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., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012.

PRESENT:
Mr. Peter Bartlette, Mrs. Pat Bowslaugh, Mr. Doug Karnes, Mr. Glen Kruck, Mr. Jim Murray, Dr. Linda Ross, Mr. Marty Snelling, Mr. Mark Sefton, Mr. Kevan Sumner.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. K. Zabowski, Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. Bailey, Live Streaming Video Operation, Ms. K. Boklaschuk

Senior Administration: Dr. D. M. Michaels, Superintendent, Mr. D. Labossiere, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

REGRETS:
Mr. G. Malazdrewicz, Associate Superintendent, Ms. B. Switzer, Director of Human Resources.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Zabowski, 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 noted Trustee Mark Sefton had requested his name be brought forth for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the ensuring 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.

Mrs. Bowslaugh – Mr. Kruck
That nominations do now cease.
Carried.

The Acting Chairperson declared Mr. Mark Sefton to be duly elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuring year commencing September 4, 2012.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

The Acting Chairperson noted Trustee Peter Bartlette had requested his name be brought forth for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the ensuring year.

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

Trustee Doug Karnes nominated Trustee Jim Murray.

Mr. Snelling – Mr. Sumner
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. Jim Murray to be duly elected by majority vote as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuring year commencing September 4, 2012.

Mr. Kruck – Dr. Ross
That the ballots be destroyed.
Carried.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Trustee Sefton:

"Trustees, I am deeply honoured by your expressing your confidence in me to serve another term. I am also very appreciative of your support and guidance over the last year. I can say, in all honesty, it has been very energizing working with you and the variety of opinions that we share around the table and we see in the emails. So I am looking forward to continuing this. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Senior Administration team for your support and your willingness to go the extra mile to help us out. And, where would we be without Sheri Bailey? She keeps us on track and focused. She has a different word for it, but we will go with on track and focused. Thank-you all.

We have a number of challenges in front of us, not the least of which is the facilities sustainability series of consultations that are coming up. This is a tremendous challenge for us. I also believe it presents us with a tremendous opportunity to have a say, a voice, an active role, in shaping the very future of the Brandon School Division. I know that sounds a little melodramatic, but this is a big time for us, and a very important time.

At this time I would also like to thank all the employees of the Brandon School Division for their diligent efforts, working to make sure that all students can achieve their potential and that is very important. Without that commitment from all employees, we wouldn't have the success that we are seeing in our student achievement results.

So Trustees, I am very much looking forward to working with you for another year. It's going to be an exciting year. I believe we have many challenges. We have much to do and we have much to offer. It's going to be fun! It's going to be hard work! Thank-you very much!"

Point of Privilege: Trustee Bowslaugh wished to acknowledge the work that Marty Snelling has done during his tenure as Vice-Chair. She felt he acted with due diligence throughout. She thanked him on behalf of the Board and the Community for those connections he has in the Community that he brings to the Board's attention. On behalf of the Board she wished to thank Trustee Snelling.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Trustee Murray:

"Briefly Mr. Chair, first off I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for the trust you have placed in me electing me as the Vice-Chair for the ensuing year. I will certainly do my best to represent you and to work co-operatively with Trustee Sefton in making sure that the objectives of this Board are moved forward and that they are met. Mark is right that we have a very busy year and a very important year coming up. A facility review is something that we have to get right and we are going to have very few chances to hear what the public has to say and to make sure that we do that. It is very serious work and I think that is exactly the way this Board will do that work, very seriously. Of course, Mr. Sefton and I, neither one of us has a very good sense of humour, so you don't have to worry about any frivolity in the Board Room I would think.

But anyways, thank-you very much for the trust you have placed in me. I will work co-operatively with Mr. Sefton, and we will see that the work of this Board moves forward.

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.

REMARKS:

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, on behalf of Senior Administration offered the Chair the very best in his endevours noting over the past year he has governed with wisdom, humour and common sense. She welcomed Mr. Murray back to an executive position on the Board and wished him well. She noted Senior Administration looked forward to working with the Board to meet their needs.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Zabowski, also congratulated both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Ross – Mrs. Bowslaugh
That the meeting do now adjourn (7:20 p.m.)
Carried.

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Chairperson	Secretary-Treasurer