

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 18, 2017, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff, Chairperson; Sam Dyck, Vice Chairperson; Dawne Badrock (left at 12:23 p.m.); Kimberly Greyeyes; Garth Hetterly; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen; Trina Miller; and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: Lori Jeschke, Director of Education; Lionel Diederichs, Chief Financial Officer; Bob Bayles, Superintendent of Human Resources; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Absent: William Badger; Ken Crush.

Larry Pavloff called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Badrock

Carried.

2. THAT the Minutes of September 5, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Janzen

Carried.

3. THAT the Board grant an excused absence to Ken Crush for today's meeting.

Excused
Absence
Hope

Carried.

Larry Pavloff presented the draft resolution for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association's Annual General Assembly asking the provincial government to amend the Provincial Sales Tax Act to exempt schools boards from paying PST on insurance premiums and construction services.

4. THAT the Board approve the submission of the PST resolution to the SSBA for the Annual General Meeting being held on November 13, 2017, as attached to form part of these minutes.

PST
Resolution
Janzen

Carried.

Larry Pavloff presented the draft application for the Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence focusing on *My Prairie Spirit Classroom*.

5. THAT the Board approve the application in principle for submission to the SSBA for the Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence.

Premier's
Award
Application
Wieler

Carried.

Lionel Diederichs presented the Decision Report regarding approval of the Blaine Lake Community Association's requests to serve liquor at two upcoming community events being held at the Blaine Lake Composite School.

- 6. THAT the Board approve the request from the Blaine Lake Community Association to serve liquor at the Cash Back Concert on October 14, 2017, and the BLCA Annual Fall Supper on October 22, 2107, both events being held at Blaine Lake Composite School.

BLCA
Request
Wieler

Carried.

It was noted that the clause in the Joint Use Agreement should be amended to include "Other community facilities".

- 7. THAT the Board approve an amendment to the Joint Use Agreement with the Blaine Lake Community Association to include "5. Other community facilities" under the list of BLCA Joint Use Facilities covered by the agreement.

BLCA
Joint Use
Agreement
Revision
Dyck

Carried.

Bonnie Hope presented an update on the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation and requested the Board appoint Jolayne Rempel as a Foundation Director.

- 8. THAT the Board appoint Jolayne Rempel to the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation Board of Directors effective September 21, 2017.

PSSF
Director
Hope

Carried.

Garth Hetterly presented concerns to the Board regarding the new marijuana laws that may make it legal for children aged 12-18 to possess 5 mg of marijuana. Additional concern expressed for school administrators' ability to closely monitor this. Garth Hetterly asked for a resolution to be drafted and submitted to the SSBA at the Annual General Meeting being held on November 13, 2017, requesting support to lobby the provincial and federal governments to change this legislation.

- 9. THAT the Board approve in principle the submission of a marijuana resolution to the SSBA for the Annual General Meeting be held on November 13, 2017, as attached to form part of these minutes.

Marijuana
Resolution
Hetterly

Carried.

The Board reported on activities and meetings attended since the last Board meeting.

- 10. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:57 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, October 2, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Pavloff

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board



Proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association request the Government of Saskatchewan amend the *Provincial Sales Tax Act* to exempt school boards from paying PST on insurance premiums and construction services.

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Sponsor's Rationale:

As part of the provincial budget in March, the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) increased from 5 to 6 per cent. In addition, the PST was expanded to include insurance payments (both general and employee benefits) and construction services.

The increase in PST, along with the expansion of the tax, will add significant costs to school divisions. It is estimated that the additional costs relating to the expanded and increased PST will be \$300,000 annually for Prairie Spirit School Division alone. In total, the increased and expanded PST represents a cost of approximately \$8 million for Saskatchewan's 28 school divisions.

The purpose of this resolution is to ask the Government of Saskatchewan to reverse the recent expansion of the PST, removing insurance premiums and construction services from this taxation.

School boards in Saskatchewan are funded entirely by the provincial government, from provincial taxes and local property taxes. In reality, charging the PST on school board construction projects and insurance payments is a tax on taxed monies.

Cost of this resolution:

No cost outside of attendance of regular meetings, consultations at existing opportunities.



Proposed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure that student safety and wellness is a priority when developing new provincial legislation regarding marijuana possession by students and youth. In addition, the added responsibilities for both teachers and administrators must be considered when developing provincial legislation.

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Sponsor's Rationale:

Upcoming changes to federal marijuana legislation will impact student safety and wellness. Students under the age of 21 should not be allowed to possess marijuana or use marijuana while on school grounds. If youth are allowed to possess up to 5 grams of marijuana without criminal consequences, there will be added responsibilities and incidents for school staff to manage.

Cost of this resolution:

No cost outside of attendance of regular meetings, consultations at existing opportunities.