

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, March 7, 2011, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff; Sam Dyck; Lorraine Greyeyes; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope (arrived at 9:07 a.m.); Bernie Howe; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Noel Roche, Superintendent of Schools and Leadership; Sharon Compton, Superintendent of Learning and Leadership; Jim Shields, Superintendent of Finance and Administration; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant.

Also in attendance: Kelli Holst, Principal, Laird School; Kevin Derald, Principal, and Darin McKay, Vice Principal, Vanscoy School; Peggy Mattila, Principal, Hague High School.

Absent: Louis LeDoux; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Larry Pavloff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Grant Drever, Conveyance Manager, joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Bonnie Hope joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda  
Wagner

**Carried.**

A discussion took place with respect to providing the Board meeting agenda to administrators attending Board meetings

2. That the Board supply visiting administrators with access to the Board meeting agenda.

Agenda  
Access  
Howe

**Carried.**

3. THAT the previously adopted minutes of February 9, 2011, be adopted as amended showing the absence of the Director of Education.

Minutes  
Dyck

**Carried.**

4. THAT the minutes of February 22, 2011, be adopted as presented.

Minutes  
Taylor

**Carried.**

Board Committees:

- **Governance Committee (Bonnie Hope)** – First meeting held was held on February 16. This committee is open to any Trustees that want to come. Overall objectives for the Committee were discussed, as well as the potential new committee structure. Purposes for each committee and setting a template for terms of reference are being considered. Hopefully, the proposed structure will be determined by June and in place by

September.

- **Calendar Committee (Bernie Howe)** – vote for calendar options has been held. A second vote will be held with the two options receiving the most votes on March 16-17, 2011.
- **Support Staff Negotiations (Joan Heath)** – A meeting for this committee has been postponed due to the ambiguity of the funding structure.
- **Stobart School Building Project (Keith Wagner)** – participated in a site meeting at Stobart. Bill Blakeley is the new manager on site at Stobart. Things seem to moving along nicely.

Larry Pavloff provided a verbal report on the SSBA Members Council held in Regina on February 24-25, 2011.

Larry Pavloff also provided a verbal report on the Saskatoon Tribal Council meeting he attended along with Sherri Stephanson, Superintendent of Human Resources, on March 4, 2011 in Saskatoon.

At its next meeting, the Board will consider two possible dates in May to schedule a meeting with the PSTA.

Larry Pavloff informed the Board that quite a few of the SCCs are having parent meetings regarding the new math program and suggested Board members could use this opportunity to connect with parents and learn more about the programming.

The Board discussed the upcoming meeting with Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board of Education and possible agenda items, as well as confirming who will be able to attend the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the Saskatoon Public School Board of Education.

The Information Report regarding policy change for busing distance of one kilometre was presented and discussed.

5. THAT the Board accept the Information Report from Jim Shields and Grant Drever and authorize them to order the new buses.

Information  
Report –  
Busing  
Dyck

***Carried.***

The Decision Report regarding a land transfer of SE 35-32-29-W2 and SW 36-29-2-W2 from Horizon School Division to Prairie Spirit School Division was presented.

6. THAT the Board accepts the land transfer as detailed by Administration.

Decision  
Report -  
Land  
Transfer  
Yausie

**Carried.**

Grant Drever left at 10:00 a.m.

Information regarding the Hutterian Staffing Formula was presented.

7. THAT the Board accept the report as presented for staffing at Hutterian colonies with the 1.75 FTE increase and substitute support for preparation time. Administration will include this information for professional staffing as part of the budget approval process.

Hutterian  
Staffing  
Formula  
Howe

**Carried.**

Information regarding project management of the Warman Middle Years School Building Project was presented.

8. THAT the Board accepts the recommendation from Charles Olfert and Jim Shields regarding construction management for the Warman Middle School project.

WMS  
Construction  
Management  
Dyck

**Carried.**

The Decision Report regarding a capital project submission (B1) for Warman Elementary Kindergarten room washrooms and Stobart Pre-Kindergarten washrooms was presented.

9. THAT the Board approve the submission of the B-1 to the Ministry for the Pre-Kindergarten washrooms at Warman Elementary School and Stobart School as recommended by Administration.

Decision  
Report – B1  
Submission  
Wagner

**Carried.**

**Laird School (Kelli Holst, Principal)**

- Small community of people, a fantastic group to work with
- Academic Goal: Students will read at or above grade level (or according to their PPP)
- Health Goal: students will have the opportunity to participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity per day through In Motion, body breaks, Phys. Ed. and recess. Students will learn about and practice good nutrition.
- Student Engagement Goal: All students will participate in at least one club. Clubs held at recess or lunch time.
- Character Education Goal: Three virtues – peacefulness, respect and responsibility – tied into classroom activities
- Student success model implementation: by June, 2011, all staff will be knowledgeable of and using the student success model.

- Board congratulated Kelli on doing such a good job of community engagement at her school.

**Vanscoy School (Kevin Derdall, Principal, and Darin McKay, Vice Principal)**

- Last spring, the school had a 7/8 class participate in the Watershed contest, submitting a 1000-word business proposal regarding protecting the watershed. Vanscoy School students did very well – winning 7 of the top 10 places in the contest. As a result, the school added trees and other plants to the school grounds. The school's washroom taps were updated to sensor taps. Agrium contributed \$10,000 for these improvements.
- Last year Agrium approached Vanscoy School about a change to their mine site. They had to take out chain link fencing and offered it to Vanscoy School. The fencing was installed around the Vanscoy School ground – cemented in, with 8-10 gates.
- Healthy eating program headed up by Health Nurse one day per week.
- Vanscoy School created its own curriculum for computer ethics - idea came from what the media reports about youth and technology. Work is happening at home on the athletics website. Students seem very motivated.
- Bernie Howe stated the community backs the school very well and commended the administrators for their work with students and community.

**Hague High School (Peggy Mattila, Principal)**

- Growing, exciting place with new students from Germany
- Hague High needs some support for EAL students – how does the school provide course offerings so they are up to grade level?
- Goal: building relationship with community
  - Art Club: There are some brilliant, fantastic art students at HHS
  - Talent Show: Students and staff will participate in a talent show on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Character education – empathy will be a focus this year
- Work experience has grown this year – students want to take advantage of that. Cathy Leonard has been working with staff and students on this. It has been very well-received by students and community.
- Focus on student success model – make sure all Hague High students are successful
- Noel Roche commended the administrators on their work with visioning in their schools

Regarding LINC agreement and additional funding of \$1.5 million, Jim Shields advised it will be received over two months with one payment in February and the second in March.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 11.40 a.m.

Kelli Holst, Kevin Derdall, Darin McKay, Peggy Mattila, Sharon Compton and Noel Roche left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

10. THAT the Board go into closed session at 12:37 p.m.

Closed  
Session  
Wagner

**Carried.**

Brenda Erickson left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

11. THAT the Board return from closed session at 1:05 p.m.

Closed  
Session  
Dyck

**Carried.**

Brenda Erickson, Sharon Compton, Noel Roche and Sherri Stephanson, Superintendent of Human Resources joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Sherri Stephanson left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

12. THAT the Board accepts the resignation of Sherri Stephanson, Superintendent of Human Resources, effective April 15, 2011.

Resignation –  
HR Superintendent  
Taylor

**Carried.**

13. THAT the Board approve payment to The Dispute Resolution Office in the amount \$1,638.00.

Invoice  
Payment  
Wagner

**Carried.**

13. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:34 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, March 21, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn  
Wieler

**Carried.**

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Chairperson

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Secretary to the Board