

**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, 2023, commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

**Present for the meeting were Board Members:** Bernie Howe, Chairperson; Dawne Badrock (left at 11:14 a.m.; joined at 11:30 a.m.); Angela Bothner (left at 1:52 p.m.; joined at 2:19 p.m.; left at 2:33 p.m.); Ken Crush; Adin Dereniwski (left at 10:33 a.m.; joined at 10:48 a.m.; left at 2:13 p.m.); Kimberly Greyeyes (left at 11:21 a.m.; rejoined later); Pam Wieler (left at 10:28 a.m.; joined at 11:25 a.m.); and Christa-Ann Willems (left at 1:52 p.m.).

**Also in attendance:** Tracey Young, Director of Education; Dean Broughton, 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:** Darrel Wiebe (joined at 10:05 a.m.; left at 10:18 a.m.); and Sherry Todosichuk, Controller (joined at 10:28 a.m.; left at 11:09 a.m.).

**Absent:** Kate Kading, Vice Chairperson; and Grace Wudrick.

Bernie Howe called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six Territory.

Ken Crush asked for an addition to the agenda:  
9) a) v) Approval of response letter sent to Minister of Education

Darrel Wiebe joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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| 1. | THAT the agenda be adopted as revised.   | <u>Agenda</u><br>Dereniwski<br><b>Carried.</b>           |
| 2. | THAT the minutes of August 21, 2023, be adopted as presented.                          | <u>Minutes</u><br>Willems<br><b>Carried.</b>             |
| 3. | THAT excused absences be granted to Kate Kading and Grace Wudrick for today's meeting. | Excused<br><u>Absences</u><br>Badrock<br><b>Carried.</b> |

Darrel Wiebe made a presentation to the Board in support of the Ministry of Education Policy regarding use of preferred first name and pronouns for students under the age of 16.

Darrel Wiebe left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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| 4. | THAT the Governance Reports be accepted as presented. | <u>Governance Reports</u> |
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- Badrock
- Carried.**
5. THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:21 a.m. for:
- Home-Based Education Grant and Expenses
  - Planning for meeting with MLAs and Minister of Education
  - Proposed By-Election for Subdivision No. 9
  - Update from the Job Action Committee
- Closed Session  
Crush
- Carried.**
- Pam Wieler left at 10:28 a.m.  
Sherry Todosichuk, Controller, joined at 10:28 a.m.  
Adin Dereniwski left at 10:33 a.m. and returned at 10:48 a.m.  
Sherry Todosichuk left at 11:09 a.m.  
Dawne Badrock left the meeting at 11:14 a.m.  
Kimberly Greyeyes left at 11:21 a.m.  
Pam Wieler returned at 11:25 a.m.  
Dawne Badrock joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.
- The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:09 p.m.
- The meeting reconvened in closed session at 12:32 p.m.
6. THAT the Board return from closed session at 1:08 p.m.
- Closed Session  
Bothner
- Carried.**
7. THAT the Board accept the resignation of Bonnie Hope as Trustee for Subdivision No. 9 effective August 31, 2023.
- Hope  
Resignation  
Dereniwski
- Carried.**
- Bob Bayles presented the decision report regarding holding a by-election in Subdivision No. 9 (City of Martensville) to fill the vacancy left because of Bonnie Hope's recent resignation.
8. THAT the Board set the date of Wednesday, December 13, 2023, for the By-Election to fill the vacancy in Subdivision No. 9 (City of Martensville); and
- Subdivision No.  
9 By-Election  
Crush
- THAT the Board appoint Ronald Walter as Returning Officer for the By-Election in Subdivision No. 9 (City of Martensville) to be held on December 13, 2023; and
- THAT the Returning Officer be authorized to establish polls in personal care facilities or other similar institutions if appropriate after discussions with the Martensville City Clerk; and

THAT the Board pay election officials at the City of Martensville normal rate or default to the Election Saskatchewan rate; and

THAT all polling places shall be in the City of Martensville with specific locations to be determined by the Returning Officer after discussions with the Martensville City Clerk.

**Carried.**

Ken Crush requested the Board pass a motion to approve the letter sent to (then) Education Minister Dustin Duncan on August 23, 2023, thanking him for providing clear direction with new parental inclusion and consent policies.

9. THAT the Board move into closed session at 1:12 p.m. for further discussion of the decision item relating to approval of the August 23, 2023, letter sent to Minister Dustin Duncan.

Closed Session  
Dereniowski

**Carried.**

10. THAT the Board return from closed session at 1:25 p.m.

Closed Session  
Dereniowski

**Carried.**

The following motion arose from the closed session and a recorded vote was requested:

11. THAT the Board approve the letter sent to Minister Duncan on August 23, 2023, thanking him for providing clear direction with new parental inclusion and consent policies.

Letter to  
Minister  
Duncan  
Bothner

**Recorded vote:**

**For** – Badrock, Dereniowski, Howe, Wieler, Willems

**Against** – Crush

**Abstained** – Greyeyes

**Carried.**

Angela Bothner and Christa-Ann Willems left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Brenda Erickson presented the submission regarding outdoor learning in Prairie Spirit for The Premier’s Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence for approval in principle. Brenda advised some minor revisions may still be made.

12. THAT the Board approve in principle the submission of “Outdoor Learning Prairie Spirit School Division” for The Premier’s Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence.

Premier’s  
Award  
Submission  
Dereniowski

**Carried.**

Bob Bayles presented the Accounts Receivable Report as at August 31, 2023, for the Board's information.

13. THAT the Board accept the Accounts Receivable Report as at August 31, 2023, as presented by Administration.

Accounts  
Receivable  
Report  
Crush

***Carried.***

Adin Dereniwski left the meeting at 2:13 p.m. resulting in loss of quorum. The meeting continued as all decision items had been decided and only dialogue and information items remained.

Angela Bothner joined at 2:19 p.m. and quorum was restored.

Ken Crush presented the Learning Committee minutes of September 8, 2023, including the following:

- Recommendation that the Board Fall Retreat on October 10, 2023, be held at The Glen at Crossmount. This was met with Board approval.
- Two options for school tours on November 2 and the Board chose the following schedule:
  - Blaine Lake Composite School
  - Leask Community School
  - Stobart Community School (Duck Lake)

Angela Bothner left at 2:33 p.m.

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

14. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:42 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment  
Greyeyes

***Carried.***

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Chairperson

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Secretary to the Board