

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, September 23, 2013, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff (left at 3:05 p.m.); Sam Dyck; Ken Crush; Deanna Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope (left at 2:39 p.m.); Bernie Howe; George Janzen; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Jim Shields, Chief Financial Officer; Bob Bayles, Human Resources Superintendent; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Guests in attendance: Muskeg Lake Representatives - Chief Clifford Tawpisin, Jr., Councillor Josephine Longneck, Councillor Orrin Greyeyes, Ann Venne, Ovid Campbell, Bonnie Leask (all joined at 12:15 p.m.; all left at 1:00 p.m.); Kendra Worman, Music Support Facilitator; Jon Yellowlees, Coordinator, Schools and Learning; and Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent (all joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.; all left at 2:38 p.m.)

Absent: Joanne Brochu; Shantelle Watson.

The Board met as a Committee of the Whole from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. The Board then went on a tour of Warman Community Middle School from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation representatives (Chief Clifford Tawpisin, Jr., Councillor Josephine Longneck, Councillor Orrin Greyeyes, Ann Venne, Ovid Campbell and Bonnie Leask) joined the Board for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Larry Pavloff called the public meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. by welcoming Chief Tawpisin and Muskeg Lake representatives for the signing of the Educational Services Agreement for the 2013/14 school year. Larry Pavloff acknowledged the hard work and commitment each bring to this partnership. Chief Tawpisin spoke about the larger encompassing agreement that focuses on the education of children and stated this agreement will become an example for others to follow.

Larry Pavloff, John Kuzbik and Chief Tawpisin signed the agreement.

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation representatives left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The Board requested the funding resolution to be submitted to the SSBA Annual Meeting be added to the Board agenda due to the fact that the wording had been slightly revised since the September 9, 2013, Board meeting.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to include item 8.1.6. Funding Resolution for SSBA Annual Meeting.

Agenda
Howe

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of September 9, 2013, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Wieler

Carried.

3. THAT the Board grant an excused absence for this meeting for Joanne Brochu.

Excused
Absence
Wieler

Carried.

Jim Shields reviewed the Decision Report regarding Bethany College's request for tax abatement for the years 2010 and 2011.

4. THAT the Board approve the request from Bethany College for tax abatement for the Years 2010 and 2011.

Decision
Report –
Bethany
College
Janzen

Carried.

Jim Shields reviewed the Decision Report regarding the request from Chad Zacharias for travel compensation for driving his children to Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School in the City of Saskatoon.

5. THAT the Board uphold current administrative policy and deny the request from Chad Zacharias for travel compensation to Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School.

Decision
Report –
Zacharias
Wagner

Carried.

Jim Shields reviewed the Decision Report regarding a request from Cyndi Byrd for bus service from Hanley Composite School to Dundurn Military Base Day Care.

6. THAT the Board approve the request by Cyndi Byrd for bus service for her children from Hanley Composite School to Dundurn Military Base Day Care provided space is available on the bus as determined by Prairie Spirit's Conveyance Manager.

Decision
Report –
Byrd
Taylor

Carried.

John Kuzbik asked the Board to consider moving the date of the first Board meeting in October currently scheduled for October 7, so that he may attend Hoshin Kanri meetings in Regina.

7. THAT the Board reschedule the first Board meeting in October from October 7, 2013 to Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

October
Board Mtg.
Greyeyes

Carried.

8. THAT the Board authorize Larry Pavloff to be the representative to pick up the SSBA ballots and distribute the ballots as outlined on the ballot list submitted to the SSBA and attached to these minutes.

SSBA
Ballots
Wagner

Carried.

9. THAT the Board approve the submission of the revised funding resolution as attached to these minutes for consideration at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association's Annual Meeting.

Carried.

Kendra Worman, Music Support Facilitator; Jon Yellowlees, Coordinator, Schools and Learning; and Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent, all joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Jon Yellowlees provided an update for the Board on the Da Vinci Project, highlighting the two pilot projects started this fall at Walter W. Brown School in Langham and Leask Community School and future plans for expansion of the program.

Kendra Worman shared an updated on the Music Education Project Implementation, including the work being done in three pilot schools in Hepburn, Leask and Warman and identifying early challenges and wins. Kendra acknowledged the important discovery of valuable skills and knowledge related to music that were not being utilized within the school settings.

Jon Yellowlees, Kendra Worman and Kim Beaulieu left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Bonnie Hope left the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

The Board began review of the revised Board policy document presented by the Policy Review Committee (Larry Pavloff, Sam Dyck, George Janzen, Bonnie Hope, John Kuzbik, Brenda Erickson and Nadine Meister). The Board agreed they will review the revised policies section by section and then approve the entire revised document as whole. The Board reviewed sections SP-1 though to BO-4.11.

Larry Pavloff left the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Sam Dyck took over the meeting as Chair.

The Board discussed the communication plan as prepared by Brenda Erickson and possible changes, including expanding the Board Highlights newsletter and increasing communications with Towns and RMs. The Board directed John Kuzbik to organize two formal meetings with MLA's in fall and spring of each year.

The Board highlighted activities and meetings attended since the last Board meeting. The Board directed John Kuzbik to invite Admin Council to Board Strategic Planning Retreat on January 26-27. The Board also agreed to meet for a half-day on January 25 with the Director only.

10. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:51 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Wagner

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board