



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 9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013.

PRESENT:

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

Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. D. Labossiere, Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. Bailey, Live Streaming Video Operation, Ms. K. Boklaschuk

Senior Administration: Dr. D. M. Michaels, Superintendent, Mr. G. Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent, Ms. B. Switzer, Director of Human Resources.

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. 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 Trustee Mark 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 Kruck nominated Trustee Snelling. Trustee Snelling declined the nomination.

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

Carried.

The Acting Chairperson declared Mr. Mark Sefton to be duly elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 3, 2013.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

The Acting Chairperson noted he had not received any requests from Trustees to bring their name forth for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Acting Chairperson therefore 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 Snelling. Trustee Snelling declined the nomination. Trustee Snelling nominated Trustee Murray.

Mr. Snelling – Mr. Karnes
That nominations do now cease.
Carried.

The Acting Chairperson declared Mr. Jim Murray to be duly elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 3, 2013

The Acting Chairperson invited the newly elected Chairperson, Mr. Mark Sefton, to assume the Chair for the conduct of the remainder of the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Chairperson Sefton:

"Thank-you folks. I have very, very much enjoyed the last two years as Chair. It's been a challenge, but I feel it has been a tremendous team effort. And it's not one that any one person can do on their own. There are nine of us, plus the support staff of Administration. We couldn't do it alone. We are a good team. I sure hope that continues. I see no prospect of it not continuing. As I have said before, we seem to be able to debate the issues without debasing each other. And that is very, very important that we can have a free exchange of ideas. And I haven't seen any reticence on any body's part to present an idea which seems to be contrary to the prevailing thoughts and that's good. That's the way it should be. We need to have that opportunity to share our opinions. It has been a great honour to serve as your chair for the last two years. I very much look forward to it for another year. But I would like to serve notice that as a personal, philosophical thing that next September, our chair should be someone who is not running again. Just because I think the chair provides a profile that may create an unfair advantage during an election. So that is just my thoughts. Thank-you very much."

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Vice Chairperson Murray:

"Thank-you Mr. Sefton. I would agree with everything that you have said. I think this Board has been a very good Board. We have accomplished a lot in the last few years and I look forward to the next year as well. I have always enjoyed providing a leadership role on this Board and it has been very enjoyable working with you

(Mr. Sefton) and I think we complement each other very well. We have had conversations about how things are going and that sort of thing and I look forward to that. And I appreciate the fact Trustees have allowed me to serve this Board once again as Vice-Chair. Like yourself, I look forward to another good year. Thank-you very much."

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 Acting Secretary-Treasurer of The Brandon School Division.

REMARKS:

Superintendent Dr. Michaels wished the new Chairperson well. She notes he made it look easy, when it is not. She stated the Chairperson managed the politics adeptly. It is much appreciated by employees, as messages the Board gives out filters to the classroom and if those messages are not positive or solid it can be unsettling to schools. She confirmed it has also been a pleasure working with the Vice-Chairperson over the years. She noted Senior Administration can always counted on Mr. Murray to give it to them straight. She felt the Chair and Vice-Chairperson work very well together. She noted the next school year will be a very busy one. She thanked the Board for working so well with Senior Administration noting Senior Administration feels like they belong at the Board Table with them. She offered her best wishes to the Board on the upcoming year.

Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Labossiere congratulated both the Chair and Vice-Chairperson on their appointments. He noted he looks forward to the next school year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Ross – Mr. Snelling
That the meeting do now adjourn (9:45 a.m.)
Carried.

Chairperson

Acting Secretary-Treasurer