

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 Mrs. Cindy Anderson 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. A. Hicks 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.	
Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:</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.	
Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on June 18, 2019, and August 27, 2019.  <u>Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:</u>  That the minutes of the Board meetings of June 18, 2019, and August 27, 2019, be approved as distributed.  Motion Carried.	
School Opening Update	Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement, advised that, as in the past few years, staff were back in schools five full days prior to students returning. He noted that, on August 26th, all Division employees viewed a video-taped school opening address from Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education, outlining the areas of focus for the upcoming year. He also advised that all employees took part in a video professional development session with Dr. Bruce Gordon on the topic of resiliency. He outlined that elementary school staffs prepared for the upcoming school year, and high school staffs engaged in	

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project team work. He provided further information relative to PD sessions offered prior to school start-up, including Mandt training. He highlighted that the Newcomer Welcome Centre, that opened their doors prior to August 26th, had already processed 480 new Canadian students, which is 260 more than last year at this time. He acknowledged the extensive work of the many departments in ensuring that all aspects of the organization were prepared for the new school year. Mr. Boldt responded to questions relative to enrolment. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, responded to a question relative to the installation timelines for the new portables. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

[Mrs. K. Gagne exited the meeting for a short period of time and Mr. A. Hicks assumed the chair in her absence.]

2019 SSBA  
AGM:  
Appointment of  
Voting  
Delegates and  
Vote  
Distribution

Information regarding the appointment of voting delegates and the distribution of votes for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association 2019 Annual General Meeting had been distributed.  
  
Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:  
  
That Dr. J. Ekong, Mr. A. Hicks, Mrs. K. Gagne, Mrs. T. Foster be appointed as voting delegates to the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to be held November 18, 2019, in Regina; and that the 51 vote allocation to be cast on behalf of the Board at the 2019 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting be allocated as follows:  
Dr. J. Ekong – 13 votes;  
Mr. A. Hicks – 13 votes;  
Mrs. K. Gagne – 12 votes;  
Mrs. T. Foster 13 votes;  
and that, as a matter of policy, if for some reason the number of board members attending the Annual General Meeting is less than the number specified, the total available votes be divided among members in attendance as evenly as possible, as determined by the chairperson, in order to ensure that the Board’s entire voting allotment can be cast.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

2019 SSBA  
AGM:  
Submission of  
Bylaw  
Amendments  
and Resolutions

Information relative to the submission of bylaw amendments and resolutions for the 2019 Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting had been distributed. Mrs. K. Gagne noted the deadline for submissions is October 18, 2019, and that any potential resolutions should be submitted to Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, by October 10, 2019, for consideration at the October 15, 2019 Board meeting. She further noted that she had received an inquiry from the Board Chair of the Prairie Valley School Division asking for support of a resolution relative to the cost of moving portable classrooms.

2019-2020  
Budget Final  
Estimates

Information relative to approval by the Minister of Education of the Board’s 2019-2020 revenue and expenditure estimates submission, as detailed at the June 18, 2019 Board meeting, had been distributed. Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, noted that final Board approval of the 2019-2020 estimates would be in order.

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Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the 2019-2020 estimated revenues and expenditures, as submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Education, be adopted as the final statement for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Subdivision  
Boundaries

Following the May 21, 2019 meeting of the Policy and Governance Committee, it was agreed that a review of the subdivision boundaries was in order, with an objective to more equitably distribute eligible votes amongst subdivisions. Information relative to proposed changes to the subdivision boundaries had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting and Ms. Delaine Clyne, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information, noting that, with the newly proposed boundaries, the largest subdivision would have 34,234 eligible voters and the smallest one 31,231, reducing the average variance to less than 5%, thereby providing a more equitable balance of eligible voters. Mr. Whiting advised that any changes will require Ministerial approval, but that the City of Regina can be informed of the proposed changes in order to complete Polling Area Reviews in preparation for the 2020 election.

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That the proposed subdivision boundaries, providing a more equitable balance of eligible voters, be approved as presented; that the Administration submit the new boundaries to the Minister of Education for approval; and, that the Administration conditionally provide the City of Regina with the Board-approved subdivision boundaries pending final approval from the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Governance  
Priorities  
2019-20

Mrs. K. Gagne advised that the Board held its self-evaluation workshop on June 22, 2019, wherein the Board determined its 2019 Governance Priorities as follows:

- 1. Conduct Board-CEO 'white board' sessions three times annually to address CEO-Board relationship development, including governance and administration roles, review Board Work Plan, clarify Board corporate direction to Board Committees, identify budget priorities and strategic planning priorities, and conduct mid-year governance check-up.  
Most Responsible Party: Board Chair
- 2. Develop a comprehensive Board Advocacy and Communication Plan with key priorities and communication briefings/messages for Trustees.  
Most Responsible Party: Chair of Advocacy and Communication Committee
- 3. Clarification of Accountability Reporting to the Board – formally incorporate into Board Work Plan.  
Most Responsible Party: Board Chair and Director
- 4. Develop a Community Relations Plan resulting in more focused sessions with a clear purpose and enhanced communication to the public.  
Most Responsible Party: Chair of Community Relations Committee

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Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

That the Board Governance Priorities 2019-20 be approved as outlined.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Subdivision Reports      Mr. A. Hicks advised that, over the Summer, five school communities—École Connaught Community School, Dr. A. E. Perry School, École Harbour Landing School, St. Kateri Tekakwitha School, and Deshayé Catholic School—worked in partnership to host movies nights, raising approximately \$3,000 that will go towards their local school needs. He further noted that Kitchener Community School received roughly \$2,000 worth of sport equipment from the above-noted partnership, wherein equipment was purchased and utilized and donated to a deserving school. He further commented that École Connaught Community School is very excited about the new portable classrooms being added to the school. Mr. Hicks advised that the École Harbour Landing School community is very interested in discussions with respect to the school’s capacity issues. He noted that the need for another school in the area will be a topic for advocacy this year.

Ms. A. Young recognized the staff and volunteers who participated in the United Way Summer Literacy Program, as well as the teen parent workers and staff who worked over the Summer to maintain programming and support for the attendees of the Shirley Schneider Teen Parent Program.

Closed Session      Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

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 Dr. J. Ekong:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Board:

Board Self-Evaluation      1) That the Board’s Self-Evaluation Report, as developed during the evaluation workshop June 22, 2019, be approved as an accurate account of the Board’s performance for the 2018-19 school year.

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Motion by Ms. A. Young:

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

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Accommodation Report, Negotiations, Legal Matter–Memorandum of Understanding*, and *I Love Regina Run*. The progress reports were accepted.

[Ms. A. Young absented herself from the discussion with respect to CUPE negotiations.]

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: 5:30 to 7:56 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer