



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

April 9, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

TO BE HELD MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021  
6:00 P.M. (In-Camera)

J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA

D. Labossiere  
Secretary-Treasurer

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## AGENDA

### 1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

#### 1.01 Approval of Agenda

#### 1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) Board Meeting, March 22, 2021.  
Adopt.

### 2.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

#### 2.01 Student Issues

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

#### 2.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

#### 2.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

**2.04 Board Operations**

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

**3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**3.01 Presentations for Information**

**3.02 Communications for Information**

**3.03 Communications for Action**

**4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION**

- From Report of Senior Administration

**5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

**5.01 Reports of Committees**

**5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)**

**5.03 Business Arising**

- From Previous Delegation
- From Board Agenda
- MSBA Issues

**5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)**

**5.05 Motions**

**5.06 Bylaws**

**5.07 Giving of Notice**

**5.08 Trustee Inquiries**

**6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 26, 2021, Boardroom.

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**7.00 ADJOURNMENT**



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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. (Public), MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

L. Ross, Chairperson	
S. Bambridge, Vice-Chairperson	
C. Ekenna	K. Fallis
B. Foley	J. Gobeil
D. Kejick (entered at 6:15 p.m.)	L. Letain
J. Murray	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Gustafson, A/Superintendent / CEO
E. McFadzen, Assistant Superintendent
B. Sangster, Recording Secretary
T. Curtis, Live Streaming Video Operator

The Chairperson called the In-Camera portion of the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

## AGENDA

### 1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

#### 1.01 Approval of Agenda

Trustee Murray added one (1) item for In-Camera.

Trustee Ross added one (1) item for In-Camera.

Senior Administration added four (4) items for In-Camera.

Ms. Bambridge – Ms. Letain  
That the agenda be approved as amended.  
Carried.

#### 1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) The Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 8, 2021 were circulated.

Ms. Fallis – Ms. Letain  
That the Minutes be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

Ms. Letain – Mr. Gobeil

That the Board do now resolve into Committee of the Whole In-Camera. (6:08 p.m.)

Carried.

## **2.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE):**

### **2.01 Student Issues**

#### **- Reports**

- a) Mr. Mathew Gustafson, A/Superintendent / CEO, provided information on a Student Matter and answered Trustee questions.
- b) Mr. Gustafson provided information on a Student Matter.

#### **- Trustee Inquiries**

### **2.02 Personnel Matters**

#### **- Reports**

- a) Staffing Activity Report
- b) The A/Superintendent / CEO, provided information on a Personnel Matter.
- c) Mr. Denis Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer, provided information on a Personnel Matter and received direction from the Board.

#### **- Trustee Inquiries**

### **2.03 Property Matters/Tenders**

#### **- Reports**

#### **- Trustee Inquiries**

- a) Trustee Murray requested information on a Property Matter. The Secretary-Treasurer provided information regarding the matter.

### **2.04 Board Operations**

#### **- Reports**

- a) Trustee Ross discussed a Board Operations Matter with Trustees and received Board direction.

#### **- Trustee Inquiries**

Mr. Ekenna – Mr. Foley

That the Committee of the Whole In-Camera do now resolve into Board. (6:55 p.m.)

Carried.

The Chairperson called the Public portion of the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with a traditional heritage acknowledgement.

## **3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **3.01 Presentations For Information**

### **3.02 Communications For Information**

- a) Honourable Cliff Cullen, Minister of Education, March 5, 2021, sent to Dr. Linda Ross, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, to advise that the Brandon School Division has been

provided with a grant of \$160,000 toward the 2020-2021 participation of George Fitton and New Era Schools in Manitoba Education's Community School Program (CSP). This grant demonstrates the government's commitment to supporting strong family and student engagement education.

The CSP enhances the capacity of schools as hubs within communities to strategically gather and deploy school-community resources and services in ways that enhance the impact of effective classroom instruction and help attain better educational, health and social outcomes for students and families.

Received and filed.

### **3.03 Communications For Action**

## **4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Mathew Gustafson, A/Superintendent / CEO, provided highlights on the following items from the March 22, 2021 Report of Senior Administration:

- Administrative Information
  - Celebrations
    - International Women's Day
  - Information Items
    - 2021-2022 French Immersion Kindergarten Registration Summary
    - 2021-2022 St. Augustine School Kindergarten Registration Summary
    - Scholarship Agreement Changes for the 2020-2021 School Year
  - Presentations:
    - Land-Based Learning and Traditional Teachings Project, in Partnership with Brandon Friendship Centre Inc. – Mr. Mathew Gustafson, A/Superintendent / CEO.

Ms. Bambridge – Ms. Kejick

That the March 22, 2021 Report of Senior Administration be received and filed.

Carried.

## **5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

### **5.01 Reports of Committees**

- a) Education and Community Relations  
The written report of the Education and Community Relations Committee meeting held on March 8, 2021 was circulated.

Ms. Letain – Mr. Gobeil

That the Report be received and filed.

Carried.

- b) Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting  
The written report of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held on March 8, 2021 was circulated.

Dr. Ross – Mr. Ekenna  
That the Report be received and filed.  
Carried.

- c) Personnel and Policy  
The written report of the Personnel and Policy Committee meeting held on March 8, 2021 was circulated.

Mr. Murray – Ms. Fallis  
That the Report be received and filed.  
Carried.

## **5.02 Delegations and Petitions**

### **5.03 Business Arising**

- From Previous Delegation
- From Board Agenda

#### **- MSBA Matters**

- a) e-bulletin – March 3, 2021
- b) CSBA President's Bulletin – Winter 2021

## **5.04 Public Inquiries (max. 15 minutes)**

## **5.05 Motions**

- 112021 Mr. Foley – Ms. Fallis  
That the Board approve the research request from Dr. Alysha Farrell, Brandon University, for the research project entitled "*Fostering Healthy Responses to Climate Change Anxiety Among Young People in Southwestern Manitoba through an Arts-based Community of Practice*".  
Carried.

- 12/2021 Mr. Murray – Mr. Foley  
That the promissory note LTPS0436 for the purpose of borrowing the sum of Three Million Two Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$3,279,700) to meet partial construction costs of the following:

#### **School**

Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School  
Maryland Park School  
Various Schools

#### **Project**

Roofing Replacement  
New K-8 School  
Expanded Capital Program 20/21

be approved.

Carried.

## **5.06 Bylaws**

## **5.07 Giving of Notice**

### **5.08 Trustee Inquiries**

Trustee Murray spoke on a concern regarding the school playgrounds. Currently, Brandon School Division, school parent councils and the City of Brandon contribute funds for new school play structures.

For approximately 10 years, there has been an agreement with the City of Brandon and Parent Councils to share costs for the school play structures. This agreement provides equity between schools that are better able to do the fundraising, and schools that struggle to raise those funds. He indicated that we need to put this out in the community so that people have fair warning that the deal in place with our school parent councils for these play structures is not going to be there any longer. The announcement by Cliff Cullen is going to put a burden on parent councils. There was also a schedule put in place to replace older play structures, which assists school parent councils in knowing the timeline and how much they need to fundraise. The majority of the structures at Division schools are over \$100,000, which becomes an impossible feat for parent councils for fundraising.

Trustee Murray asked if the Board would be in favour of sending out a letter to parent councils in the Division to let them know, and given them fair warning, that this deal no longer exists. He believes people need to know this and start talking to the MLAs about where this money is going to come from, now that the Province has done away with Divisions.

Trustee Bambridge spoke in favour of holding a virtual meeting with parent council representatives and welcoming any questions they may have concerning the situation.

Trustee Gobeil thanked his fellow Trustees for bringing up this matter and spoke in support of the virtual meeting. The more the Division creates the environment of learning and understanding what is actually happening with the changes of Government, it is going to better inform all of us citizens and parents who have children in the system. This is really going to change how we look and how we form ourselves, not just as a Division but as parent councils moving forward.

Trustee Bambridge suggested that the MLAs also be invited to attend the meeting with parent councils.

The Board supported holding a virtual meeting with parent councils and MLAs.

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**7.00 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Murray – Ms. Kejick  
That the Board do now adjourn (7:43 p.m.)  
Carried.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer