

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	Mrs. Tanya Foster
	Ms. Aleana Young, Vice-Chair	Mr. Adam Hicks
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Mr. Jay Kasperski
	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	<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</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 November 29, 2016.
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Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 29, 2016, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Middle Years Practical and Applied Arts	Information regarding the Middle Years Practical and Applied Arts (MYPAA) program had been distributed. Mr. Luc Lerminiaux, Superintendent, Student Achievement, provided background information on the program, outlining the three ways in which Practical and Applied Arts (PAA) is offered at the elementary level: 1) lending kits out to elementary classrooms; 2) providing opportunities to take a course at home high schools; and 3) offering an introductory course at Campus Regina Public. He noted that the level of student engagement is evidenced by the positive attendance records of students on the days when PAA is offered. Mr. Jason Munroe, MYPAA Coordinator, provided additional information, advising that the Ministry of Education requires that elementary students have a minimum of 50 hours of PAA instruction a year. He
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also noted that the opportunity to take courses at the home high school supports the transition of students from Grade 8 to Grade 9. He highlighted that equitable access to PAA across the Division is an important aspect of the program. He provided data on the number of kits lent out and the number of MYPAA students who attended courses at Campus Regina Public in the 2015-16 school year. He further highlighted the expertise and creative approaches shared by the teaching staff. Photo slides were shown of students engaged in many aspects of PAA. Mr. Lermaniaux and Mr. Munroe responded to questions relative to kit preparation time for teachers, involvement of tradespeople at Campus Regina Public, Mr. Munroe’s assistance with kit development, resource and expertise sharing, school course scheduling, parent involvement, training, supply costs, and kit components. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. K. Gagne expressed appreciation for the presentation and for the work being done in MYPAA.

Audit and
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Committee

Mr. J. Kasperski advised that the Audit and Compliance Committee met on December 8, 2016. He advised that the Committee discussed the previously deferred matter of finalizing the Schedule of Remuneration, Allowances and Expenses and approved the schedule based on policy and budget considerations. He further advised that the professional development allowances included in the 2016-17 Budget at \$3,500 per trustee were discussed and, given current fiscal restraints and the request from the Ministry of Education to minimize discretionary spending, it was agreed that trustees exercise discretion regarding accessing the professional development allotment to a maximum of the previous level of \$2,000 per trustee, with an acknowledgement that additional recognition may be necessary relative to SSBA meetings where the Chairperson’s attendance is required. It was noted that the matter would be re-examined during the 2017-2018 budget deliberations. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, and Mrs. K. Gagne responded to question relative to a specific professional development event.

Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

With respect to Trustee Professional Development expenditures for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, that, in light of recent direction from the Ministry of Education, Trustees be urged to exercise restraint with respect to such activities and that the maximum per trustee amount of \$2,000 be re-established, with additional recognition afforded relative to the Chairperson’s attendance at additional Saskatchewan School Boards Association meetings, if required.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Kasperski advised that Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, then reviewed with the Committee the First Quarter Financial Results for the 3-month period ended November 30, 2016. It was noted that revenues are accrued for the reporting period based on 25% of the fiscal year, and that the report was provided on both a cash basis and PSAB-compliant basis. Mr. Lipinski had advised that, on a cash basis, the statements show a deficit due to the nature of the Division’s cash flows, but on a PSAB basis, the statements show a surplus, which is mainly attributed to the funding received for capital projects. Lastly, it was noted that Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, reviewed with the Committee the Transportation Performance Report for the 3-month period ended November 30, 2016. He commented that Committee members recognized the significant amount of work and planning involved in the transporting of students and expressed appreciation for same.

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Subdivision Reports Mr. A. Hicks noted a recent news report regarding the discovery of a tail feather of a 99-million-year-old dinosaur being found in an amber specimen, and acknowledged the involvement of Mr. Ryan McKellar, a paleontologist at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in Canada, whose children attend École Massey School.

Mrs. K. Gagne wished everyone with Regina Public Schools the best of the holiday season.

Closed Session Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That we go into closed session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

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, subject to ratification by the other party, the tentative agreement between the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan and SGEU Local 4292, effective September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2017, be approved, and that the appropriate officers be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Board Meeting Date 2) That the Board meeting scheduled for January 10, 2017, be cancelled, and that, instead, a meeting be set for January 24, 2017, commencing at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

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

Motion Carried.

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At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *2017-2018 Budget Development, Information Sharing, and Access to Documents*. 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 Mrs. T. Foster:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 9:44 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer