

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Monday, January 17, 2011, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; Larry Pavloff; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Absent: Lorraine Greyeyes; Louis LeDoux

Larry Pavloff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wagner

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of January 3, 2011, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Taylor

Carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of Mr. Andrew Bergen's letter of resignation effective immediately. The Board thanks Mr. Bergen for his dedication and service to Prairie Spirit. Under his leadership, much good was accomplished in the Division. The Board wishes Mr. Bergen well in his future endeavours.

Jim Shields, Superintendent of Finance, Administration and Planning, Courtney Skrupski, Auditor, and Regan Sommerfeld, Office of the Provincial Auditor, joined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Courtney Skrupski and Regan Sommerfeld advised that, under the new funding model, the school divisions' financial statements will be included in the provincial financial statements and therefore must meet Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) standards. Mr. Skrupski highlighted some of the changes and notes in Prairie Spirit's audited draft financial statements.

Ms. Sommerfeld commended both Messrs. Shields and Skrupski for their work in ensuring that Prairie Spirit's financial statements met PSAB standards. Mr. Skrupski also thanked Prairie Spirit staff for their cooperation and friendliness.

Courtney Skrupski and Regan Sommerfeld left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Evelyn Novak requested a Board representative for the Practical and Applied Arts (PAA) Committee. Pam Wieler offered to let her name stand.

Jim Shields will present by-election information for Subdivision No. 4 at the Board's next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2011.

Jim Shields left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

3. THAT the Board approves the work experience partnership housing developments project at Leask Community School with Muskeg Lake Cree Nation in principle and pending determination of required resources.

Muskeg Lake
Work Experience
Partnership
Wieler

Carried.

With respect to school reviews, the Board confirmed for Evelyn Novak that reference to one full year means one full calendar year.

With respect to calendar guidelines, the Board informed Evelyn Novak that the preference was to maintain 185 student contact days.

The Board directed Evelyn Novak to draft a letter of support in response to the Village of Clavet's letter dated January 12, 2011.

4. THAT the Board approves the request to appoint Ms. Barb Anderson to the Langham Elementary School Community Council.

Langham
Elementary SCC
Heath

Carried.

5. THAT the Board approves the Required Approvals Agenda as presented.

Required
Approvals
Wagner

Carried.

6. THAT the Board go into closed session at 4:16 p.m.

Closed
Session
Hope

Carried.

Nadine Meister and Brenda Erickson left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

7. THAT the Board return from closed session at 5:15 p.m.

Closed
Session
Dyck

Carried.

8. THAT the Board approves the Report of the Chairperson, Larry Pavloff, dated January 17, 2011, concerning staffing.

Staffing
Heath

Carried.

The Sub-Committee of the Board will meet on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

9. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:58 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, February 7, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Howe

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board