

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 Tuesday, May 20, 2014, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff, Chairperson; Sam Dyck, Vice Chairperson; Ken Crush; Bonnie Hope; 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, Superintendent of Human Resources; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Guests in attendance: Lori Jeschke, Learning Superintendent (arrived at 4:30 p.m.; left at 5:40 p.m.); Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner (arrived at 5:30 p.m.).

Absent: Joanne Brochu; Deanna Greyeyes; and Shantelle Watson.

Larry Pavloff called the public meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wagner

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of May 5, 2014, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Crush

Carried.

3. THAT the Board approve an excused absence for Deanna Greyeyes for today's meeting.

Excused
Absence
Wieler

Carried.

Larry Pavloff thanked staff for their time and effort that was put into preparing for the Prairie Spirit Annual Meeting that was held on May 14, 2014. Larry will also send a personal note on behalf of the Board to each Administrator that presented their Learning Improvement Plan at the Annual Meeting.

John reviewed the report regarding community use of schools, in particular, holding funerals in school buildings. The report outlined a variety of research that supports not holding funerals in school buildings. John Kuzbik will draft an administrative policy to that effect.

Lori Jeschke, Learning Superintendent, joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Lori Jeschke reviewed the information report regarding the impact of new purchasing policies on travel club accounting procedures, as well as highlighting liability issues regarding international travel. Changes to administrative purchasing policies were made to ensure proper accounting measures are in place for transparency and employee protection. Regarding liability issues, changes will be made to Administrative Policy No. 418 – Learning Experiences Outside the School to minimize risk to students while traveling internationally with a school travel club. Changes will include that all international travel must be organized through an official tour company and kidnap and ransom

insurance coverage must be in place.

Lori Jeschke then reviewed the decision report regarding whether or not international travel is a Board-sponsored activity given the liability considerations outlined above. After considerable dialogue, the Board tabled the report until the next Board meeting.

Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner, joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Lori Jeschke left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Kerry Donst reviewed the draft floor plans for the new schools in Martensville and Warman.

John Kuzbik reviewed the information report informing the Board that, due to declining numbers of teachers participating in the PSTA/PSSD Superannuation Celebration each year, the Division will look at alternate ways to recognize retiring staff beginning in the 2014/15 school year.

George Janzen and Larry Pavloff will attend the SHSAA Annual General Meeting in Yorkton, SK, from June 18-20, 2014.

In addition to Sam Dyck, Deanna Greyeyes and Bonnie Hope, Larry Pavloff will also attend the 3P Lean 60-Day Review, in Saskatoon, on May 21, 2014.

The Board highlighted activities and meetings attended since the last Board meeting.

- 4. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:53 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Pavloff

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board