



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

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 11:47 A.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

## **PRESENT:**

Mrs. Sherilyn Bambridge, Mr. Peter Bartlette, Mrs. Pat Bowslaugh, Mr. George Buri, Mr. Glen Kruck, Mr. Jim Murray, Dr. L. Ross, Mr. Mark Sefton, Mr. Kevan Sumner.

Mr. Denis Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. B. Sangster Recording Secretary, Ms. T. Curtis, Live Streaming Video Operator.

Senior Administration: Dr. M. D. Casavant, Superintendent/CEO, Mr. M. Gustafson, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. G. Malazdrewicz, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. E. Jamora, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. B. Switzer, Director of Human Resources.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Denis Labossiere, 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.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:**

The Acting Chairperson noted that Trustee Sefton had requested his name be brought forth for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year.

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

Trustee Bowslaugh nominated Trustee Sumner. Trustee Sumner allowed his name to stand.

Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Murray  
That nominations do now cease.

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

An election for the position of Chairperson of the Board was held by secret ballot, the Acting Chairperson, with the Superintendent as witness, counted the ballots.

The Acting Chairperson declared Kevan Sumner to be duly elected by majority vote as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 6, 2016.

#### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:**

The Acting Chairperson noted that Trustee Ross had requested her name be brought forth for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year.

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

Trustee Sumner nominated Trustee Buri. Trustee Buri allowed his name to stand.

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

Carried.

Each of the candidates nominated for Vice-Chairperson presented a few words to the Board of 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.

The Acting Chairperson declared Linda Ross to be duly elected by majority vote as Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 6, 2016.

Ms. Bambridge – Mr. Murray  
That the ballots be destroyed.

Carried.

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

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:**

Kevan Sumner

"I want to thank everybody for the vote of confidence. I really think that we have an exciting year ahead of us. Marc, I really look forward to working with you and the rest of the Senior Admin team Greg and Matt as well. I think that the board has a lot of important work to do in the months ahead and I certainly urge the rest of you to work with me in setting an aggressive agenda for reviewing our governance as a Board and our goals for going forward and our governance structure in the months ahead. The sooner that we can do so as a Board and take this opportunity to correct our course or chart a new course, the sooner that we can give a clearer vision to Senior Administration of what our expectations are for the last half of our term. On the other side I certainly look forward – I know, Marc, two months sometimes can seem like a bit of a long time when you're familiarizing yourself with an entirely new Board and division and structure.

It's such a short time but I really look forward to hearing your ideas and Greg and Mat your contributions as a voice of experience on the Superintendent's team in terms of advising us as a Board on how you feel we can best serve yourselves, the division, our students and our community. Linda, I look forward to working with you, we haven't had much opportunity to work closely together with our committee structure but I certainly feel that we can work together as a good team. And to each of you all as individuals, I look forward to taking the time to speak with each of you individually in the very near future and working with yourselves as individuals and through your Committee and your Board participation in the months ahead. I certainly hold no illusions that the chairperson is a person that is making the final decision or should be leading people by their noses. I feel very strongly that governance by a Board needs to be an opportunity for everybody to have their voice for everybody to work together as a team and for me to recognize each of your individual contributions and to be able to represent the voice of the Board as a governance entity as a group of nine individuals who must work as a team and have to work as a team.

With that, I hope from my words a few minutes ago I think you certainly about what I feel strongly about and I certainly look forward to this year ahead and I think it's going to be an exciting year, this is an incredible opportunity. Thank you.

With that, I'll hand things over to Linda here for her remarks."

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:**

Linda Ross

"I would just like to say thank you for your confidence in allowing me to assume this position for a second year. I look forward to working with Kevan and I look forward to working with all of you and with our senior administration team. It's always lively and never dull around this table. Thanks."

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Murray – Mr. Buri

That the meeting do now adjourn (12:15 p.m.)

Carried.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer