

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 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009.

PRESENT:

Mr. Peter Bartlette, Mr. George Buri, Ms. Ramona Coey, Mrs. Bea Jolly, Mr. Doug Karnes, Mr. Brian Mayes, Mr. Jim Murray, Dr. Linda Ross, Mr. M. Snelling

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 Coey nominated Trustee Buri.

Mr. Murray – Dr. Ross

That nominations do now cease.

Carried.

The Acting Chairperson declared Mr. George Buri to be duly elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 10, 2009.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

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

Trustee Jolly nominated Trustee Karnes

Trustee Buri nominated Trustee Coey

Mr. Snelling – Mrs. Jolly

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 Mr. Doug Karnes to be duly elected by majority vote as Vice - Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 10, 2009.

Mr. Mayes – Mrs. Jolly
That the ballots be destroyed.
Carried.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Mr. George Buri:

"I would like to thank the Board for re-electing me Chairman of the Board. I look forward to working with you and Senior Administration in setting and carrying out policies which enhance the educational opportunities for all of our students. We have made great strides but there is still much to be done. We will face many challenges in the upcoming year, maintaining what we have, while at the same time, trying to further improve the needs of all our students. We have to make sure the public understands what we are doing and why we are doing it. I look forward to the Board maintaining local dialogue with government, other boards, administrators, teachers, parents, students, school organizations and partners as we continue to work together to make Brandon School Division a leader in programming and innovation.

I do want to say I think it is going to be a very challenging year and I look forward to working together again....all of us together. I think we have done a great job together and I am very proud to be on this Board. I think this has been a great Board and we have accomplished a great deal. Working with the Administration we have and the people in the school division, I will represent the School Division to the best of my ability, with great pride over the next year. Thanks."

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Mr. Doug Karnes:

"First of all thank-you for electing me as Vice-Chair. It is an honour. I can only echo everything that George has just said. We have taken on a lot of initiatives this past year. It would be nice to see them carried on and concluded. We work good together as a team. We don't always see eye to eye but that is part of everything. I am looking forward to the year. I thank Ramona for everything she has done in the past year, in the past three years actually. She is a very important part of the Board. Appreciate the election. 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Coey – Mr. Snelling

That the meeting do now adjourn (10:20 a.m.)

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer