

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, August 21, 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; Kimberly Greyeyes; Garth Hetterly; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen; and Trina Miller.

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.

Guests in attendance: Wayde Putnam and Mitch Hymers, Deloitte LLP; and Jason Wandy, Office of Provincial Auditor (all joined at 4:29 p.m.; all left at 5:06 p.m.)

Absent: William Badger; and Pam Wieler.

Larry Pavloff called the meeting to order at 4:29 p.m.

Wayde Putnam and Mitch Hymers, Deloitte LLP, and Jason Wandy, Office of the Provincial Auditor; all joined the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Badrock

Carried.

2. THAT the Minutes of June 19, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Howe

Carried.

3. THAT the Board grant an excused absence to Pam Wieler for today's meeting.

Excused
Absence
Crush

Carried.

Wayde Putnam and Mitch Hymers presented Deloitte's Audit Plan for the financial audit of the year ending August 31, 2017. Jason Wandy reviewed the Provincial Auditor's Audit Involvement Memorandum.

Wayde Putnam, Mitch Hymers and Jason Wandy left the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Lionel Diederichs presented a revised budget for 2017/18. Following approval of the budget by the Board at the June 19, 2017, meeting, the budget was submitted to the Ministry. One of the items that the Ministry reviews is to ensure that the Division's budget shows grant funding revenue at the same time as the Ministry shows it paid to the Division. The Ministry required that Prairie Spirit's budget be revised to reflect two items differently than in the budget the Board originally approved:

- (a) The original budget included \$750,000 for the Rosthern school project planning. The Ministry indicated it will be paid to us in this fiscal year. The amount has been removed from this revision.

- (b) The original budget included \$650,000 for the Dalmeny roof emergent funding. The Ministry indicated it will be paid to us in this fiscal year. The amount has been removed from this revision.

The Ministry also identified two capitalized projects included in the original budget, Clavet roofing and Lord Asquith HVAC, both over \$200,000 that did not have Ministry approval, either as included in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) or independently, that had to be removed. Prairie Spirit will apply for approval and still plans to proceed in the 2017/18 fiscal year. Capital budget purchases has been reduced by \$410,000.

4. THAT the Board approve the revised annual operating and capital budget estimates, including revisions required to coordinate with Ministry of Education funding timing, for the fiscal year September 1, 2017, to August 31, 2018, as detailed in the budget report presented that includes the use of \$1,646,388 from the PMR surplus from the Board's internally restricted capital surplus for school facility, safety, repairs and improvements.

Revised
2017/18
Budget
Miller

Carried.

Lori Jeschke presented the decision report requesting approval for the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement with Berghaler Mennonite Church Inc. for Valley Christian Academy.

5. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement with Berghaler Mennonite Church Inc. for the period of July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

VCA
Memorandum
of Agreement
Janzen

Carried.

Lionel Diederichs presented two decision reports requesting approval for tax abatement as requested by the RM of Corman Park.

6. THAT the Board approve the request from the RM of Corman Park for the abatement of 2016 and 2017 taxes in the amount of \$11,397.39 for privately owned utility companies.

Abatement of
Taxes – RM of
Corman Park
Janzen

Carried.

7. THAT the Board approve the request from the RM of Corman Park for the abatement of 2014, 2015 and 2016 taxes in the amount of \$19,650.09 for Baerg Holdings Ltd.

Abatement of
Taxes – RM of
Corman Park
Janzen

Carried.

8. THAT the Board accept the Staffing Report as at June 30, 2017, as presented by Administration.

Staffing
Report
Crush

Carried.

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

9. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:19 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Pavloff

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board