

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, November 18, 2013, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff, Chairperson; Sam Dyck, Vice Chairperson; Ken Crush; Deanna Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen (arrived @ 12:41 p.m.; left at 3:50 p.m.); Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Jim Shields, Chief Financial Officer (left at 1:50 p.m.; joined at 3:00 p.m.); Bob Bayles, Human Resources Superintendent (left at 12:00 p.m.); Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Secretary to the Board.

Guests in attendance: Kim Beaulieu, Learning Superintendent (left at 12:41 p.m.); David Wipf, Learning Superintendent (joined at 1: 15 p.m.; left at 1:30 p.m.); Sharon Compton (joined the meeting 3:12 p.m.).

Absent: Joanne Brochu; and Shantelle Watson.

John Kuzbik called the public meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

1. John Kuzbik called for nominations for Chairperson. Bonnie Hope nominated Larry Pavloff. Bernie moved nominations cease. Chairperson

Board Member, Larry Pavloff, was declared elected as Chairperson for the Board of Education. Larry Pavloff then assumed the Chair.

2. Larry Pavloff called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Pam Wieler nominated Sam Dyck. Ken Crush moved nominations cease. Vice Chair

Board Member, Sam Dyck, was declared elected as Vice Chairperson for the Board of Education.

3. THAT the Board appoint John Kuzbik as Secretary to the Board. Secretary
Howe

Carried.

Committees
Dyck

4. THAT the Board approve the slate of committees for 2013/14 as follows pending Board Trustees' acceptance:

BOARD COMMITTEES**Advocacy Committee**

Ken Crush
Bonnie Hope
Bernie Howe

Board Education Committee

Joanne Brochu
Bernie Howe

Discipline Committee

Board Chair
Cathy Taylor
Board Trustee from the area involved

Home-Based Educators (HBE) Liaison Committee

Bonnie Hope
George Janzen
Pam Wieler

Indemnity Review Committee

Ken Crush
Bernie Howe
Keith Wagner

Local Implementations Negotiating Committee (LINC)

George Janzen
Cathy Taylor
Keith Wagner

Martensville High School (MHS) Renovation Committee

Sam Dyck
Bonnie Hope

Partnership Committee

Membership to be determined prior to first meeting

Policy Review Committee

Sam Dyck
Bonnie Hope
George Janzen
Larry Pavloff

Senior Administration Compensation Committee

Board Chair
Board Vice Chair
Board Trustee

CUPE/Out of Scope Support Staff Negotiations Committee

Larry Pavloff
Cathy Taylor

STAFF COMMITTEES**Professional Support (Calendar) Committee**

Joanne Brochu
Ken Crush
Bernie Howe

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**Saskatoon Regional Growth Committee**

Ken Crush
Sam Dyck
Bonnie Hope

Carried.

The Board discussed indemnity rates at length. They acknowledged that Board Trustees have not seen an increase since amalgamation. Concern was expressed about attracting new Trustees with current remuneration rates, particularly if those Trustees are employed full-time. Possible consideration are to calculate what percentage increase have been seen in staff salaries since amalgamation and base increase on that or set a percentage rate increase in policy so that it is a decision that needs to be made on an annual basis. The Board concluded a committee will be formed to review indemnity rates.

5. THAT the Board set indemnity rates as per Governance Process Board Policy GP-7 – Board and Committee (this reflects no increase) and replace Section 3.1 with the following 3.1 (a) and (b):

GP-7
Policy
Wieler

“3.1 (a) Mileage allowance shall be paid at a rate of \$0.41 per kilometer. The rate will remain in effect unless the rate is greater than or less than a factor of 5% of the Public Service Commission Rates that are published October 1st and April 1st.

3.1 (b) *The board will review the rate at its next meeting following the publishing of the Public Service Commission Rates if the rate differential is greater than 5% of the current fixed rate."*

Carried.

6. THAT the Board form an Indemnity Review Committee consisting of three Trustees.

Indemnity
Review
Committee
Crush

Carried.

Ken Crush, Bernie Howe and Keith Wagner agreed to serve on this committee.

7. THAT the Board affirm the remaining 2013/14 meeting dates as outlined below:

2013/14
Meeting Dates
Wieler

- Monday, December 2, 2013
- Monday, December 16, 2013
- Monday, January 13, 2014
- Monday, February 10, 2014
- Monday, March 3, 2014
- Monday, March 17, 2014
- Monday, April 7, 2014
- Tuesday, April 22, 2014
- Monday, May 5, 2014
- Tuesday, May 20, 2014
- Monday, June 2, 2014
- Monday, June 16, 2014

Carried.

Bob Bayles left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Kim Beaulieu presented the Strategic Plan Report focusing on the planning and implementation of work being done around First Nations and Métis students, including analyzing class sizes in schools with high populations of FNME students, determining transportation needs and examining staffing levels. The Board acknowledged Kim Beaulieu's work in both First Nations and Métis Education, as well as the Da Vinci Project.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:41 p.m.

Kim Beaulieu left the meeting at 12:41 p.m. George Janzen joined the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

David Wipf, Learning Superintendent, joined the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

8. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Hope

Carried.

9. THAT the minutes of November 4, 2013, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Crush

Carried.

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

Excused
Absences
Wagner

Carried.

Jim Shields advised that the approval of the draft audited financial statements for the period ended August 31, 2013, needs to be tabled and a Special Board meeting called to approve these statements prior to the end of November.

11. THAT the Board hold a Special Board meeting at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, November 25, 2013, for the approval of the audited financial statements for the period ended August 31, 2013.

Special
Meeting
Howe

Carried.

David Wipf presented the Decision Report regarding the Library Joint Use Agreement between Prairie Spirit School Division, City of Warman and the Wheatland Regional Library. The agreement provides a framework that supports the development of a collaborative and integrated library.

12. THAT the Board approve the Library Joint Use Agreement between Prairie Spirit School Division, City of Warman and Wheatland Regional Library as presented by Administration.

WCMS
Library
Joint Use
Agreement
Dyck

Carried.

A future date will be determined for the signing of this agreement.

David Wipf left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Jim Shields left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

The Board reviewed revised Board policies from section BO-7 to BO-13.1.7:

- **BO-8.3.1** – will be revised to reflect the revisions made today to GP-7, specifically section 3.1 (a) and (b).
- **BO-9.2** – replace with “Board members must make decision in the interest of the ownership as a whole”.
- **BO-9.7** – new wording needs to be drafted to the effect of “Board members will not reveal confidential information to anyone not normally present at Board meetings”.

- **BO-9.14 and BO-9.15** – will be reviewed again by SSBA Legal.
- **BO-10.3** – change “employees” to “employee”. Board suggested a protocol be developed regarding bringing concerns to the attention of the Director of Education and incorporated into policy.

Section BO-9.7 to BO-13.1.7. will need to be brought back at a future meeting for continued review.

Jim Shields joined the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Sharon Compton joined the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Sharon Compton reviewed the Decision Report regarding transportation policy overview, specifically with the respect to the use of 15-passenger vans and students driving. The Board reviewed fiscal commitment, responsibility and impact of the decisions to be made today. The Board discussed this item at length.

13. THAT the Board supports the use of 15-passenger vans and directs Administration to develop policy in this area that includes clear permission and usage guidelines to minimize risk factors.

15-Passenger
Vans
Dyck

Carried.

The Board requested an opportunity to review the administrative policy once it is drafted and prior to implementation.

Bernie Howe moved that the Board does not support student driving for academic or extra-curricular programming. After further discussion, this motion was defeated.

George Janzen left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

14. THAT the Board supports students driving themselves and other students for Academic programming and extra-curricular events and directs Administration to develop policy in this area that includes clear permission and usage guidelines to minimize risk factors.

Students
Driving
Dyck

Carried.

Sharon Compton will begin policy development and provide additional information regarding student reimbursement for driving.

15. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:02 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, November 25, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Pavloff

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board