

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD IN THE J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA, AT 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010

PRESENT:

Mr. Peter Bartlette, Mrs. Pat Bowslaugh, Mr. Doug Karnes, Mr. Glen Kurck, Mr. Jim Murray, Dr. L. Ross, Mr. Mark Sefton, Mr. Marty Snelling, Mr. Kevan Sumner.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. G. F. Barnes, Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. Bailey

Senior Administration: Dr. D. M. Michaels, Superintendent, Mr. G. Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent, Mr. Kevin Zabowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Secretary-Treasurer G.F. Barnes was in the Chair.

The Acting Chairperson called the meeting to order, followed by the singing of O'Canada.

CALL:

The Acting Chairperson advised that the Inaugural Meeting of the Board had been called for the purpose of organization for the ensuing year, as set forth in the Agenda.

READ RETURNS OF ELECTION:

The Acting Chairperson read the Statement of Official Results dated 28th day of October 2010 as provided by the Division's Senior Election Official, Heather Ewasiuk, wherein she declared that the following voting results for election to the office of Trustees of the Brandon School Division for a four year term, 2010 to 2014, in the Wards indicated:

Ward 1 (City)	No. of Votes Given
Mark Sefton	6122
Jim Murray	5672
Pat Bowslaugh	5612
Linda Ross	4723
Kevan Sumner	4537
Glen Kruck	4534
Marty Snelling	4402
Peter Bartlette	4116
Patrick Pulak	4052
Vanessa Hamilton	3951
Shaun Cameron	3916
Bea Jolly	3545
Michael Barrett	3471
George Buri	3355
Marla Galatiuk	2867
Sandra Koch-Gensiorek	2390
Wade Winmill	1620
Orest Bobei	808
Ward 2 (Rural)	
Doug Karnes	(acclaimed)

AFFIDAVITS OF QUALIFICATION AND OATHS OF OFFICE AND ALLEGIANCE:

Judge Hewitt-Michta was present to conduct and witness the completion of the Oath of Office by each Trustee. Judge Hewitt-Michta swore the Trustees in as a group following which they individually signed their Affidavit of Qualification and Oath of Office and Allegiance of Trustee, witnessed by Judge Hewitt-Michta.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND INTERESTS

The Acting Chairperson advised that he had on file in his custody as Secretary-Treasurer the Statements and Assets and Interests filed by the nine elected Trustees in accordance with Section 39.8 of The Public Schools Act.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

The Acting Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year, noting that a nominator only was required.

Trustee Karnes nominated Trustee Murray.

Mr. Snelling – Dr. Ross
That nominations do now cease.

The Acting Chairperson declared Jim Murray to be duly elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing November 1, 2010.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

The Acting Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year, noting that a nominator only was required.

Trustee Kruck nominated Trustee Bartlette.
Trustee Sumner nominated Trustee Sefton.
Trustee Karnes nominated Trustee Ross.
Trustee Murray nominated Trustee Bowslaugh. Trustee Bowslaugh declined to let her name stand.

Mr. Snelling – Mr. Bartlette
That nominations do now cease.

Carried.

Each of the candidates nominated for Vice - Chairperson presented a few words to the Trustees in support of their nomination, including qualifications and past experiences.

An election for the position of Vice - Chairperson of the Board was held by secret ballot, The Acting Chairperson, with the Superintendent as witness, counted the ballots. As per procedural by-laws, with no majority having been reached, the Trustee with the least number of votes was eliminated from the list of eligible candidates.

A second secret ballot was cast for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board between Trustees Ross and Sefton. The Acting Chairperson, with the Superintendent as witness, counted the ballots.

The Acting Chairperson declared Linda Ross to be duly elected by majority vote as Vice - Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing November 1, 2010.

Mr. Murray – Mr. Bartlette

That the ballots be destroyed.

Carried.

The Acting Chairperson invited the newly elected Chairperson, Jim Murray to assume the Chair for the conduct of the remainder of the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Jim Murray

"First off, let me say thank-you very much for placing your faith in me and giving me an opportunity to do this job again, I never lose sight of what an honour it is to have people of your calibre choose me to be the spokesperson for this Board and so I thank you very much. I will do my best over the coming year to represent this Board and to speak on behalf of this Board to defend the corporate decisions of this Board and I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Some of you are brand new and some returning trustees, Pat Bowslaugh, who was here before, took a break and is back again. I look forward to working with all of you. When the last Board was elected we had six brand new people who were elected to the Board and they were able to decide what the culture of this Board was going to be and the direction this Board was going to take and I think it went very well. As Peter said earlier, there was some excellent work down around this table by the previous Board and I believe we have people around this Board table now who are very much interested in moving this Board forward. Again, with four new people joining this Board the culture will once again be redefined. And the way that we do business will be redefined by the people around this Board table put into their jobs.

Before we move forward on the agenda I would also like to take a moment to thank the Senior Administration of this Division. For the many years I have been on this Board I have seen some tremendously dedicated and professional people doing their jobs in this Board room. The Trustees that are here tonight and been here before know that. They know the work that goes into preparing us for our Board meetings and making sure we have the information that we need. To the new Trustees you will find that the doors in this office are always open and any information that you need is only a phone call or a visit away. Dr. Michaels, in the years that I have been at this Board table the Division has moved forward by leaps and bounds. We see tremendous things happening for our children. The leadership you have given us is admirable and we thank-you for that. I have been around long enough to know that Mr. Malazdrewicz is the real deal. He believes in children and he does his job with professionalism and dignity. It is a pleasure working with you as well Mr. Malazdrewicz. Mr. Barnes, your department has always been at the disposal of Trustees and our meetings run very well. We always have the information we need. Our books, we heard at the last meeting, are in good order. We know through the staffing in your department that that is well taken care of. We appreciate that and thank-you as well. The new Trustees will find out in the weeks to come that Sheri Bailey is their new best friend. And that is the truth! Anything you need and one phone call to Mrs. Bailey will get you whatever you need and she does a very good job of looking after us. To the staff of our school division we thank-you very much for the work that takes place because the Board of Trustees can't do that - we set policy and we set procedures. We need people in our schools and our administration to make sure that that happens. We appreciate that.

I would like to ask the Vice-Chair now for her comments."

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Linda Ross

"Thank-you. I will be very brief. I would like to thank-you for electing me to this position. I look forward to the next four years – getting to know some new people and welcoming back 'us old used Trustees'. I know that as Jim said we have a dedicated Senior Administration and I look forward to a continued working relationship with them. I know that we are going to do good things for the kids in this community. Also, I look forward to our continued relationship and work with CUPE and BTA. We have a really good group of people working in this Division and I look forward to continued work here. Thank-you."

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S DECLARATION OF OCCUPATIONS OF TRUST:

The Secretary-Treasurer read a letter addressed to the Board of Trustees wherein he advised, in accordance with the provisions of Section 53(5) of The Public Schools Act, that he holds no occupations of trust other than that of Secretary-Treasurer of The Brandon School Division.

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting the Secretary-Treasurer noted two items had been deferred for discussion, by the previous Board, to the Inaugural meeting of the newly elected Board.

1. A representative to lay a wreath at the City of Brandon's annual Remembrance Day Service was requested. Trustee Bartlette volunteered to lay a wreath on behalf of the Brandon School Division.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, congratulated and welcomed the new Board of Trustees noting she looked forward to working with them during the next four years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Snelling – Dr. Ross

That the meeting do now adjourn (7:30 p.m.)

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer