

At a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Regina School Division No. 4 of Saskatchewan, held at 1600 4th Avenue.

Members Present Mrs. Sarah Cummings Truskowski, Chair  
Ms. Lacey Weekes, Vice-Chair (virtually)  
Mrs. Cindy Anderson  
Mr. Adam Hicks  
Mr. Ted Jaleta  
Mrs. Tracey McMurchy  
Ms. Tara Molson

Administration Present Mr. Darren Boldt, Director of Education/CEO  
Ms. Naomi Mellor, Deputy Director, Division Services/CFO  
Mr. Rick Steciuk, Deputy Director, Student Achievement/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.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Ted Jaleta:  
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.

Appointment of Director of Education/CEO Sarah Cummings Truskowski advised that with the announcement of Director of Education/CEO Darren Boldt's resignation in November effective the end of July 2024, the Board has been busy with the recruitment and selection process and, in January, set up a Succession Planning Committee to lead this work consisting of herself, Trustee Weekes, Trustee Anderson, and Trustee Jaleta. The Committee prepared a tender for executive recruitment services and selected MNP LLP as the successful proponent. She further advised that MNP LLP conducted a national search for candidates based on the job criteria, the Committee short-listed candidates, and the full Board participated in interviews last month, and completed background verification and validation processes.

Motion by Cindy Anderson:

That the position of Director of Education and Chief Executive Officer for the Regina Public School Division #4 of Saskatchewan be offered to Mark Haarmann, effective August 1, 2024 on terms and conditions mutually acceptable to the parties.

Motion Carried.  
(Unanimously)

Chair	CFO

The Chairperson was pleased to announce that Mark Haarmann has been appointed Director of Education/CEO effective August 1, 2024. As background for students, staff and stakeholders, she noted that Mr. Haarmann has more than 30 years of service in the education sector in Ontario, having served as a teacher, vice principal, principal, staffing officer, superintendent, and Associate Director with Peel District School Board, and is currently a lecturer with the Faculty of Education at Western University. She further advised that Mr. Haarmann has demonstrated leadership experience in all aspects of school division operations. As Superintendent of Education for a family of schools, Central Superintendent, and Associate Director for almost 15 years, he was responsible for leading key elements of the Peel School District's Plan for Student Success, co-leading a number of Ministry of Education initiatives, and conceptualizing and leading district-wide initiatives and strategies in support of literacy, Indigenous education, mental health and wellbeing, equity and inclusion, restorative practices, alternatives to suspension, and parent and community engagement. She outlined that Mr. Haarmann holds a Master of Education (Leadership) from York University, a Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto and is currently completing his PhD at Western University. She noted that Mr. Haarmann's commitment to student achievement, equity-centred approaches, and results orientation position him well to lead Regina Public Schools over the coming years, and, on behalf of the Board and the Division, looks forward to welcoming him to Regina Public Schools in August.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the Chairperson acknowledged that every student, staff and community member has equal value as prescribed under the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, noting that diversity makes us stronger.

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

Motion by Tara Molson:

That the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Time of meeting: 4:45 to 4:50 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Chief Financial Officer