

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, May 15, 2017, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff, Chairperson; Sam Dyck, Vice Chairperson; Dawne Badrock; Ken Crush; Garth Hetterly; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen; Trina Miller; and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: John Kuzbik, 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: Kimberly Greyeyes; and William Badger.

Larry Pavloff called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Bonnie Hope asked that a decision item regarding the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation's 2017/18 operating budget be added as item 8.1.5.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wieler

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of April 24, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Howe

Carried.

3. THAT the Board grant an excused absence to Kimberly Greyeyes for today's meeting.

Excused
Absence
Wieler

Carried.

John Kuzbik presented the decision report requesting approval for the Blaine Lake Community Association to serve liquor at an event being held at Blaine Lake Composite School as per the Joint Use Agreement.

4. THAT the Board approve the request from the Blaine Lake Community Association to serve liquor at the Canada 150 Celebration being held at Blaine Lake Composite School on June 24, 2017.

BLCA
Liquor
Request
Wieler

Carried.

Lionel Diederichs presented the decision report requesting approval to discontinue in-town busing in Clavet. Two exceptions to transportation policy were put in place to address safety concerns with students having to cross railway tracks in Leask and a busy highway in Clavet. Due to the removal of the railway, the Leask community was informed in April 2016 that in-town busing will be discontinued effective the 2017/18 school year.

With the opening of the Highway 16 Clavet bypass, the traffic load on the former Highway 16 between Clavet Composite School and the village has become insignificant and two large walkways under the former highway has considerably reduced the initial safety concerns. However, the Board asked to

table this decision until administration could engage in a dialogue with the Village of Clavet regarding the possibility of reduced speed limits and/or installing a crosswalk.

Lionel Diederichs presented a decision report requesting approval for a new bus provision strategy. Three main areas for potential cost reduction have been identified: (1) “right-size” buses; (2) alternate fuels; and (3) keeping buses only to “half-life”.

5. THAT the Board approve the exchange of existing large buses for new more efficient smaller buses for the 2017/18 school year in those cases where current buses are underutilized.

New Bus
Provision
Strategy
Janzen

Carried.

Lionel Diederichs presented the decision report requesting approval for the use of surplus funds for the potential purchase of additional buses to accommodate joint busing in Warman and Martensville.

6. THAT the Board approve the purchase of up to four (4) additional buses from surplus to address the needs resulting from joint busing for the new Joint Use schools in Warman and Martensville.

Surplus - Bus
Purchase
Hope

Carried.

Bonnie Hope requested a decision regarding the 2017/18 operating budget for the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation. Lionel Diederichs advised that the operating budget remains unchanged and will be in the Division’s 2017/18 budget that will be approved at a Board meeting in June.

The Board directed administration to prepare a submission for the Premier’s Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence about the Division’s work in developing *My Prairie Spirit Classroom*.

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

7. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Pavloff

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board