



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 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014

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.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Denis Labossiere, Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. Sangster.

Senior Administration: Dr. D. M. Michaels, Superintendent, Mr. G. Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent, Mrs. Eunice Jamora, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Secretary-Treasurer 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.

READ RETURNS OF ELECTION:

The Acting Chairperson read the Statement of Official Results dated the 23rd day of October 2014 as provided by the Division's Senior Election Official, Karrie Smyth, 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, 2014 to 2018, in the Wards indicated:

| Ward 1 (City) | Number of Votes Given |
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| Mark Sefton | 8,896 |
| Jim Murray | 8,197 |
| Peter Bartlette | 7,806 |
| Pat Bowslaugh | 7,674 |
| Linda Ross | 7,643 |
| Kevan Sumner | 6,805 |
| George Buri | 6,802 |
| Glen Kruck | 6,437 |
| Krystal Kayne | 5,821 |

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| Ward 2 (Rural) | |
| Sherilyn Bambridge | (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 39.3 of The Public Schools Act.

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 Ross. Trustee Ross respectfully declined.

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

The Acting Chairperson declared Mark Sefton to be duly elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing November 5, 2014.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

The Acting Chairperson noted Trustee Sumner had requested his 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 Murray nominated Trustee Bartlette. Trustee Bartlette allowed his name to stand.

Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Buri
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.

The Acting Chairperson declared Kevan Sumner to be duly elected by majority vote as Vice - Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing November 5, 2014.

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

Carried.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Mark Sefton

"I am very grateful for the support that I've felt from Trustees over the past couple of years and tonight again. I am very much looking forward to the challenges that we have ahead of us, and we do have a couple. We will be heading into budget right smartly and we've got to go into the hurry up offence on that. We have consultations coming up on Scent Policy and probably also on Facilities, so we're going to be a busy group. We have some interesting challenges ahead of us but I have every confidence that this group we have around the table is very much up to the challenge.

And I would especially like at this time to welcome George back to the Board, welcome aboard. And Sherilyn. I am a little concerned, however, that we now have four B's out of nine...So that's a little different. Congratulations to all of you for being elected, I'm very much looking forward to working with you, I think we have some very exciting times ahead of us.

Thank you. I'll turn it over to you Kevan."

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Kevan Sumner

"There's not much more that I have to say on top of what Mark has already said. I just have to say that I really look forward to getting to work I know it's been a difficult pause for those of us who are returning and I know that our new Trustees will have been waiting eagerly for the last couple of months to get their fingers into things as well, so I really look forward to getting things rolling with all of our committee work, and especially the budget. It's always a difficult year this first year. I also am really looking forward to our session that we're planning for the near future where we'll set the board's priorities and goals for the next four years. Four years seems like a long time right now, but from thinking back on the last four years, how quickly those four years can fly, especially when we are trying to accomplish very important things for the Division, for our students, for our staff.

So with that said, I won't delay us any further in getting to that work, and will turn things back over to Mark. 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.

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. Murray – Dr. Ross

That the meeting do now adjourn (7:28 p.m.)

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer