

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 14, 2022, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Bernie Howe; Chairperson; Kate Kading, Vice Chairperson; Dawne Badrock; Angela Bothner; Ken Crush; Adin Dereniwski; Kimberly Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope; Christa-Ann Willems; and Grace Wudrick.

Also in attendance: Darryl Bazylak, Director of Education; Tracey Young, Deputy Director of Education; Bob Bayles, Deputy Director of Division Services, CFO, CHRO; Brenda Erickson, Communication Manager; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Guests in attendance: Dave Carter, Learning Superintendent, and Neda Wilson, Principal, Spirit eLearning (joined at 10:55 a.m.; left at 12:26 p.m.); Teresa Korol, Facilities Planner (joined at 1:40 p.m.; left at 2:20 p.m.).

Absent: Pam Wieler.

Bernie Howe called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six Territory.

The Board held a moment of silence in recognition of the pain and suffering resulting from the invasion of Ukraine.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Badrock

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of February 28, 2022, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Kading

Carried.

3. THAT an excused absence for today's meeting be granted to Pam Wieler.

Excused
Absences
Wudrick

Carried.

Several Trustees are registered for the National Congress on Rural Education, which is being held on March 27-28, 2022. To ensure we have quorum for the Board meeting scheduled on March 28, the Board discussed the possibility of rescheduling or canceling the March 28 Board meeting. As this is the first meeting after provincial budget day, the Board's preference was to reschedule the meeting and hold it virtually.

4. THAT the Board change the start time of the March 28, 2022, Board meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will hold the meeting virtually.

Meeting Time
Change
Dereniwski

Carried.

Bernie Howe and Darryl Bazylak presented their respective reports.

5. THAT the Board accept the Governance Agenda items as presented.

Governance
Agenda
Wudrick

Carried.

Tracey Young presented the Transportation Quarterly Report highlighting risk areas, route consolidations, transportation performance information and other items of interest.

6. THAT the Board accept the Quarterly Transportation Report as presented by Administration.

Quarterly
Transportation
Report
Dereniowski

Carried.

Dave Carter, Learning Superintendent, and Neda Wilson, Principal, Spirit eLearning, joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Dave Carter and Neda Wilson presented information regarding the various learning options offered by the Division: local school, Spirit eLearning (online), Learning@Home (hybrid), and home-based education.

The meeting adjourned from approximately 11:30 to 11:54 a.m. to allow Trustees to observe various Spirit eLearning classrooms in progress.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:26 p.m. Dave Carter and Neda Wilson left the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

7. THAT the Board move into closed session at 1:04 p.m. to discuss the Board Policy Manual currently under revision and receive information regarding the Blaine Lake School Project – Tender Award Update.

Closed Session
Dereniowski

Carried.

Teresa Korol, Facilities Planner, joined the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

8. THAT the Board return from closed session at 2:06 p.m.

Closed Session
Willems

Carried.

The following motion arose from the closed session. Teresa Korol presented the Decision Report regarding the Blaine Lake School Project – Tender Award Update. Five tenders were received and all were over budget. For this project to proceed, both the Ministry of Education and the Division will need to agree to contribute additional funds to the project. Should the Ministry be able to provide approval and additional funds, and the Board also agrees to contribute additional funds, then an offer to award a construction contract could be prepared. The tender award deadline is March 23, 2022.

9. THAT the Board award, pending Ministry of Education approval, the construction contract for the new Blaine Lake School Project to Graham Construction for a base bid of \$12,266,600 plus approved alternates and taxes.

Blaine Lake –
Tender Award
Greyeyes

Carried.

10. THAT the Board designate additional internally restricted reserves for the increased capital costs of the Practical and Applied Arts shop in the new school at Blaine Lake.

Blaine Lake
Project -
Internally
Restricted
Reserves
Greyeyes

Carried.

Teresa Korol presented the Information Report regarding the Leask Community School Revitalization Project Update.

11. THAT the Board accept the Information Report – Leask Community School Revitalization Project Update as presented by Administration.

Leask
Community
School
Revitalization
Project Update
Greyeyes

Carried.

Teresa Korol left the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Kimberly Greyeyes left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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

12. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:08 p.m. The next meeting to be held virtually on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment
Wudrick

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board