



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Living Sky School Division No. 202

On

Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 4:47 p.m.

Central Office Board Room

North Battleford, SK

PRESENT

Trustees: *Arsenault, Pethick, Challis, Foreman, Gartner, Kowalchuk, Link, Miller, Snell, and Wouters*. Also in attendance were: Director of Education, *Randy Fox*; Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman *Arsenault* called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

AGENDA

Trustee *Link* moved the agenda be approved with additions.

Carried

MINUTES

Trustee *Pethick* moved the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 26, 2011 as circulated.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

- i. Brian Quinn, Superintendent of School Operations/Curriculum & Instruction
Sherron Burns, Learning Consultant – Arts Education
Deanne Kasokeo, Digital Treaty Resource Coordinator
 - Presented information regarding School Goals and Treaty Education. The alignment and process for Treaty Education on Treaty 6 was reviewed. The Treaty 6 website design was overviewed. The goal for the Treaty Education project is to provide teachers with: 1) confidence regarding Treaty Education 2) bringing different cultures into the classroom.
- ii. Colin Westgard, Transportation Manager
Jacquie Taylor, Assistant Transportation Manager
 - A verbal Transportation Report was presented. It was noted that the division transports approximately 3,188 students on 56 contracted and 63 division routes for a total of 21,788 kms per day. It was noted that the Transportation Department is expanding their bus training and coordinating some in-class training with new drivers. Bus Driver Appreciation Day was identified as a new initiative and it was noted that the Poster Contest is continuing. Eleven buses were purchased last year, one was a special needs vehicle for North Battleford Comprehensive High School. Extra-Curricular needs are being handled through one spare bus per school. Routes are reviewed and potentially there could be a reduction of two routes in the south but there may have to be routes added in other areas. There will be one additional route in Unity urban.

- Three major programs for the department next year are: 1) bus contracts which will be reviewed and tendered, 2) route review and boundaries or attendance area changes, and 3) the bus garage which is a large initiative and very beneficial for the department.

BOARD ITEMS

- i. Continuous Agenda – no changes were noted
- ii. Major SCC Meeting Notes – October 26, 2011 – were reviewed
- iii. Confidential Human Resources Report as of November 9, 2011 – was reviewed
- iv. SSBA Voting Delegates - were reviewed and approved.
- v. SSBA Memo and attachments re: Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions Package – 2011 AGM
- vi. Battlefords School Facilities – It was noted that information has been received regarding protocol and the school review process does not have to be followed. Currently information is being gathered and public consultation needs to be done. There are two or three options that will be presented. A committee consisting of four Board Members, one from the Battlefords, three from the City of North Battleford plus Central Office staff should be established to develop a time line and proposal for the process.
- vii. Sakewew Report – Trustee *Challis* – The Assessment for Learning results were received and noted. Bussing is being reviewed to provide transportation to students to Sakewew and the Board is reviewing the Chief Financial Officer services.
- viii. Public Section – General Meeting information package for the November 28, 2011 was distributed.
- ix. Governance Model for Sakewew and BTC Representation - was briefly discussed.
- x. Maymont Joint Facilities Committee - was reviewed and an issue was noted regarding access to the facility. The agreement between the committee and the School Division will be reviewed.
- xi. Cando School Community Council fundraiser for Outdoor Education Program – was discussed to clarify the process and activity (bingos).
- xii. Tax Abatements were reviewed and it was noted that the School Division still has authority to abate taxes.
- xiii. Facilities in Wilkie re: St. George School closure - It was noted that the Board will continue with existing facilities being Norman Carter and McLurg Schools.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT

Director of Education, *Randy Fox*, presented the non-confidential items of the Director's Report as filed.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*, presented the non-confidential items of the Chief Financial Officer's report as filed.

ACCOUNTS

Trustee *Arsenault* moved the Board approve payment of accounts as follows:

1.	Oct. 24/11	#049041	\$	1,620.56
2.	Oct. 26/11	#049042-049045		467,975.97
3.	Oct. 28/11	#002011-002017 (US Acct)		1,697.20
4.	Oct. 28/11	#DD038303-DD038390 (Direct Deposit)		32,589.61
5.	Oct. 28/11	#049046-049190		180,717.25
6.	Nov. 3/11	#049191		941,426.52
7.	Nov. 10/11	#DD038391-DD038552 (Direct Deposit)		62,119.54
8.	Nov. 10/11	#049192-049449		697,138.53
9.	Nov. 10/11	#002018-002024 (US Acct)		7,851.44
10.	Nov. 15/11	#049450-049453		525,991.43
		TOTAL		\$ 2,919,128.05

CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Scholarship Thank You Card – was circulated
- ii. STF *Bulletin* – November 16, 2011 – was distributed

OTHER

- i. Funding Distribution Model – no presentation was made

IN-CAMERA

Trustee *Link* moved the Board move to in-camera session to discuss confidential items.

Trustee *Pethick* moved the Board rise and report from in-camera session.

Trustee *Challis* moved the meeting be extended to 9:30 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

- 013-11/11/23 Trustee *Kowalchuk* moved the Board receive the verbal reports for Treaty Education and Transportation Department. *Carried*
- 014-11/11/23 Trustee *Challis* moved the Board approve the Confidential Human Resources Staffing Report for November 9, 2011 *Carried*
- 015-11/11/23 Trustee *Snell* moved the SSBA voting delegate ballots for the convention be distributed equally among attending Board members. *Carried*

- 016-11/11/23 Trustee *Link* moved the Board establish a working committee to review the Battlefords School Facilities consisting of four Board Members, the Trustee from the Town of Battleford, three Trustees from the City of North Battleford and Central Office Staff.
Carried
- 017-11/11/23 Trustee *Gartner* moved the Board approve the request from the Town of Hafford for tax abatements of outstanding school taxes on the Ukrainian National Hall in the amount of \$3,146.40.
Carried
- 018-11/11/23 Trustee *Foreman* moved the Board approve the request authorizing the North Battleford Comprehensive High School to apply for a lottery license.
Carried
- 019-11/11/23 Trustee *Wouters* moved the Board approve the Lawrence Pre-K project including the sewer replacement for a total price of \$112,297.00 plus taxes and fees, subject to final Ministry approval.
Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee *Challis* moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER