

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
	Mr. Adam Hicks, Vice-Chair	Mr. Jay Kasperski
	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Ms. Aleana Young
	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: *Communication* and *Facility Matter*.

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 November 7, 2017.
	<u>Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:</u>
	That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 7, 2017, be approved as distributed.
	Motion Carried.

[Ms. A. Young joined the meeting at 5:36 PM.]

We Day Presentation	In introducing the next agenda item, the Chairperson acknowledged the Campbell Collegiate choir, under the direction of Mrs. Deirdre Baird, for their outstanding performance at the SSBA Annual Convention.
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Information relative to the Regina Public Day of We had been distributed. Mrs. Baird, Teacher at Campbell Collegiate, together with five students, provided additional information on the We movement in general and the Regina Public Day of We specifically. Mrs. Baird introduced Mr. Ceane Dusyk, Aboriginal Advocate at Scott Collegiate, and highlighted the collaboration between the two schools to encourage students and staff to adopt the philosophy of “Me to We” and to think of others before self. The students spoke of breaking down stereotypes, and working within the community as well as globally. They shared a video prior to speaking of their own experiences with the We movement, and how the initiative has empowered them to come together for a common purpose, to make new friendships, and to bring about positive change. They advised of a local initiative to actively engage all school clubs, and that they are currently fundraising for five organizations in North Central Regina. They observed the power of collaboration and team work, achieving collectively what could not be done individually, and reflected on the need for positive role models for all, and advocating for inclusivity. They concluded by noting that student engagement is essential and that every student should have the opportunity to create positive change. Mrs. Baird thanked her fellow colleagues, Ms. Wendy Watts and Mr. Dusyk. Trustees expressed appreciation for the presentation and for the commendable work being done through the Me to We movement.

Audit and Risk
Management
Committee

Mr. J. Kasperski advised that the Audit and Risk Management Committee met with the External Auditors from Meyers Norris Penny, and representatives from the Office of the Provincial Auditor, on November 21, 2017, to discuss the draft Audited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2017. He advised that Mr. Rod Sieffert, from Meyers Norris Penny, reviewed the role of the Audit Committee, and Mr. Kelly Deis, Deputy Provincial Auditor, outlined the role of the Audit Committee and the Provincial Auditor. Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, provided a summary of the year’s assets/ liabilities and revenues/expenditures. It was noted that newly adopted or changes in accounting policies relative to Related Party Disclosures, Assets, Contingent Assets, and Contractual Rights, did not result in any disclosure changes. Mr. Kasperski indicated that Committee member questions relative to property tax payments, tuition revenue, foreign student enrolment, Treaty land entitlement, and tuition fees payable by school boards were answered by the Administration. He further advised that, in the opinion of the External Auditor, the Financial Statements present the financial position of the Board fairly in all material respects and are in full compliance with GAAP and PSAB requirements, and that the Office of the Provincial Auditor concurred with the opinion of the External Auditor.

Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

That the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2017, including the internally restricted surplus designations, be approved, pending any minor changes made after the Ministries of Education and Finance format review and approval.

Motion Carried.

In addition, Mr. Kasperski advised that Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, presented the draft Annual Report 2016-2017 to the Committee. It was noted that the Ministry of Education continues to stipulate the format and content of the report, and that drafts had been provided to and approved by the Ministry to date.

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Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

That the Annual Report 2016-2017 be approved, subject to final approval from the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.

Policy and Governance Committee

Mrs. T. Foster advised that the Policy and Governance Committee met on November 16, 2017, to review and discuss a number of items. She advised that the Committee reviewed updates to the Board’s Strategic Plan, discussing the importance of identifying qualitative and quantitative measures, showing accountability, and focusing on current Board resources. With the repeal of section 97 of *The Education Act, 1995*, she noted that Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, presented options for an Engagement Forum as a replacement for the Annual Meeting of Electors. The Committee recommended Option 1 be brought forward to the Board for approval, with School Community Councils being contacted prior to the Forum to provide possible topics and/or questions.

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That an Engagement Forum, in the format of Option 1 as outlined in the Policy and Governance Committee November 16, 2017 meeting minutes, be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at École Harbour Landing School, 4419 James Hill Road, Regina.

Motion Carried.

Mrs. Foster advised that Mr. Mark Whiting, Supervisor, of Policy, Planning and Research, provided the Committee with proposed updates to Board Policies 2 and 7.

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That the revisions to Policy 2 “Role of the Board” and Policy 7 “Board Operations” be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Mrs. Foster further advised that the Committee discussed clearly defining the agendas for the Standing Committees of the Board, ensuring that all deliverables under the Positive Path Forward are addressed. Lastly, she noted that, as this year’s Positive Path Forward included investigating technological options to enhance said agenda planning with the involvement of all trustees, Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, provided information on Microsoft One Note, and agreed to make a presentation to the Committee on the software on February 6th, after which the Committee will make a report to the Board for consideration.

Mr. A. Hicks advised that the passing of the above-noted motion relative to hosting an Engagement Forum on January 30, 2018, satisfies the intent of his notice of motion made November 7, 2017, regarding seeking public input on the budget, and he, therefore, was withdrawing his notice of motion on the topic.

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.

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Motion by Mrs. K. Gagne:

- That:
- a) Mr. J. Kasperski (Chair), Dr. J. Ekong and Mr. A. Hicks be appointed to serve on the Audit and Risk Management Committee;
 - b) Mrs. C. Anderson (Chair), Dr. J. Ekong and Mr. A. Hicks be appointed to serve on the Community Relations Committee;
 - c) Mrs. T. Foster (Chair), Mr. J. Kasperski and Ms. A. Young be appointed to serve on the Policy and Governance Committee;
 - d) Ms. A. Young (Chair), Mrs. C. Anderson and Mrs. T. Foster be appointed to serve on the Communication and Advocacy Committee; and
 - e) All Board members be appointed to serve on the Indigenous 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 Mrs. C. Anderson:

- That:
- a) Mrs. K. Gagne and Mr. A. Hicks be appointed to serve as Board Representatives on the School Boards/City Council Liaison Committee; and
 - b) Mr. A. Hicks be appointed to serve as Board Representative on the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association;
- until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Motion Carried.

2017 Fall General Assembly Update Mrs. K. Gagne advised that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Fall General Assembly was held November 12-14, 2017, in Regina, and that Trustees Ekong, Hicks, Foster, and Young attended. Mr. A. Hicks noted that, as previously indicated, the Campbell Collegiate choir performed at the Sunday evening event to the delight of those in attendance. He advised that the three days of meetings were positive. He highlighted the presentations given by the leadership candidates from both provincial parties, and noted that the Minister of Education spoke briefly on the Tuesday morning. He advised that the two motions brought forward by Regina Public Schools, relative to board member eligibility qualifications and development of a course credited personal finance class for high school students, both passed with 93% support. Mrs. K. Gagne commented on the fact that the adoption of a resolution at the SSBA Assembly does not obligate action but is a recommendation regarding what school divisions consider as important issues.

Subdivision Reports Mr. A. Hicks advised that there are still tickets available for the United Way Fundraiser “Mind Blowing Night” at École Connaught Community School on November 30, 2017. He noted that École Harbour Landing School has uploaded to YouTube a time-lapse video of the play structure installation. He further noted that the École Harbour Landing School Community Council has partnered

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with Hillberg & Berk on a fundraiser, selling custom earrings, necklaces and bracelets in school colours.

Dr. J. Ekong advised that the École Wascana Plains School Community Council is also holding a similar fundraiser, in partnership with Hillberg & Berk.

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 Mrs. C. Anderson:

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 *Personnel Matter, Audit and Risk Management Committee, Public Section Update, and Board Chairs' Meeting Update, Meeting Regina Catholic Schools, Facility Matter, and Communication*. 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 Ms. A. Young:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer