

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held via video conference, on Monday, February 22, 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Guests in attendance: Jon Yellowlees, Human Resources Superintendent (joined at 9:20 a.m.; left at 9:43 a.m.); Dave Carter, Learning Superintendent, Peggy Mattila-Bains, Coordinator, and Kristen Mathison, Principal, Spirit eLearning (all joined at 11:00 a.m.; all left at 11:41 a.m.); Fay Cassidy, Learning Superintendent, and Diane Kendall, Coordinator (both joined at 11:28 a.m.; both left at 12:10 p.m.).

Bernie Howe called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six Territory.

All joined the meeting via video conference.

Lori Jeschke requested two additions to the agenda:

- Accounts Receivable Report as at January 31, 2021; and
- Personnel Update.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to include the two items noted above.

Agenda
Badrock

Carried.

2. THAT the Minutes of January 18, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Wieler

Carried.

Bob Bayles presented the Pandemic Revenue and Expenditures Report as at January 31, 2021, confirming current amount spent or committed is \$4 million for online learning, caretaking, technology and other supplies and resources.

3. THAT the Board accept the Pandemic Revenue and Expenditures Report as at January 31, 2021, as presented by Administration.

Pandemic
Revenue &
Expenditures
Report
Wudrick

Carried.

Jon Yellowlees, Human Resources Superintendent, joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Jon Yellowlees reviewed the Staffing Report as at January 31, 2021, with the Board.

4. THAT the Board accept the Staffing Report as at January 31, 2021, as presented by Administration.

Staffing Report
Crush

Carried.

Jon Yellowlees left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Bernie Howe reviewed the Board Chair's Report. Lori Jeschke reviewed the Report from the Director.

5. THAT the Board move into closed session at 9:55 a.m. to consider the Accounts Receivable Report as at January 31, 2021.

Closed Session
Greyeyes

Carried.

6. THAT the Board return from closed session at 10:08 a.m.

Closed Session
Crush

Carried.

The Board directed administration to postpone moving forward with the formal response to Muskeg Lake Cree Nation regarding collection of outstanding tuition until after the elections in March and the new Chief and Council are in place.

7. THAT the Board accept the Accounts Receivable Report as at January 31, 2021, as presented by Administration.

Accounts
Receivable
Report
Bothner

Carried.

Dave Carter, Learning Superintendent, Peggy Mattila-Bains, Coordinator, and Kristen Mathison, Principal, Spirit eLearning, all joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Mattila-Bains and Mathison shared information with the Board regarding the work being done at Prairie Spirit's new online school, Spirit eLearning. Due to time constraints, information regarding the Division's Home-Based Education program will be shared at another Board meeting.

Fay Cassidy, Learning Superintendent, and Diane Kendall, Coordinator, both joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Dave Carter, Peggy Mattila-Bains and Kristen Mathison left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Fay Cassidy and Diane Kendall shared information regarding Division mental health initiatives for Prairie Spirit staff and students.

Fay Cassidy and Diane Kendall left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

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| 8. | THAT the Board move into closed session for the Public Section Report at 12:45 p.m. | <u>Closed Session</u>
Bothner |
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| 9. | THAT the Board return from closed session at 12:56 p.m. | <u>Closed Session</u>
Dereniowski |
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Carried.

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| 10. | THAT the Board move into closed session for the Board Winter Workshop Feedback at 12:57 p.m. | <u>Closed Session</u>
Willems |
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Carried.

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| 11. | THAT the Board return from closed session at 2:01 p.m. | <u>Closed Session</u>
Wieler |
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Carried.

Tracey Young presented the Information Report regarding the GEMS Transportation Service and a request from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools for the Board to reconsider their decision to discontinue this service.

After considerable dialogue, the Board direction to Administration was that the decision to align transportation practices with *The Education Act* and discontinue this service will be upheld.

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

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| 12. | THAT the Board move into closed session for the Personnel Update at 2:51 p.m. | <u>Closed Session</u>
Willems |
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Carried.

Brenda Erickson and Nadine Meister left the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

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| 13. | THAT the Board return from closed session at 3:07 p.m. | <u>Closed Session</u>
Bothner |
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Carried.

14. THAT the Board accept the letter of retirement from Lori Jeschke, Director of Education, effective August 1, 2021.

Director of
Education
Retirement
Kading

Carried.

15. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., via video conference.

Adjournment
Dereniowski

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board