committee would like to have a discussion at the Board level regarding the format for the Annual Meeting of Electors.

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 five standing committees until the next Organizational Meeting.

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;
- d) Dr. J. Ekong (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Dr. K. O’Reilly be appointed to serve on the Public Education Advocacy Committee; and
- e) All Board members be appointed to serve on the Aboriginal Education Advisory Council;

until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.

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 Mr. D. West:

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.

Annual Meeting of Electors The proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting of Electors had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that Martin Collegiate would be the location for the meeting. Mrs. Gagne asked for a motion to circulate the proposed agenda to the School Community Council Chairs.

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Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the draft agenda for the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2016, at Martin Collegiate, 1100 McIntosh Street, Regina, be circulated to the School Community Council Chairs.

Motion Carried.

Board members inquired if a discussion was going to be held regarding the format of the Annual Meeting of Electors. Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that the proposed agenda was being put forward as a draft to circulate to School Community Council Chairs for input. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, noted that Section 97(4) of *The Education Act, 1995*, specifies consultation with School Community Councils on the proposed agenda, and the agenda would be brought forward in January for final approval. Board members encouraged input from and participation by School Community Councils.

Subdivision Reports

Dr. K. O'Reilly advised that Winston Knoll Collegiate was hosting its annual musical, *Urinetown*, and that, by all accounts, it was fantastic.

Miss A. Young advised that she was privileged to represent the Board at the Anti-Bullying Youth Forum held at Campbell Collegiate on November 18, 2015. She noted that the keynote speaker was Alec Couros, Professor of Educational Technology & Media, University of Regina, and that he presented on the topic of how youth can be safer online. She highlighted that the forum was broadcast to allow for 9,000 students from 160 high schools across Saskatchewan to participate. She commended the Campbell staff and the Ministry of Education personnel for their hard work in making the forum a great success.

Mrs. C. Anderson extended congratulations to Thom Collegiate teacher, Ms. Kim Sadowsky, on winning the 2015 Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Closed Session

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Miss A. Young:

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 *Audit and Compliance Committee* and *Lunch Room Supervision*. 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 8:26 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer