

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 acknowledged the location of every Regina Public School and the School Division Office on Treaty 4 land.

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: *Transportation and Public Section*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>
	That, with the additions requested, the agenda be adopted.
	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 6, 2017.
	<u>Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 6, 2017, be approved as distributed.
	Motion Carried.

Public Education Advocacy Committee	Mr. A. Hicks provided a brief summary the Public Education Advocacy Committee meeting held May 29, 2017, highlighting the proposed Public Education Advocacy Plan 2017-2018. He advised that the Committee reviewed a number of items, including: MLA meeting processes, future Ministry meeting format, Advocacy Plan roles and responsibilities, potential video conference meetings with partners, and the updated Administrative Procedure 235 "School Partnerships." He noted that the topics of Meeting with Associate Schools and Collection of Budget Impact Feedback were referred to the Board's Annual
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Performance Review Workshop. He further advised that a discussion occurred relative to the video taping of future Board meetings. He concluded the summary by noting that Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, had been tasked with drafting feedback responses on the SSBA Proposed Position Statements relative to Education Equity and Collective Bargaining, which will be further discussed in closed session.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

That the proposed Public Education Advocacy Plan 2017-2018 be approved as recommended.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

That the Administration prepare a plan for the provision of live, online broadcast and archiving of Board meetings for the 2017-18 school year for a one-year trial period.

Motion Carried.

2017-2018
Budget
Submission

Copies of the 2017-2018 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 that the Division is experiencing growth, and pointed to the Fall openings of the three new joint elementary schools, as well as the new École Connaught Community School, the new Scott Collegiate in the Mâdawêyatîtan Centre, and the relocation of the Allan Blakeney Adult Campus to the former Wascana School site. He commented that it was an extremely challenging budget process with the Board facing a \$9.5M shortfall due to reduced funding and increased costs. He expressed appreciation to the Board members, Division Office Administration, and School Administrators for their assistance throughout the process.

Ms. Burnett noted the significant reduction in provincial government funding with the provincial Prekindergarten to Grade 12 operating grant pool for 2017-18 reduced by \$54.2M (2.9%). This resulted in a rollback of virtually all individual component rates within the funding distribution model. She further noted that the recommendations of the Funding Model Review Committee were fully implemented with no provision to phase-in the resultant funding shifts between school boards. With the Board’s net reduction associated with the funding model changes estimated at \$2.55M, she advised that the combined impact of the reduction in the size of the provincial funding pool and the full implementation of changes to the Funding Distribution Model resulted in the Board’s provincial operating grant being reduced by \$5.1M from its 2016-17 budget level and by \$5.7M from its actual 2016-17 funding level, notwithstanding recognition being provided for a projected enrolment increase of 576 students in the Fall of 2017. She further pointed out that, commencing with the upcoming budget year, the government will be imposing conditionality in a number of areas and that, effective January 1, 2018, municipalities will remit education property taxes directly to the government rather than to school divisions. She outlined that the Board’s funding for Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) was increased over last year’s level by approximately \$525,000. She pointed out that an estimated \$1.5M in major capital project funding will be received from the Ministry as school construction projects wind up over the course of the upcoming year. She summarized that total operating revenues, not including capital project receipts, are projected to decrease by approximately \$3.1M (1.33%) over 2016-17 levels. She outlined significant program and staffing adjustments necessitated at the Division and School levels in order to balance the budget, including the implementation of transportation

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zones and full day Kindergarten programs and the phase-out of non-Ministry designated Early Entrance programming. She further highlighted the staffing impacts associated with the fund reduction, including increasing student contact time for certain identified positions and a projected 0.48 increase in the system-wide Pupil/Teacher Ratio. Ms. Burnett advised that the 2017-2018 budget expenditures total \$239,547,688. She explained that the PSAB-compliance budget projects a \$6,179,956 deficit, with a projected cash budget deficit of \$1,073,153, that will be funded from designated reserves. Ms. Burnett concluded by noting that this has been a most difficult budget exercise and expressed gratitude to all who contributed to the development of the budget. She assured the Board that the Administration will continue to work diligently in order to be best positioned for future budget cycles. Board members extended appreciation for the hard work and dedication exhibited by staff in finalizing this extremely burdensome budget submission, judiciously managing to minimize impacts on students, teachers and communities.

Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

That the 2017-2018 budget be approved as presented for submission to the Minister of Education.

Motion Carried.

Transportation Services

Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, advised that, on May 26, 2017, in a meeting with representatives from Regina Catholic and Public Schools and the Ministry of Education, it was suggested that it would be worthwhile to re-examine the possibility of joint transportation services involving the two school divisions. To that end, he noted that a committee, comprised of representatives from Regina Public, Regina Catholic and the Ministry of Education, will be formed in September, 2017, to identify any possible savings or other efficiencies that could be achieved by sharing transportation services between the two Regina school divisions, with a view to working towards a shared transportation services Memorandum of Understanding.

Third Quarter Operating Results and Subsequent Events Audit

Third Quarter Financial results for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, together with the Third Quarter Transportation Performance Report for the 9-month period ended May 31, 2017, had been distributed. Relative to the Subsequent Events Audit, Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, advised that, between March 31 and June 30, 2017, no significant changes are anticipated. With respect to the Third Quarter Financial results, he advised that the revenue stream for the School Division is, for the most part, realized proportionally over the 12-month fiscal year, and that major expenditures are realized over a 10-month period from September to June, resulting in expenditures being greater than revenues as at May 31, 2017 (excluding capital grants). He did note that tangible capital assets have increased because of the three new joint-use schools, the new École Connaught Community School, and the new Scott Collegiate. He responded to questions relative to school generated funds, school fees, and 2015-16 comparative period information. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

3-Year PMR Plan Submission

Information regarding the Ministry of Education’s Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Program had been distributed. Mr. Dave Bryanton, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, advised that Board approval of the 3-year pre-planned submission is required. He responded to questions relative to accessibility upgrades.

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Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 PMR Plans, be approved, as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education, with the understanding that Administration may revise same as deemed necessary.

Motion Carried.

SaskPower
Utility
Easement
Agreement

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

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That execution of the Easement Right-of-Way with SaskPower relative to the École W. S. Hawrylak School property be authorized.

Motion Carried.

Public Section

Mr. A. Hicks advised that he and Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, had attended the Public Section annual meeting in Saskatoon on June 1-2, 2017, and provided additional information relative to information shared at the meeting, noting that all public schools across the Province were represented at the meeting.

Subdivision
Reports

Mrs. T. Foster advised that she, along with Dr. J. Ekong and Mr. A. Hicks, attended the Graduation Pow Wow at the First Nations University of Canada on June 7th, and congratulated Ms. Shannon Fayant, Principal, Scott Collegiate, and the students from Scott Collegiate on partnering with the University in planning the event that honoured and recognized Indigenous students.

Dr. J. Ekong echoed Mrs. Foster's comments on the Graduation Pow Wow, noting the creativity and work that went into planning the event. She also spoke relative to a recent event at Jack MacKenzie School where the enthusiasm of the students and staff embodied the shared value "I Belong."

Ms. A. Young congratulated École Massey School on its muffin program, that involved 22 volunteer bakers and four drivers who delivered muffins on 16 Mondays throughout the school year—over 2,500 muffins donated to other elementary schools in the Division. She further recognized staff and students who participated in and supported the recent RHSAA City Finals. She applauded Balfour Collegiate on another successful Senior's Night, and Thomson Community School on celebrating its 90 year anniversary. She further commended students at Douglas Park School, where 171 students achieved perfect attendance for the month of May, 2017.

Mrs. C. Anderson extended congratulations to all students graduating this year.

Mr. A. Hicks advised that École Connaught Community School will be holding a backpack tour of the new school for parents and students, which will also include a picnic. He noted that Davin School held a Parent Work Day on June 2nd, and Argyle School held a Parent Work Day on May 27th, and held a carnival as well. He advised that the Ethel Milliken School Community Council experienced a turnover in members at its recent annual meeting due to a number of families moving to the new École Harbour Landing School. He noted that

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École Harbour Landing School has chosen a team name (the Hawks), mascot, and colours (blue and silver). He congratulated the students at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate, who held a 24-Hour Awake-a-Thon on June 2nd and 3rd, and raised \$14,000 for the Mobile Crisis Unit in support of mental health and wellness. Mr. Hicks advised that he attended an advocacy event at the Regina Public Library called, "Speak Up: Become an Effective Advocate for Students," and was encouraged by the parents and teachers in attendance. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the superannuate reception hosted by the Regina Public School Teachers' Association.

Mr. J. Kasperski acknowledged the generosity and support of the École Centennial and MacNeill School Community Councils and extended appreciation for their donations of \$10,000 and \$8,000 respectively to the new Plainsview School for the installation of playground equipment, and noted a further donation of \$1,200 from the École Centennial SCC for the purchase of new team uniforms. Mr. Kasperski congratulated École Centennial School Grade 8 graduate, Jansen Darapiza, who, in addition to being on the honour roll, was also recognized with a Circle of Courage award.

Closed
Session

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That we go into closed session in order to consider those matters identified on the meeting agenda for referral to said session.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

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
2016-12

1) That Grievance #2016-12, submitted by CUPE 3766, be declined.

CUPE 650
Grievance
2016-06

2) That Grievance #2016-06, submitted by CUPE 650, be declined.

LTD Plan
Amendments

3) That the proposed changes to the Regina Civic Employees' Long Term Disability Plan be endorsed and that same be communicated to the City of Regina.

Meeting
Adjournment
Time

4) That the June 13, 2017, Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 10:00 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

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Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That recommendation No. 3 (above) from the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

That recommendation No. 4 (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 *Public Education Advocacy Committee, Community Relations Committee, Public Section, SSBA 2018 Proposed Budget, and Transportation*. 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 Dr. J. Ekong:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer