

At the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

Members Present	Mrs. Cindy Anderson	Mr. Adam Hicks
	Dr. Jane Ekong	Mr. Jay Kasperski
	Mrs. Tanya Foster	Ms. Aleana Young
	Mrs. Katherine Gagne	
Administration Present	Mr. Greg Enion, Director of Education	
	Ms. Debra Burnett, Deputy Director, Division Services, & Secretary-Treasurer	
	Mr. Darren Boldt, Deputy Director, Student Achievement	

The Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order and acknowledged the location of every Regina Public School and the School Division Office on Treaty 4 land.

The Secretary-Treasurer then called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:</u>
	That the agenda be adopted as prepared.

Motion Carried.

Declaration of Any Conflicts	The Secretary-Treasurer asked if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared. Ms. A. Young declared a conflict of interest with respect to the <i>Personnel Matter</i> .
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Election of Chairperson	In accordance with the provisions of Board Policy 7 “Board Operations”, the Secretary-Treasurer asked each member of the Board to state whether he/she would be willing to serve as Chairperson until the next Organizational Meeting. Mrs. K. Gagne stated that she would be willing to serve in that capacity. All other members declined. Mrs. K. Gagne was declared elected by acclamation to the office of Chairperson of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, effective immediately.
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Election of Vice- Chairperson	Mrs. K. Gagne then assumed the Chair and asked each of the other members of the Board to indicate whether he/she would be willing to serve as Vice-Chairperson for the ensuing year. Mr. A. Hicks stated that he would be willing to serve in that capacity. All other members declined. Mr. A. Hicks was declared elected by acclamation to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, effective immediately.
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Establishing
Date, Time and
Place of Board
Meetings

Consideration was given to the establishment of dates, time and place of regular meetings of the Board.

Motion by Mrs. T. Foster:

That, during the period October, 2019, to October, 2020, regular meetings of the Board be held on the following school days:

- Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
- Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

commencing at 5:30 p.m., to be held at the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina, unless otherwise scheduled by resolution.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

Trustee
Remuneration

Pursuant to policy requirements, information regarding Trustee remuneration rates had been distributed for information purposes. The Chairperson inquired as to whether there were any questions or comments from Board members regarding the materials. None were raised.

Trustee Conflict
of Interest /
Code of
Conduct
Provisions

Pursuant to policy requirements, conflict of interest provisions from *The Education Act, 1995* and Board Policy 4 “Trustee Code of Conduct” had been distributed for information purposes. The Chairperson inquired as to whether there were any questions or comments from Board members regarding the materials. None were raised.

Approving of
Minutes

The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 3, 2019.

Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 3, 2019, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

Accommodation
Review (2019)

In accordance with Board policy, an Accommodation Review analyzing current and projected school facility requirements had been distributed. Mr. Mark Whiting and Ms. Delaine Clyne, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, provided additional information. Mr. Whiting highlighted 1) enrolment trends and projections; 2) French Immersion and Intensive Needs Programs; 3) elementary school program delivery model variances; 4) low and growing enrolment programs; 5) school capacity and utilization; and 6) major capital projects. He advised that, overall, enrolment in the Division continues to increase, particularly in the City’s newer subdivisions. He outlined that the

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recommendations arising out of the report are that the Administration: 1) continue to include a new southeast high school in the Division’s annual capital submission to the Ministry with an emphasis on the immediate need to accommodate the student growth in southeast Regina; 2) update the High School Facility Strategy (2013) to address the needs of high schools moving through this growth period and in support of the advancement of the southeast high school submission; 3) relocate the École Harbour Landing School French Immersion program to Dr. A.E. Perry School beginning in the Fall of 2020, pending the development of a new school in the Harbour Landing area; 4) request a new elementary school to accommodate the students and families in the Towns/Eastbrook neighbourhood; 5) review the delivery of French language instruction in the Division; 6) conduct a French Immersion program boundary review for École Connaught Community School to keep program enrolments within delivery model expectations and the school within operating capacity; and 7) develop an updated multi-year major capital plan to assist the Division in prioritizing projects and planning. In addition, the report recommended that Administration continue to monitor all schools over, or projected to be over capacity, and pursue any capital development (expansion) opportunities to ensure continuity of resources and enough spaces to support the educational program in these buildings. Mr. Whiting responded to questions relative to the potential impact of a Theodore litigation decision, enrolment numbers contained in Appendix A, program models, the impact of Intensive Needs programs on utilization figures, and the increased enrolment trend in French Immersion programming. With respect to the recommendation that the French Immersion program at École Harbour Landing School be relocated to Dr. A. E. Perry School, questions were raised regarding the potential impact of transfers from the French Immersion program to the English program, busing considerations, potential for flexibility in school boundaries, and consideration of other potential options. In this regard, it was noted that a public meeting will be held at École Harbour Landing School on September 30th to present the program relocation recommendation and to seek school community feedback. Board members expressed appreciation for the report.

Date of 2020
Annual
Meeting/
Community
Engagement
Forum

Further to the Annual Meeting/Community Engagement Forum held January 29, 2019, it was requested that the date for a combined 2020 Annual Meeting/Community Engagement Forum be established at this time.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

That the 2020 Annual Meeting/Community Engagement Forum be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at a Regina Public School location to be determined at a later date.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

Date of 2020
Organizational
Meeting

In accordance with previous practice, it was requested that the date for the 2020 Organizational Meeting be established at this time.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

That the 2020 Organizational Meeting be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., in the Regina Public School Board Office, 1600 4th Avenue, Regina.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

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Mr. A. Hicks noted that, in non-election years, the organizational meetings should be moved back to the second meeting in September.

Agenda
Requests

Ms. A. Young requested an update on MySchoolSask, the new provincial student information system. She further requested that the Community Relations Committee consider compiling a list of software requests coming from schools to SCCs.

Mr. A. Hicks requested a review of the learning plan for Trustees that took into account the matrix that Trustees completed in the past. He also requested a future public meeting for the Lakeview School community.

Subdivision
Reports

Ms. A. Young brought thanks to the Marion McVeety School community and School Community Council for the welcome back barbecue, and extended thanks to the supporting sponsors who helped ensure that the barbecue was free and accessible to all families. She also recognized Grant Road School’s 60th anniversary celebrations, and advised that she passed along the best wishes of the Board on the celebration of this anniversary and was happy to speak alongside former Trustee Dale West.

Mr. J. Kasperski advised that, on September 11th, the W. H. Ford School community celebrated the school’s 40th anniversary. He outlined that the evening began with families meeting current teachers and spending time in classrooms, with various memorabilia available for viewing, followed by a gathering in the gymnasium for a short ceremony, and then a barbecue hosted by the School Community Council. He noted special guests, past principals Brad Howard and Donna McCall, Superintendent Lisa Frei, the school’s very first Administrative Assistant, who worked there for 31 years, Rita Wright, and past staff member, Blair Gullickson, who shared stories and memories of the early days of the school and paid tribute to Mr. Ford, who was an integral part of the school on a regular basis.

Dr. J. Ekong advised that she has attended a number of barbecues, but singled out the F. W. Johnson Collegiate School Community Council, that continues to grow. She also extended congratulations to the students at F. W. Johnson Collegiate for being invited to present at Reconciliation Regina’s upcoming Reconciliation Conversation Series.

Mr. A. Hicks commented on Argyle School, and its growth strategy focus, noting a projected Kindergarten enrolment of 43, and a resulting enrolment of only 25 Kindergarten students. He further advised that he had received a few calls from members of the Connaught community relative to the subdivision changes approved at the September 3rd Board meeting, and he clarified that those changes will come into effect after the municipal elections set for November, 2020. He recognized École Harbour Landing School SCC Chair, Principal and Vice-Principal in attendance at the meeting, and noted that the school’s most recent SCC meeting brought forward a lot of questions relative to the overcrowding of the school and the potential for the French Immersion program to be relocated to another school. He reminded everyone that a meeting will be held at the school on September 30th at 7:00 PM to provide facts and discuss solutions to deal with the overcrowding. He also advised that he extended invitations to some key officials, and that MLA representative, Muhammad Fiaz, has confirmed his attendance. During that SCC meeting, Mr. Hicks also noted that questions were raised about current advertisements regarding an increase in trustee remuneration, to which he explained that, effective January, 2019, the Federal Government implemented tax changes that saw board members and city councilors across the country having their remuneration fully taxable, and that this Board’s decision to increase trustee remuneration was only to match the loss this Federal tax change created.

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Closed Session Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:

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 Ms. A. Young:

That we rise and report.

Motion Carried.

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

Confirmation of Standing Committee 1) That the five Standing Committees, as outlined in Board Policy 8 “Committees of the Board”, together with the establishment of a Personnel and Organizational Culture Committee, with terms of reference as discussed, be confirmed until the next Organizational Meeting of the Board; and that Board Policy 8 “Committees of the Board” be revised to include the new Standing Committee.

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 *Personnel Matter* and *Meeting with MLAs*. The progress reports were accepted.

[Ms. A. Young absented herself from the discussion with respect to the *Personnel Matter*.]

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 7:46 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer