

Regina, Saskatchewan
November 26, 2019

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

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

Prior to the meeting being called to order, the Vice-Chairperson noted that, at the November 5, 2019 Board meeting, a petition asking for the removal of the current Chairperson had been received. He advised that the Board, as a whole, made the decision to have Mrs. K. Gagne remain as Board Chairperson. He further advised that he would be forwarding a letter to the presenter, Mr. Eric Bell, outlining the same.

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: *School Run Event* and *OneNote Program*.

Adoption of Agenda	<u>Motion by Mr. J. Kasperski:</u>
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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. Ms. A. Young declared a conflict of interest with respect to the <i>Personnel Matter</i> .
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Approving of Minutes	The Chairperson then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 5, 2019.
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Motion by Dr. J. Ekong:

That the minutes of the Board meeting of November 5, 2019, be approved as distributed.

Motion Carried.

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Campaign for Grade Level Reading

Dr. Nora Findlay, Coordinator of the Regina Coalition for the Campaign for Grade Level Reading (CGLR), made a presentation to the Board. She provided background information and offered examples of CGLR initiatives in the United States. She explained the process and requirements for joining the CGLR network and outlined the crucial considerations identified by the Coalition, including: a greater coordination of services required; a need to meet families “where they are”; access to transportation; barriers and challenges for families; and, a need for culturally-appropriate practices and resources. She spoke of sample responses to the core challenges, provided a list of the members associated with the Regina CGLR, and outlined the next steps for the Coalition. Dr. Findlay responded to questions relative to responsibilities, funding, decision-making, differentiating aspects of the plan, and evaluation process. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and for the work being undertaken by the Coalition.

Community Relations Committee

Mrs. T. Foster provided a brief summary of discussions held at the November 12, 2019 Community Relations Committee meeting, highlighting the upcoming Community Engagement Forum, scheduled for January 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., and noting that the Committee agreed that the intended outcomes of the engagement should include breakout sessions for parents and staff, facilitated by the Superintendents, and that the goal is to ensure participants feel they have a voice. In addition, she advised that a call for nominations for the Creating Successful Outcomes Recognition program, now named the Community Values Award, will be sent out by the end of November, and awards will take place at a regular Board meeting in the new year, with the program to be revisited in 2020. She advised that parents had an opportunity to hear keynote speaker, Mr. Tony Dalton, at the Parent Forum, co-hosted by Regina Catholic Schools and Regina Public Schools; however, she noted that the Committee would still like to hold a conference/university for SCCs in February as well as a School Community Council Forum in the Spring, focusing on mental health and wellness. She further noted that the Committee decided to hold the Student/Trustee Forum after February. She confirmed that the Shared Values Recognition Program reception will coincide with the Long Service reception in June, and that the nomination deadline will be March 31st. She shared that Ms. Lisa Frei, Superintendent, Student Achievement, shared data collected from elementary schools regarding funding requests submitted to SCCs, and that Division Office staff will look into options for acquiring enterprise licenses and discounted rates for the Division. She concluded her summary by noting an update provided on Dr. Debbie Pushor’s work on Family Engagement.

Mr. A. Hicks provided a brief summary of the Joint Parent Forum, noting School Community Council members experienced a very positive day filled with the sharing of many ideas.

Audit and Risk Management Committee

Mr. A. Hicks advised that the Audit and Risk Management Committee met with the External and Provincial Auditors on November 18, 2019, to discuss the draft Audited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2019. He advised that Mr. Rod Sieffert, from Meyers Norris Penny, reviewed the role of the Audit Committee, and Ms. Nicole Dressler, with the Office of the Provincial Auditor, outlined the role of the Provincial Auditor. He further outlined that Mr. Bruce Lipinski, Superintendent, Business Affairs, provided a summary of the year’s assets/liabilities and revenues/expenditures. Mr. Hicks 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. He further noted that clean

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opinions would be provided with respect to Legislative Compliance, Internal Controls and Other Controls Matters, and that the Office of the Provincial Auditor concurred with all of the opinions of the External Auditor.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

That the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2019, 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.
(Unanimously)

In addition, Mr. Hicks advised that Ms. Delaine Clyne, Supervisor, Policy, Planning and Research, presented the draft Annual Report 2018-2019 to the Committee. It was noted that the Ministry of Education continues to stipulate the format and content of the report, and that a draft had been provided to and approved by the Ministry to date.

Motion by Mr. A. Hicks:

That the Annual Report 2018-2019 be approved, subject to final approval from the Ministry of Education.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

SSBA
AGM/Fall
General
Assembly
Update

Mr. A. Hicks advised that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Fall General Assembly was held November 17-19, 2019, in Regina. He noted many educational opportunities on the first day of the event, and highlighted a presentation by the Deaf Crows. He provided a brief summary from Monday's events, commenting that all resolutions sponsored by Regina Public Schools passed at the Annual General Meeting. He concluded by highlighting a presentation on the Tuesday relative to best practices regarding mental health.

SaskPower
Easement
Agreement

Information regarding a request from SaskPower for a utility easement relative to the École Wilfrid Walker School property had been distributed. Mr. Dave Bryanton, Superintendent, Educational Facilities, provided additional information, noting that the easement request was associated with the installation of a conduit to the facility as a preventative measure in the event of a power failure.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That execution of the Easement of Right-of-Way with Saskatchewan Power Corporation relative to the École Wilfrid Walker School property be authorized.

Motion Carried.
(Unanimously)

Agenda
Requests

Ms. A. Young requested clarification on whether to request agenda items at this time or to request them on OneNote. Mr. A. Hicks advised that the matter would be part of the OneNote Program discussion in closed session.

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Subdivision Reports Mr. J. Kasperski advised that a principal in subdivision, Ms. Simone Verville, at École Elsie Mironuck School, is retiring in December after 34 years in education. He expressed appreciation for Ms. Verville’s guidance and leadership, and wished her all the best.

Mr. A. Hicks advised that he attended an École Harbour Landing French Immersion meeting with parents on November 18th. He noted a Pride in Action event to be held on November 28th at École Harbour Landing School, and recognized teacher and organizer, Mr. Jason Howse, in the gallery. He concluded by drawing attention to the moustache he has been growing for “Movember,” noting that he fundraises every year in memory of his grandfather.

Dr. J. Ekong advised that she attended the Football Season Wrap-up celebration at F. W. Johnson Collegiate, noting that players were encouraged to bring their parents and siblings to the event, where everyone was treated to a delicious sit-down dinner. She expressed her appreciation for the administration and staff at the school for their leadership.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. K. Gagne recognized Ms. Debra Burnett and thanked her for her 35 years of service and dedication to Regina Public Schools. Ms. Burnett commented that she has considered it a privilege to be part of and to serve Regina Public Schools over the course of her career.

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 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:

Meeting Adjournment Time 1) That the November 26, 2019 Board meeting be authorized to continue beyond the 8:30 p.m. presumptive adjournment time.

Motion by Ms. A. Young:

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

Motion Carried.

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At the conclusion of closed session, the Committee of the Whole reported progress with respect to consideration of *Personnel Matter, Special Committee, Audit and Risk Management Committee, Legal Matter, Personnel and Organizational Culture Committee, Trustee Matter, AGM/Community Engagement Forum, School Run Event, and OneNote Program*. The progress reports were accepted.

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

Adjournment The Chairperson advised that this concluded the business of the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mrs. C. Anderson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer