

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	Ms. Aleana Young
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.

Declaration of Any Conflicts	The Chairperson asked if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared. None were reported.
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Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 14, 2016.
	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 14, 2016, be approved as distributed.
Motion Carried.	

2016-2017 Budget	Copies of the 2016-2017 Budget Submission had been distributed. Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, and Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, provided additional information. Mr. Enion noted the Division's challenges: working with the Ministry of Education to deliver educational services in an era of changing operational and capital funding approaches; ensuring literacy and numeracy development that supports attainment of the targets and intents specified in the Education Sector Strategic Plan; delivering culturally relevant and engaging curriculum supported by high quality instruction and appropriate assessment practices; preparing students for a changing and increasingly technological society; meeting the needs of growing First Nations/Métis/Inuit and English as an Additional Language populations; facilitating appropriate interventions to serve the needs of students who require
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intensive supports; preparing students to move successfully into education, employment, community and life beyond graduation; maintaining strong family, school and community partnerships; supporting program offerings and providing efficient and effective school facilities; focusing investment in targeted and relevant professional learning opportunities; and, achieving a balanced approach to adjustments necessitated by the tight 2016-17 provincial budget allocation. Ms. Burnett noted that the government’s decision to not cover the full cost of the provincial teachers’ agreement exerted substantive pressures on the Division. This, coupled with no recognition being provided for inflationary pressures, translated into a rollback of virtually all individual component rates within the funding distribution model. She outlined two positive developments that impacted the distribution of the pool among school divisions and resulted in this Board’s operating grant increasing by approximately 2.75% over last year’s level, those being the reinstatement of the current enrolment factor, and the recognition provided for Syrian Refugee students, albeit based on a low enrolment count. She pointed out that approximately \$70M in major capital project funding will be received from the Ministry as school construction projects continue to proceed to completion over the course of the upcoming year. She further noted that the Board will receive over \$3.4M in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Funding. She summarized that total operating revenues, not including capital project receipts, are projected to increase by 2.63% over 2015-16 levels. She outlined significant program and staffing adjustments necessitated at the Division and School levels in order to balance the budget. Ms. Burnett advised that, taking all the foregoing adjustments into consideration, as well as required PSAB entries for amortization, other non-cash expenses and capital items, 2016-2017 budget expenditures total \$240,790,199. She explained that the PSAB-compliant budget projects a \$64,084,983 surplus, a result of the major capital grants being reported as revenue with no offsetting expenditure entry, with a projected cash budget deficit of \$858,827, that will be funded from designated reserves. Mr. Enion, Ms. Burnett, and Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, responded to questions relative to the impacts of the increased pupil-teacher ratio and the decrease in consultant positions, transportation efficiencies, Syrian Refugee funding, and changes to the provincial funding formula. Board members extended appreciation for the hard work and dedication demonstrated by staff in finalizing a very difficult budget submission, skillfully managing to minimize impacts on students and teachers.

Motion by Mr. D. West:

That the 2016-2017 budget be approved as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

SaskPower  
Easement  
Agreement

Information regarding a request from SaskPower for a utility easement relative to the École Connaught Community School property had been distributed. Mr. Dave Bryanton, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, provided additional information.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the Board authorize execution of the Easement Right-of-Way with SaskPower relative to the École Connaught Community School property.

Motion Carried.

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Closed  
Session

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

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:

Negotiations

- 1) That the tentative agreement between the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan and the Regina Public School Teachers' Association effective, July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2018, be approved, and that the appropriate officers be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

The Chairperson advised that this concluded the business of the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 4:30 to 5:10 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer