

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., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011.

PRESENT:

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

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 Kruck nominated Trustee Snelling.
Trustee Sumner nominated Trustee Sefton.

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

Carried.

Each of the candidates nominated for Chairperson presented a few words to the 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 Mr. Mark Sefton to be duly elected by majority vote as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 6, 2011.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

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

Trustee Kruck nominated Trustee Snelling.

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

Carried.

The Acting Chairperson declared Mr. Marty Snelling to be duly elected by acclamation as Vice - Chairperson of the Board for the ensuring year commencing September 6, 2011.

Dr. Ross – Mr. Karnes
That the ballots be destroyed.

Carried.

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:

Trustee Sefton:

"First of all ladies and gentlemen, thank-you very much for that vote of confidence and thank-you very much Marty for your best wishes, I really appreciate that. I think I am far more nervous now than I was 10 minutes ago because I know what lies ahead of me and I know the people that have been parked in this chair ahead of me as well. I thank-you Marty for your hard work as Chair and Linda as Vice-Chair. We appreciate it. I am very much looking forward to this challenge. I am sure you will be, but I am going to ask anyway, for you to be a little patient and a little tolerant for the first couple of meetings when I invariably get things out of order or mess things up. So again, thank-you very much I am looking forward to the challenge.

I believe we have here in Brandon a fantastic Division with tremendously dedicated employees at all levels - Division office employees, school based employees, bus drivers, custodians, maintenance people, the whole thing. I think we all believe the number one concern we should be having is "What's best for kids?" I honestly believe that and that is something that I will be pursuing. You will probably get sick and tired of hearing me say "What's best for kids?" So, once again ladies and gentlemen, thank-you for this vote of confidence, it means a great deal to me. It is especially touching because at one point my dad was also Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Brandon School Division. Thank-you very much."

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Trustee Snelling:

“First thanks for voting for me before and by acclamation - it is a little bit different. You are still one of my top three priorities and it is still the same – you will still get 100% and some days you will probably get more. I really believe in education and education is the way to the future for everyone in our society. I will fight hard for that no matter what position I am in as a trustee. I will give 100% support to Mark, that is not a problem. I just look forward to next year. We had a great first year together. I look forward to moving the 90% graduation higher as a team here. That’s about all I have to say. 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.

REMARKS:

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, on behalf of Senior Administration wished the Chair well and confirmed Senior Administration looks forward to working with the Board during the new school year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Snelling – Dr. Ross
That the meeting do now adjourn (7:25 p.m.)
Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer