

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR 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, JUNE 27, 2011

PRESENT:

Mr. Snelling, Chairperson, Dr. L. Ross, Vice-Chairperson (entered 7:40 p.m.), Mr. P. Bartlette, Mrs. P. Bowslaugh, Mr. D. Karnes, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. M. Sefton, Mr. K. Sumner (entered 9:15 p.m.).

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

Senior Administration: Dr. D. M. Michaels, Superintendent, Mr. G. Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent, Mr. K. Zabowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

REGRETS:

Mr. G. Kruck

The Chairperson welcomed all in attendance to the meeting. He noted Trustees Sumner and Ross would be arriving shortly while Trustee Kruck had sent his regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Reference to Statement of Board Operations

1.02 Approval of Agenda

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, noted the following items:

- The deletion of Motion 92/2011 which was to be referred back to the Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee for further discussion with the Brandon Teachers' Association;
- The addition of Confidential #2 and #3 for In-Camera discussions.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, noted, as per the direction of the Chairperson, she would be addressing the concerns of parents whose children were denied School of Choice at Linden Lanes School, under Section 2.02 – "Reports of Committees – Other".

Mr. Murray – Mr. Bartlette

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

1.03 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held June 13, 2011 were circulated.

Mr. Sefton – Mr. Karnes
That the Minutes be adopted.
Carried.

- b) The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held June 13, 2011 were circulated.

Mr. Murray – Mr. Sefton
That the Minutes be adopted.
Carried.

2.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**2.01 Presentations For Information**

- a) Teresa Timmerman, Numeracy Specialist and Division Research Co-ordinator, provided detailed information regarding the Student Achievement Results for the 2010-2011 school year. Following Ms. Timmerman's presentation the Board asked questions for clarification regarding the Grade 7 Numeracy results; the demographics involved; why some schools statistics have decreased while other school statistics have increased; the possibility of longitudinal studies; and what Senior Administration would do with the data that had been presented.

2.02 Reports of Committees

- a) Workplace Safety and Health Committee Minutes

The written report of the Workplace Safety and Health Committee meeting held in May 18, 2011 was circulated.

Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Karnes
That the Minutes be received and filed.
Carried.

- b) Divisional Futures & Community Relations Committee Minutes

The written report of the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee meeting held June 7, 2011 was circulated.

Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Murray
That the Minutes be received and filed.
Carried.

The written report of the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee meeting held June 10, 2011 was circulated.

Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Sefton
That the Minutes be received and filed.

Carried.

The written report of the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee meeting held June 17, 2011 was circulated.

Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Karnes
That the Minutes be received and filed.

Carried.

c) Finance Committee Minutes

The written report of the Finance Committee meeting held June 9, 2011 was circulated.

Dr. Ross – Mr. Bartlette
That the Minutes be received and filed.

Carried.

The written report of the Finance Committee meeting held June 21, 2011 was circulated.

Dr. Ross – Mr. Sefton
That the Minutes be received and filed.

Carried

d) Facilities & Transportation Committee Minutes

The written report of the Facilities & Transportation Committee meeting held June 14, 2011 was circulated.

Mr. Karnes – Mr. Murray
That the Minutes be received and filed.

Carried.

e) Other

- Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, noted a meeting with parents regarding the School of Choice/Catchment Area issues at Linden Lanes School had been held earlier in the day. She confirmed seven parents had been in attendance. The discussion focused on Linden Lanes Kindergarten students who are unable to register for Grade 1 at Linden Lanes School under "School of Choice". Parents expressed concerns regarding the special request enrollment; the needs of their particular children; day care issues; and the importance of continuity for children. She confirmed 10 students were affected according to current policy. A report prepared by Associate Superintendent, Mr. Malazdrewicz, regarding Linden Lanes School of Choice for 2011-2012 was circulated and discussed noting should the Board choose

to grant access on the School of Choice requests, an additional 1.125 FTE teacher would be required to cover classroom, prep time, Music, and Physical Education, for each year the students remain at Linden Lanes. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, referencing Policy and Procedures 7001 – “Assignments to School”, noted only the Board can approve any appeals to this policy.

2.03 Delegations and Petitions

- a) Kari Baraniuk, presented a petition with 287 signatures requesting an adjustment to the Linden Lanes Catchment area. Ms. Baraniuk noted she was not asking for bussing, but was requesting that her area be pulled into the Linden Lanes catchment area. She noted as a licensed daycare provider she currently transports, and will continue to transport, all her daycare children to and from school. The denial of enrolment to Linden Lanes School for the 2011/2012 school year affects her ability to continue to provide licensed daycare. She noted in the fall she will be providing care for a special needs student who will be greatly affected by the denial to Linden Lanes. She asked the Board to stop speaking numbers. She felt that schools needed to adapt to the numbers not the numbers adapt to the schools. She referenced the Division website noting “school catchment areas have been established to ensure reasonable class sizes while protecting the right of students to attend schools built to serve their neighbourhoods.” She confirmed she lived in the Linden Lanes neighbourhood, Linden Lanes was where the neighbourhood children attend school, it is the neighbourhood where the daycares are, and questioned why her children had to leave the neighbourhood to attend school.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE:

Trustee Murray requested the Board discuss and address the requests being presented to the Board at this meeting rather than postpone discussions to the next regular meeting as was usual practice. The Board agreed the matter would be dealt with at the current Board meeting.

- b) Mr. Clay Jackson, Mr. Wade Armstrong and Ms. Erin Deg, presented a petition with 355 signatures requesting school of choice entry to Linden Lanes for the 10 Kindergarten students and 1 Grade 1 student who had been attending at Linden Lanes under Special Request for Enrollment, together with four Special Request for Enrollment forms which had been marked as Confidential. Mr. Jackson representing four families, noted they had been informed just over one week ago that their children would not be allowed to continue at Linden Lanes School. He noted the children had difficulty understanding what had happened, they blamed themselves and questioned why they were no longer welcome at Linden Lanes School. Mr. Jackson spoke about individual student needs and what the disruption would do to their development and learning. He spoke about the daycare provided by Ms. Deg who lives close to Linden Lanes School, and the important role she has played in the development of children in her care. He noted it is nearly impossible to find alternate care for children in their own catchment area. The decision for daycare should not be based solely on space in a daycare, but the quality of care and the future development of children in their daycare setting. He confirmed the parents cannot envision their lives without

their current circle of support in their daycares, schools and children's relationships should the School of Choice denial move forward.

- c) Ms. Erin Deg, a licensed daycare provider in the Linden Lanes area noted she has a diploma in early childhood education and a diploma in Studies in Special Needs Child Care giving her an ECE III classification. She spoke about a child who has been in her daycare since 10 months old and the learning issues and development struggles he has faced over the past six years, noting consistency and routine are paramount to his continued success. She also spoke about a child whose older brother is currently in Linden Lanes and the impact the School of Choice denial would have on the two siblings should one child be able to continue at Linden Lanes School while the other is not. She asked the Board to reconsider keeping the children at Linden Lanes School as it would be in the children's best interest.
- d) Mr. Wade Armstrong, noted he lived in the Waverly Park catchment area, but had chosen Linden Lanes School under School of Choice for both of his children. He confirmed the older child is already established in Linden Lanes School and he is comfortable with the children's path to the school. He spoke about the children's reaction to the news that the younger child would be denied access to Linden Lanes School under School of Choice. He also noted the daycare issues which would arise with children attending two different schools. He stated the Board needed to realize there was more at stake than just dollars and cents and asked the Board to reconsider their decision.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE:

Trustee Murray asked the Board of Trustees to discuss this matter at this point in the meeting rather than waiting until later in the meeting. The Board agreed.

Trustee Murray confirmed the Facilities and Transportation Committee has reviewed and denied similar requests in the past. He noted the parents present had a genuine concern. Referencing the report of Mr. Malazdrewicz, Mr. Murray confirmed he would support the 1.125 FTE position as well as the change to the catchment area. He asked the Facilities and Transportation Committee to look at the entire Brookwood Development when reviewing the catchment area.

Trustee Bowslaugh spoke about the emotional dilemma children face at this age. She felt student satisfaction is an investment for future student success. The importance of friendships, reliable daycare, stability for students with special needs, and money issues all contribute to student success. She noted if the Division doesn't provide the money for resources now, then they must supply the money to deal with the fall-out later in life. She asked that the Board support the families and felt this was an ideal place to use some of the Division's surplus.

Trustee Karnes, addressing the Brookwood Catchment Area issue noted he was under the impression the area of concern in Brookwood was a non-issue when it had been discussed at Facilities and Transportation Committee meetings. He was in favour of folding the area into the Linden Lanes catchment right away. As for the other presentations, he felt if a sibling is currently in a school under School of Choice, then the younger children should go with them. He did not like to see families divided. He

confirmed he was inclined to accept these students into Linden Lanes School as there was the space, it only required a teacher.

Trustee Sefton asked the question "What's best for these kids?" He felt the best thing for the children was to leave them where they are at Linden Lanes.

Trustee Bartlette agreed with what had been said at the Board table by fellow Trustees. He noted the Administration had followed protocol and it was up to the Board whether or not to overturn the School of Choice denials. He asked that the Division take a closer look at the catchment area and its effect on Linden Lanes School. He confirmed he supported the request but worried about changing the catchment area indefinitely.

Trustee Ross confirmed she would be supporting both requests. She asked if there was anything that would need to take place in the other schools in order to reconfigure classrooms and resources to accommodate the fact these students would not be attending their catchment area schools. Associate Superintendent, Mr. Malazdrewicz, confirmed that reconfiguration would only be required at Linden Lanes School. He confirmed resources would not be available to other schools in subsequent years unless the Board does something to address that in the future. Trustee Ross also asked the Division to take another look at the catchment area as well as a look at the Division's policy or practice regarding Kindergarten students and School of Choice. She confirmed that the Board must look at the numbers in order to do their job properly but realizes there is also the human factor to consider.

Trustee Snelling confirmed he had the same thoughts that had been expressed by fellow Trustees. He stated the school principal at Linden Lanes School is a very caring individual. He also noted that allowing the School of Choice request for these students was the right thing to do.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, confirmed there was currently room for 50 students at Linden Lanes School. Should the Board approve School of Choice for these 10 students that would bring the available space down to 40. He confirmed the Linden Lanes area is in the process of revitalizing itself. Therefore he noted Linden Lanes School cannot take all of the Brookwood site into its catchment area as that would leave no room for new families moving into houses around Linden Lanes School.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels referencing the Equity policy, in particular systematic barriers, noted the Division does its best to examine the barriers in order to allow the Board of Trustees to advocate for students in their care.

Break: (9:05 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.)

2.04 Communications for Action

- a) Author's name illegible, received June 6, 2011, noting they have always appreciated the hard work and dedication of the Board members and teachers in Brandon. They recently were able to attend an Open House/Family Fun day at their nieces and nephews school in Quebec where they learned about a great volunteer program they have in their schools. The school district works with the local retired teachers association to promote the program where the retired

teachers are encouraged to volunteer to work with the students in the classroom and help students who might be having trouble with Math or Reading or other subjects the students might be experiencing difficulties with. Everyone had high praise for the Superintendent and Principal who implemented the program. I think everyone realizes even the most dedicated teachers don't always have enough time during the school day to spend as much one on one time as they would like with every student in the classroom, especially with the ones who need so much extra help. A volunteer program such as this not only helps students who are having difficulty but also frees up more time and provides teachers with more time to interact with students who might need more one on one instruction from the teacher. They thought this might be a great progressive program that could be considered in the Brandon School Division to supplement the work being done by the Division's great teachers.

Referred Business Arising.

- b) Lorie Stutsky and Amy Grift, Meadows School - A "Playground for Everyone" Committee parents, both dated June 16, 2011, noting the playground committee has begun researching grants and the one thing that keeps coming up is how much is the school division contributing? They ask the Board to consider the playground projects as a must in the decision to spend some of the operating surplus. They ask how the playground committee can become involved in the consultative process?

Referred Business Arising.

- c) Mr. T. Osiowy, Principal, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, June 20, 2011, noting two of the school's technical-vocational students: Kurtis Gibson – Gold Medal winner in Electronics and Tyler Enns – Gold Medal winner in Mechanical CAD, at the Skills Canada – Manitoba 2011 Provincial Competition have also won bronze medals at the Canadian Skills Competition in Quebec City, Quebec, earlier this month. He notes three students represented Team Manitoba at the Canadian Skills Competition accompanied by three supervisors. He asks for financial assistance from the Board of Trustees for the three students and supervisors who represented Team Manitoba at the Canadian Skills Competition.

Referred Motions.

- d) Kerri Phillips, and Melissa Stoesz, Student Council Teacher Advisors, École Neelin High School, June 10, 2011, noting the Neelin High School Student Representative Council has recently registered for the Canadian Student Leadership Conference which is being held from September 27 to October 1, 2011 in St. John's, Newfoundland. They are sending three student delegates along with one teacher supervisor. The School has committed some financial support and Neelin Student Representative Council will fund a portion of the delegate fees. They are requesting any financial support which can be made available by the Board in order to offset the cost.

Referred Motions.

- e) Kerri Phillips and Melissa Stoesz, Student Council Teacher Advisors, École Neelin High School, June 15, 2011, noting the interest of providing our council members with the tools to succeed in their positions and attain their goals for their school community in 2011-2012, they have registered for the Manitoba Student Leadership Conference taking place October 13 and 14 at the International Peace Gardens. They have 10 students who are committed to participate. Neelin High School has helped to support the registration financially to reserve their spot at the conference. Mr. Adamski, School Principal, has paid for the two teacher advisor registration from the schools Professional Development budget. They are requesting any financial support which can be made available by the Board in order to offset the cost.

Referred Motions.

- f) Darcie Gervin, Valleyview Centennial School Parent Council, June 19, 2011 noting the school's play structure is nearing the end of its lifespan and will need replacing as soon as three to five years. Parent Council has begun to fundraise and to date has raised \$671.00. They request the Division's assistance in securing the funds for this structure. They would like to be involved in any consultation done on their play structure by the Division to assess the viability of the current play structure. They ask if the Division will assist them in funding their new playground.

Referred Business Arising.

- g) Ramona Coey, May 16, 2011, Jill Martine, June 21, 2011, Andrea Plante, June 20, 2011 and Karen Slawinsky, June 21, 2011, École Harrison School parents expressing sincere thanks for supporting motion 75/2011, noting the Board will receive valuable information regarding playground safety, structural longevity, and a detailed school by school status report. They note the report will not be complete without the input of the parent groups involved and ask will their input be sought and included in the detailed report requested.

Referred Business Arising.

- h) Lori Grebinski, Earl Oxford School parent, June 21, 2011, thanking the Board for listening to parents thoughts for play structures and their financial needs. They need to know if the School Board is able to help them with funding. Whether it be \$1,000 or \$5,000, any amount is a bonus to the schools trying to raise money. The school has gone thru many changes over the last four years and it would be nice for the school to have a positive outlook for once. She asks:
- "Wouldn't the Board of Trustees be proud of themselves if they helped all the schools that need these play structures get rolling a little faster?"
 - "We need to know if we can count on the School Board for any kind of funding to the schools?"
 - "Earl Oxford School needs to know how much is BSD able to give to help support our playground structure?"

Referred Business Arising.

- i) Cynthia Brown, George Fitton Parent Council, June 21, 2011, writing to say that she appreciates the seriousness that the playground discussions were given and pleased to see how the Board deals with big decisions regarding surplus funds. She understands the Secretary-Treasurer's Department has been asked to provide an assessment of the playground equipment in the division and believes this should then include people doing most of the fundraising to be consulted as well. These parents can provide important insight as to individual school fundraising capabilities.

Referred Business Arising.

- j) Naomi Kruse, Executive Director/Advocacy Project Coordinator, Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC), undated, noting it is once again time to renew annual memberships for schools in the Division. By joining MAPC, the parents and parent groups in the Division have access to the valuable support, skills, and resources offered by their organization. The membership fees is \$40.00 per school.

Referred Business Arising.

- k) Carolyn Duhamel, Executive, Director, Manitoba School Boards Association, June 8, 2011, noting *Pathways to Education Canada* is a charitable organization that helps youth in low-income communities graduate from high school and successfully transition into post-secondary education or training. *Graduation Nation* is that organization's plan to reduce dropout rates and make high school graduation a national priority. On June 1, Graduation Nation launched a Facebook page, reaching out to high school valedictorians for help in spreading the word that *all* students deserve the opportunity to graduate. Valedictorians are being invited to incorporate at least one of Graduation Nation's four messages into their graduation speeches and submit the speech for posting on the Graduation Nation Facebook page. A selection of these speeches will be receiving national exposure in *The Globe and Mail*.

Referred Business Arising.

- l) Superintendent's Office, Brandon School Division Student Achievement Summary Report, 2010 – 11.

Referred Business Arising

2.05 BUSINESS ARISING

- From Previous Delegations

- From Board Agenda

- a) The correspondence from an unknown author, from Communications for Action 2.04a), noting they recently learned about a great volunteer program where the school district works with the local retired teachers association to promote the program where the retired teachers are encouraged to volunteer to work with the students in the classroom and help students who might be having trouble with Math or Reading or other subjects the students might be experiencing difficulties with was discussed. It was recommended that the matter be referred to the

BTA/BSD Liaison Committee for review as there may be Collective Agreement ramifications. It was also recommended that the matter be referred to the local Retired Teachers Association for possible organization and/or follow-up. Discussions were held regarding the Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Registry Checks that are required by anyone who volunteers in the Division. Director of Human Resources, Ms. Switzer, was invited to the table to provide information regarding the requirements and costs associated with the required background checks. Senior Administration was directed to forward the matter to the BTA/BSD Liaison Committee as well as write a letter to the Retired Teachers Association about the possibility of taking on the task of organizing such a volunteer program.

- b) The Board agreed to combine all correspondence regarding school playgrounds under one discussion. Therefore, correspondence from Lorie Stutsky, and Amy Grift, from Communications for Action 2.04b), correspondence from Darcie Gervin, Valleyview Centennial School Parent Council, from Communications for Action 2.04f), correspondence from Ramona Coey, Jill Martine, Andrea Plante, and Karen Slawinsky, from Communications for Action 2.04g), École Harrison School, correspondence from Lori Grebinski, Earl Oxford School parent, from Communications for Action 2.04h), and correspondence from Cynthia Brown, George Fitton Parent Council, from Communications for Action 2.04i), regarding school playgrounds was discussed in detail by the Board. It was noted the letters addressed two separate issues. Some parent councils were asking to be involved in the consultation process regarding spending of the surplus, while other parent councils wished to be involved in the review of school playground structures. It was noted that the review of playground structures was to review the safety of each structure and the order in which the structures would be replaced. Such a review required professional expertise and therefore it was inappropriate to seek input from parent councils. It was noted the review of the structures was to be an administrative review, prior to open discussions with parent councils. The Board was respectful of the need to consult with the Community regarding spending of surplus, but the consultation needed to take place after the administrative report had been prepared. Senior Administration was directed to inform all the people who wrote letters to the Board regarding this matter as to the procedure the Board would be following.
- c) The correspondence from Naomi Kruse, Executive Director/Advocacy Project Coordinator, Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC), from Communications for Action 2.04j), noting it is once again time to renew annual memberships for schools in the Division was discussed. It was noted the membership fees is \$40.00 per school. Discussions were held regarding past practice. It was agreed that the Division would pay for the membership as has been done in the past.
- d) The correspondence from Carolyn Duhamel, Executive, Director, Manitoba School Boards Association, from Communications for Action 2.04k), noting school Valedictorians were being invited to incorporate at least one of Graduation Nation's four messages into their graduation speeches and submit the speech for posting on the Graduation Nation Facebook page was discussed. It was agreed to refer the correspondence to the Divisional Futures and Community Relations Committee for further discussion and review.

- e) Discussions regarding the Brandon School Division Student Achievement Summary Report, 2010 – 11 from Communications for Action 2.04I) were held. It was agreed that the report would be forwarded to the Education Committee to study and make any recommendations they deem necessary.

- MAST issues (last meeting of the month)

NIL

- From Report of Senior Administration

- a) School Reports – NIL
- b) Instructional Reports - NIL
- c) Items from Report
 - Giving of Notice – Policy 5010 – Referred Motions.
 - Change of Meeting Date – Referred Motions.
 - École Secondaire Neelin High School Off-Site Activity Request – Referred Motions.
 - Trustee Inquiries:
 - o M. Sefton – Streaming Board Meetings.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, highlighted the information provided in the report of Senior Administration regarding the possibility of video streaming Board meetings. He noted the costs associated with the implementation. It was agreed Senior Administration would make arrangements for the Director of MIST to provide a demonstration on the video streaming of the Lester B. Pearson School Division Board Meetings prior to the beginning of the August Board Meeting.

2.06 Public Inquiries (max. 15 minutes)

NIL

2.07 Motions

83/2011 Mr. Sefton – Mr. Murray

That Policy and Procedures 5010 – “Posting and Assignment of Professional Teaching Staff” be rescinded and replaced with Policy and Procedures 5010 – “Interview, Selection and Assignment of Professional Teaching Staff”.

Carried.

84/2011 Mr. Karnes – Mr. Murray

That the Regular Meeting of the Board scheduled for August 22, 2011 be changed to August 29, 2011 and the Regular Meeting of the Board scheduled for August 20, 2012 to August 27, 2012 in order to allow the Board to meet closer to the beginning of school opening.

Inquiries were made regarding possible conflicts with City Council meetings. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, noted except for overlap in January 2012, Board meetings and City Council meetings would not be conflicting. He confirmed a full report would be provided to the Board of Trustees in the Report of Senior Administration for the July 11, 2011 Board meeting.

Carried.

85/2011 Mr. Murray – Mr. Sefton

That the trip involving 21 high school Social Studies, Canadian History, and English Language Arts students from École Secondaire Neelin High School to Europe from March 22, 2012 to March 31, 2012 be approved and carried out in accordance with Board Policy/Procedures 4001: Off-Site Activities.

Carried.

86/2011 Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Karnes

That the request from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School for financial support for three students to attend the Canadian Skills Competition in Quebec City, Quebec, be approved in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Carried.

87/2011 Mr. Murray – Mr. Karnes

That the request for financial assistance for three Neelin High School students to attend the Canadian Student Leadership Conference to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland from September 27 to October 1, 2011 be approved in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Carried.

88/2011 Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Bartlette

That the request for financial assistance for ten Neelin High School students to attend the Manitoba Student Leadership Conference to be held at the International Peace Gardens October 13 and 14, 2011 be approved in the amount of \$450.00.

Trustee Bowslaugh inquired as to why the funds provided were lower than funds provided for other financial requests. Mr. Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer, noted the costs were not as great and the conference was taking place in Manitoba, close to home.

Carried.

89/2011 Mr. Murray – Mr. Karnes

That the residual cost fees for the students from other divisions attending Vocational Programs at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Elementary or High School Academic Programs and Special Education Programs in the Division during the July 2009 - June 2010 fiscal period and for the July 2010 - June 2011 fiscal period (subject to adjustment to reflect the audited financial statements) be set as follows:

	2009/2010 Final	2010/2011 Estimated
Vocational Students	\$ 4,429	\$ 4,800
Special Education Students	\$17,573	\$18,500
Academic Elementary Students	\$ 3,530	\$ 3,800
Academic High School Students	\$ 3,139	\$ 3,300
<u>Carried.</u>		

90/2011 Mr. Bartlette – Mr. Karnes

That the non-resident tuition fees for students from Sioux Valley Educational Authority Inc. and other First Nations students attending Brandon Division schools during the July 2009 - June 2010 fiscal period and for the July 2010 - June 2011 fiscal period (subject to adjustment to reflect the audited financial statements) be set as follows:

	2009/2010 Final	2010/2011 Estimated
Academic Elementary Students	\$ 7,182	\$ 7,500
Academic High School Students	\$ 6,163	\$ 6,300
Vocational Students	\$ 7,769	\$ 8,200
Special Education Students	\$21,961	\$21,500
Modified Program Students	\$14,300	\$14,200
<u>Carried.</u>		

91/2011 Mr. Sefton – Mr. Murray

That the non-resident tuition fees charged to foreign students for the 2011/2012 school year be set at \$9,500 per student and for the 2012/2013 school year be set at \$9,500 per student.

Trustee Sumner inquired as to why the amount was determined for two years. The Secretary-Treasurer noted the money is required upfront and is not billed as is done with other fees. He confirmed the sum of \$9,500 for the 2011/2012 school year was an increase and that due to the increase in enrollment, the Division could afford to keep the fees the same for the 2012/2013 school year.

Carried.

92/2011 - WITHDRAWN

That the Brandon School Division Board of Trustees collaborate with the Brandon Teachers Association to host a Provincial all candidates forum on educational matters; including providing financial support to host the forum.

93/2011 Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Karnes

That the low tender of Brandon Heating & Plumbing Ltd. in the amount of \$266,780.11, including all applicable taxes, for the installation of a Aerco boiler at Betty Gibson School, be accepted, subject to approval by the Public School Finance Board.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, confirmed that the Division had received approval from the Public Schools Finance Board on June 24, 2011.

Carried.

The Board agreed to the following motions following discussions under Section 2.03 – “Delegations and Petitions”:

94/2011 Mr. Murray – Mr. Sefton

That the ten (10) school of choice applications previously denied for acceptance at Linden Lanes School and as presented at this meeting be hereby accepted for school of choice effective September, 2011.

Carried.

95/2011 Mr. Sefton – Mr. Murray

That the appeals for school of choice by parents presented at this meeting from the Brookwood area (outside Linden Lanes School catchment) be approved to attend Linden Lanes School under school of choice effective September, 2011.

Carried.

96/2011 Mr. Murray – Mr. Karnes

That the addition of 1.125 teacher positions be approved as an over-expenditure for Linden Lanes School at an estimated cost of \$90,000 to meet the school of choice applications approved at this meeting.

Carried.

2.08 Bylaws

Mr. Karnes – Mr. Sefton

That By-Law 5/2011 being a by-law authorizing the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the Brandon School Division to meet current expenses for the fiscal year, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$10,000,000 be now read for a third and final time, taken as read and finally passed.

Carried.

2.09 Giving of Notice

NIL

2.10 Inquiries

- **Trustee Inquiries**

NIL

3.00 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:**3.01 Report of Senior Administration**

The Board agreed to postpone discussions regarding the Brandon School Division Year End Report to the July meeting.

Trustee Sefton asked Senior Administration to speak to the grad rates noted in the summary report. The graduation rates for each high school were recorded as follows:

Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School	89%
Neelin High School	90%
Neelin High School – Off-Campus Site	74%
Vincent Massey High School	96%

It was noted the increase in the grad rate was a result of the Division's strong focus on student achievement, attendance, positive reinforcement, student engagement and monitoring course completion.

Trustee Ross noted the Report included the accomplishments of Gideon Bookatz, who ranked in the 99th percentile in the University of Toronto National Biology Competition and will be awarded a National Biology Scholar with Distinction Award, as well as Jillian Perreux who ranked in the 97th percentile and will be awarded a National Biology Scholar Certificate. She also noted the Brandon School Division Teaching Staff who had received Graduate Diplomas in Education and Masters of Education at the Brandon University Spring Convocation. Dr. Ross asked that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the students and each of the teachers noted in the Report of Senior Admin as well as to Jim Hartle, teacher, for his participation on the Provincial Grade 12 Applied Mathematics Standards Test Development Committee and Ms. Kristi Ann Aston teacher, who has been selected as a participant in Manitoba Education's Teacher Leadership Program. The Board agreed letters of congratulations were to be sent.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, confirmed the Student Engagement Survey was included in the Annual Report.

Mr. Murray – Mr. Sefton

That the report be received and filed.

Carried.

3.02 Communications for Information

- a) Donna Turner, PhD, Chair, Partners in Planning for Healthy Living, undated, noting the next Youth Healthy Survey (YHS) is being planned for the fall of 2012 when schools across Manitoba will be invited to participate in an anonymous and confidential survey. The 2012 YHS will contain new questions and topics to better align with current research and practices and will likely be accompanied by a survey for administrators so that data on school characteristics can be collected to explore their relationship with the health behavior of our youth.

Ordered Filed.

- b) Nancy Allan, Minister of Education, undated, noting Manitoba Education is pleased to launch the sixth annual *Minister's Awards* to recognize and to celebrate outstanding Manitoba teachers and school administrators. Complete information on the nomination process and all necessary forms are available online: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/K12/excellence/. The submission deadline for nominations is December 14, 2011.

Trustee Bartlette confirmed that Senior Administration was following up on the name which had been proposed last year for this award.

Ordered Filed.

- c) Darryl Gervais, Director, Instruction, Curriculum Assessment Branch, Manitoba Education, undated, noting Manitoba Education is pleased to present *Grade 12 Biology: A Foundation for Implementation*. This document supports the implementation of general and specific learning outcomes of the Grade 12 Biology curriculum in the 2011/2012 school year. At the end of June 2011, *Grade 12 Biology: A Foundation for Implementation* will be available on the Manitoba Education website at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/science/scicurr.html. Comments are invited and the feedback form will be available on the Manitoba Education website.

Referred to the Education Committee.

- d) Darryl Gervais, Director, Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Branch, Manitoba Education, undated, noting Manitoba Education is pleased to present the *Grade 11 History of Canada* poster. This poster supports the implementation of the new Grade 11 social studies curriculum. Voluntary implementation for Grade 11 social studies began in the 2009/2010 school year and continued in the 2010/2011 school year. Grade 11 implementation has been extended for an additional year, with system-wide implementation beginning in the 2012/2013 school year. The Grade 11 curriculum document is currently under development, with timelines to be announced at a later date. The poster is also available on the Manitoba Education website at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/socstud/history_gr11/index.html.

Ordered Filed.

- e) Nancy Allan, Minister of Education, June 9, 2011, advising that Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School will be receiving "Technical Vocational Equipment Upgrade" funding and Professional Development Support" funding for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$23,342.00 as follows:

Equipment	Food Services	\$10,684.00
Equipment	Automotive	\$ 8,758.00
Professional Development	Cosmetology (hairstyling)	\$ 3,900.00

Ordered Filed.

- f) Gary Draper, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Fort La Bosse School Division, June 13, 2011, addressed to the Manitoba Minister of Justice expressing concern about the outcome of a court hearing involving one of their school bus drivers and a resident who drove through the flashing overhead lights while loading school children. The driver of the vehicle was found guilty of the offence but did not receive a fine, or any demerits for the offence. Every year they participate in

an awareness campaign involving safety in and around school buses and we impress upon the drivers that it is important to report any drive-bys. "But they are at the point where they are now asking the question, why bother?" The Division will always strive to provide a safe environment for their transported students regardless of the apparent lack of support from the Judicial System.

Referred to MSBA Resolutions Committee.

3.03 Announcements

- a) Thank-you BBQ in honour of those who helped in the temporary relocation of Kirkcaldy Heights School to Brandon University – 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 30, 2011, Admin Office Parking Lot.
- b) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 11, 2011, Board Room.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE:

Trustee Sumner noted Superintendent, Dr. Michaels had received a MERN Research Achievement Award for Innovation, Excellence, Effectiveness and Participation in partnerships and collaboration across education stakeholder groups.

Mr. Karnes – Mr. Sumner

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

Carried.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

4.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION:

4.01 Student Issues

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

4.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports

- a) Confidential #1 – Personnel Report was noted.
- b) Dr. Michaels provided a verbal report on a teacher personnel matter.
- c) Confidential #3 regarding an out-of-scope personnel matter was provided by Dr. L. Ross, Personnel Committee Chair.
- d) Confidential #2 on a Senior Administration personnel matter was discussed.

- Trustee Inquiries

4.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

4.04 Board Operations

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

Mr. Snelling – Mr. Bartlette

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

Carried.

IN BOARD

5.00 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Karnes – Mr. Bartlette

That the meeting do now adjourn (11:00 p.m.)

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer