

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. Adam Hicks, Vice-Chair Dr. Jane Ekong	Mrs. Tanya Foster Mr. Jay Kasperski 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	

Mr. J. Kasperski 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 item be added: *Saskatchewan School Boards Association Proposed Budget*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:</u>  That, with the addition requested, the agenda be adopted.  Motion Carried.	
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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 19, 2018.  <u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>  That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 19, 2018, be approved as distributed.  Motion Carried.	
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School Opening Update	Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, advised that the Student Achievement department began preparing for school start-up in April and May, providing school staff members with a template outlining expectations for the 2018-19 school year. He advised that, on August 27th, all Division staff viewed a video-taped school opening address from Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, outlining the areas of focus for the upcoming year. In regards to professional development (“PD”) and training, he drew attention to online PD opportunities for staff. He noted that elementary school staffs worked on developing individual school plans to align with the Division’s Strategic Plan,	
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while high school staff in-servicing related to student engagement, student retention, and pre- and post-grade planning. He provided further information relative to PD sessions offered prior to school start-up, including transfer/lift/repositioning training and Mandt training. Mr. Mike Walter, Deputy Director, School Services, acknowledged the efforts and dedication of all staff in preparing for the 2018-19 school year. With the Director’s focus on Safety First, he discussed safety and first aid training plans. He outlined a list of information emailed to staff in preparation for the new school year. He acknowledged the extensive work of the Facilities, Transportation, Human Resources, Payroll and IT departments in ensuring that all aspects of the organization were prepared for the new school year. Mr. Boldt and Mr. Walter responded to questions relative to communities of practice, and high school evaluation. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

Submission of Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions for the 2018 Annual General Meeting      Information relative to the submission of bylaw amendments and resolutions for the 2018 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne noted the deadline for submissions is October 15, 2018, and that any potential resolutions should be submitted to Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, by September 20, 2018, for consideration at the September 25, 2018 Board meeting.

2018-2019 Budget Final Estimates      Information relative to approval by the Minister of Education of the Board’s 2018-2019 revenue and expenditure estimates submission (as detailed at the June 19, 2018 Board meeting) had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, noted that final Board approval of the 2018-2019 estimates would be in order.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

That the 2018-2019 estimated revenues and expenditures, as submitted to and approved by the Minister of Education, be adopted as the final statement for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Motion Carried.

Provincial Education Summit      Information relative to a Provincial Education Summit, hosted by the Ministry of Education and its co-planning partners, scheduled to be held October 11-12, 2018, in Saskatoon, had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne advised that she and Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, will be attending the Summit, which will provide an opportunity to engage with a wide range of participants and commence the dialogue that will guide co-construction of a framework for a future provincial education plan. Mrs. Gagne opened the floor to receive suggested potential topics and actions to bring forward to the Summit. Board members suggested the following topics for consideration: family engagement; educational resources; support for Indigenous, English As An Additional Language and Intensive Needs students; School Community Council role clarification; a core financial literacy course; Trustee qualifications; availability of increased quantitative data and recognition of costs; the Indigenous Student Forum recommendations; transportation service delivery alignment; and mental health support for schools.

Subdivision Reports      Mr. J. Kasperski acknowledged the teachers, principals, maintenance staff and many others who diligently worked to prepare the facilities for the first day of school.

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Dr. J. Ekong shared memories of long-time Regina Public Schools employee, Jack MacKenzie, who passed away on August 22, 2018. She recalled his kind nature and his love for the school named in his honour. She noted his legacy of imparting to students a sense of caring, as evidenced by his establishment of the Random Acts of Kindness Trust Fund, aimed at supporting student volunteer projects that concentrate on community and the environment. Trustees and senior Administration observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. MacKenzie.

Mr. A. Hicks provided a summary of Summer Bash events, noting the great partnership developed among seven schools in Subdivision 3. He advised that five “Movie in the Park” events saw crowds range between 700-1,500, and the main festival on August 26th involved between 9,000-10,000 patrons.

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:

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Board Planning Session, Elementary Language Programming, Transportation, Privacy Training, and Saskatchewan School Boards Association Proposed Budget*. 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: 5:30 to 7:22 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer