

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
Mr. Dale West, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Cindy Anderson
Dr. Jane Ekong
- 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

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

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 March 1, 2016.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of March 1, 2016, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

- Aboriginal Education Advisory Council

Mrs. K. Gagne provided a brief summary of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Council meeting held February 26, 2016, highlighting the discussion on the Call for Action that was presented to Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, at the “Building Our Home Fire Event,” an evening of sharing and working towards Reconciliation held by Thom Collegiate students. She further noted a discussion regarding a recommendation that Indigenous Studies be included or replace the current Grade 9 Social Studies course. It was noted that the Ministry of Education would need to be consulted regarding this recommendation. The Council recommended that the Board reply to the students and staff at Thom Collegiate, acknowledging that their document was read and discussed. Mrs. Gagne also advised that updates were provided regarding the Spring Feast and Round Dance that will be hosted at Thom Collegiate, the consultations that have taken place regarding a Smudging Procedure for Regina Public Schools, and the new joint-use schools and the naming process that is underway. She further advised that a discussion was held regarding school names in reference to the legacy of residential schools.

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Policy and Planning Committee

Mr. D. West provided a brief summary of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting held March 1, 2016, highlighting a number of policy changes arising from the Board’s Fall Planning Meeting and recent Mid-Year Review. He outlined that, with the formation of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Council standing committee, the recommended policy changes for Policy 17 *Aboriginal Education* leave the policy framework in place while allowing the Administration to develop a new Administrative Procedure to address operational aspects. He further outlined recommended changes to Policy 7 *Board Operations* as it relates to individual trustee professional development expenditure budgets. He did note that increases to the annual maximum amounts, as contained in the Schedule of Remuneration, Allowances and Expenses, will be forwarded to the Audit and Compliance Committee for consideration. Relative to Policy 16 *Recruitment and Selection of Personnel* and Policy 3 *Role of the Trustee*, he noted minor procedural wording changes. Mr. West concluded by advising that, as a result of discussions at the Mid-Year Review relative to existing tools and information currently available to Trustees to support and understand their roles and expectations, the Administration identified a recent governance review conducted by the Provincial Auditor that may: 1) help focus the Division’s discussions in areas for expanded orientation; 2) provide more clarity and information on the governance model and decision processes; 3) provide meeting procedure exercises; and 4) ultimately serve to bring enhanced clarity to the roles and expectation of Trustees. To facilitate these enhancements, he noted that the Committee asked the Administration to review the item and bring back recommendations relative to ensuring that Board Policy 3 *Role of the Trustee* and Board Policy 2 *Role of the Board* reflect practices that align with provincial expectations.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the recommended revisions to Policies 7 and 17 be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the recommended revisions to Policies 3 and 16 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried.

2016 SSBA Spring General Assembly:
Appointment of Voting Delegates and Vote Distribution

Information regarding the appointment of voting delegates and distribution of votes for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association 2016 Spring General Assembly had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That Ms. C. Beck, Dr. K. O’Reilly, Mr. D. West, and Miss A. Young be appointed as voting delegates to the 2016 Spring General Assembly of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to be held April 14-15, 2016, in Regina.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That, in accordance with the established formula, the 51 vote allocation to be cast on behalf of the Board at the 2016 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Spring General Assembly be allocated as follows:

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Mr. D. West - 13 votes;
Ms. C. Beck - 13 votes;
Dr. K. O'Reilly - 12 votes
Miss A. Young - 13 votes;

and that, as a matter of policy, if for some reason the number of board members attending the Spring General Assembly is less than the number specified, the total available votes be divided among members in attendance as evenly as possible, as determined by the chairperson, in order to ensure that the Board's entire voting allotment can be cast.

Motion Carried.

English as an
Additional
Language
Update

Information relative to English as an Additional Language (EAL) enrolment had been distributed. Mrs. Linda Mitchell, EAL Coordinator, provided additional detail for the 2015-2016 school year, highlighting that, as at March 17, 2016, 735 EAL newcomers have been assessed and placed in the School Division. She noted that these newcomers have come from 76 countries and speak 61 different languages. She further advised that 341 of the 735 newcomers are refugees, and of the 206 refugees that have been placed since November 4, 2015, 174 are Syrian refugees. She outlined that, due to the range of literacy skills of EAL learners, additional teachers have been added at Marion McVeety and Arcola Schools and that EAL allocations for all other schools have been re-evaluated. She provided additional information regarding assessments and transportation. Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, and Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, responded to questions relative to funding challenges, and resources available to deal with emotional trauma and the impact same has on the classroom. Board members expressed appreciation for the report and for the commitment of Regina Public Schools staff.

Attendance
Boundaries

Information relative to French Immersion attendance boundaries had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, reminding Board members that a review of attendance boundaries resulted from the recent Accommodation Review. He outlined the recommended changes that would impact Centennial, Connaught, Elsie Mironuck and Massey Schools. He provided information regarding the communication of said changes as well as the open houses hosted relative to the new joint-use schools. According to Board policy, Mr. Whiting noted that approval of regular, special needs, PreK program, and non-French Immersion school boundary changes is delegated to the Director of Education, but that approval was being sought from the Board for changes to the French Immersion program boundaries and the establishment of new French Immersion programs for the new elementary schools in Harbour Landing and the Greens on Gardiner subdivisions.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the changes to the French Immersion program boundaries for the 2016-2017 school year be approved, and the new French Immersion programs and program boundaries for the new joint-use schools in the Harbour Landing and Greens on Gardiner subdivisions be approved, both as presented.

Motion Carried.

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Major Capital Applications Information regarding the Ministry of Education’s Major Capital Funding Program had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, noting that school divisions have been asked to identify their top priorities for the 2017-2018 budget year for Ministry consideration. He advised that the previous year’s submission continues to align with Division capital planning commitments and future initiatives.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the proposed Imperial/McDermid Schools merger and rebuild, the Athabasca/Argyle School merger rebuild, the Haultain/Glen Elm School merger rebuild, and a joint high school facility in Southeast Regina be re-submitted to the Ministry of Education as the Board’s continuing capital project priorities.

Motion Carried.

SAMA Annual Meeting: Notification of the Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Assessment
Appointment of Voting Delegate Management Agency, scheduled for April 26, 2016, in Saskatoon, 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 November 24, 2015, Board meeting.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That, subject to her availability, Dr. J. Ekong be appointed as the Board’s voting delegate to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency Annual Meeting to be held April 26, 2016, in Saskatoon.

Motion Carried.

Subdivision Reports Mr. D. West advised that he attended a School Community Council meeting at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate the previous week, where a discussion was held regarding boundary changes associated with the new joint-use schools and the potential impact on Sheldon-Williams Collegiate. He also noted a number of concerns raised, particularly the lack of provincial funding for increased enrolment. He reported that very positive feedback was provided regarding the new joint-use schools, especially the one in Harbour Landing. He further highlighted a 24-hour Awake-A-Thon held by students, that raised over \$16,000 for the Regina Open Door Society to provide refugees with English learning language skills to help them transition into their new lives in Regina.

Mrs. C. Anderson extended congratulations to the Harvest City Reapers Senior Boys’ and Senior Girls’ basketball teams on being awarded the RHSAA Sportsmanship Award.

Closed Session Motion by Mr. D. West:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

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Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

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
#2015-19

1) That Grievance #2015-19, submitted by CUPE 3766, be declined.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That recommendation No. 1 (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 *Personnel Matter*. The progress report was accepted.

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 8:07 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer