

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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, APRIL 4, 2011.

PRESENT:

Dr. L. Ross, Acting Chairperson, Mr. P. Bartlette, Mrs. P. Bowslaugh, Mr. D. Karnes, Mr. G. Kruck, Mr. M. Sefton, Mr. M. Snelling, Mr. K. Sumner

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. G. F. Barnes and Recording Secretary: Ms. S. Bailey.

Senior Administration: Dr. D. M. Michaels, Superintendent, Mr. G. Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent.

REGRETS: Mr. J. Murray, Mr. K. Zabowski.

CALL:

The Acting Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and referred to the Call.

The meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the following:

- a) Board Briefing on Bill 13 – “The Preparing Students for Success Act” (Various Acts Amended).
- b) High School Teacher Prep Time (**In-Camera**)

Dr. Michaels, Superintendent, provided the Board of Trustees with information regarding the implications for governance with respect to the proposed Bill 13 – “The Preparing Students for Success Act” (Various Acts Amended). Dr. Michaels reviewed the various changes proposed; the possible policy amendments that would be required; the responsibilities of school administration and staff; and possible financial implications. Trustees were encouraged to ask questions throughout the presentation. Discussions were held regarding the definition of student disengagement; the need for policy implementation if regulations are already covered under The Public Schools Act; expectations of staff; the current work of the Attendance Officer, Home School Liaisons and High School Vice Principals; possible involvement of Social Services; policy versus practice; and the need for clarification from the Government on a number of the proposed changes.

The Board agreed they would register to speak to proposed Bill 13 when it was presented to the legislature. Senior Administration was directed to prepare a presentation to the Government regarding the Board of Trustees’ questions and concerns relating to the proposed Bill 13.

Mr. Kruck – Mrs. Bowslaugh

That the Board do now resolve into Committee of the Whole In Camera.

Carried.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

a) High School Teacher Prep Time

The Board reviewed the report on high school teacher prep time that had been provided by Senior Administration. The matter was discussed at length noting budget ramifications, school comparisons and effect on negotiations.

Mr. Kruck – Mr. Snelling

That the Committee of the Whole In Camera do now resolve into Board.

Carried.

IN BOARD

Mr. Bartlette – Mr. Kruck

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:45 p.m.).

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer