



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS, AT 7:00 P.M. (Public), MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

L. Ross, Chairperson	
S. Bambridge, Vice-Chairperson	
C. Ekenna	K. Fallis
B. Foley	J. Gobeil
D. Kejick (joined at 6:20 p.m.)	L. Letain
J. Murray	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with a traditional heritage acknowledgement.

## **AGENDA**

### **1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:**

#### **1.01 Approval of Agenda**

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

Senior Administration added seven (7) items for In-Camera.

Mr. Murray – Mr. Gobeil

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

#### **1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

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

Mr. Ekenna – Ms. Fallis

That the Minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried.

- b) The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held February 18, 2021 were circulated.

Ms. Fallis – Mr. Gobeil

That the Minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried.

Mr. Foley – Mr. Ekenna

That the Board do now resolve into Committee of the Whole In-Camera. (6:06 p.m.)

Carried.

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

### **2.01 Student Issues**

#### **- Reports**

- a) Ms. Elaine McFadzen, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on a Student Matter.

#### **- Trustee Inquiries**

- a) Trustee Foley spoke on a Student Matter and asked questions. Mr. Mathew Gustafson, A/Superintendent / CEO, provided a response.

### **2.02 Personnel Matters**

#### **- Reports**

- a) Staffing Activity Report  
b) The A/Superintendent / CEO, provided information on six (6) Personnel Matters.

#### **- Trustee Inquiries**

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

#### **- Reports**

#### **- Trustee Inquiries**

### **2.04 Board Operations**

#### **- Reports**

#### **- Trustee Inquiries**

Mr. Gobeil – Mr. Ekenna

That the Committee of the Whole In-Camera do now resolve into Board. (6:44 p.m.)

Carried.

## **3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **3.01 Presentations For Information**

- a) Mr. Cale Dunbar, President, Brandon Teachers' Association (BTA), February 9, 2021, sent to the Board of Trustees, expressing appreciation for the message of support forwarded to Brandon School Division staff for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Mr. Dunbar thanked the Board for taking the time to recognize the challenges teachers are facing during these unusual times, noting that the acknowledgement of teachers' continued dedication and commitment is appreciated.

Received and filed.

- b) Mr. Jamie Rose, President, CUPE Local 737, submitted communication to the Board on February 9, 2021, thanking Trustees for their message to staff in regards to Teacher Staff and Appreciation Week, February 8 to 12, 2021.

Received and filed.

### **3.02 Communications For Information**

### **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 February 22, 2021 Report of Senior Administration:

- Administrative Information
  - Manitoba Education Correspondence:
    - Community Schools Unit School Mental Health Survey
    - Skills Strategy Enhancement Fund 2020-2021
    - French Second Language Revitalization Program
  - Presentations:
    - Indigenous Learning Kit – M. Gustafson, A/Superintendent / CEO, A. Martin, Indigenous Education Specialist

Ms. Bambridge – Mr. Gobeil

That the February 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 February 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 February 8, 2021 was circulated.

Dr. Ross – Ms. Bambridge

That the Report be received and filed.

Carried.

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

Mr. Murray – Mr. Ekenna  
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 – February 3, 2021
- b) e-bulletin – February 16, 2021

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

### **5.05 Motions**

06/2021 Ms. Fallis – Ms. Bambridge  
That the Trustees be paid the appropriate indemnity for attending the Manitoba School Boards Association 2021 Convention to be held virtually on March 19, 2021.  
Carried.

07/2021 Mr. Gobeil – Mr. Foley  
That the School Calendar for the 2021-2022 School Year be established, as proposed.  
Carried.

08/2021 Mr. Ekenna – Mr. Murray  
That the purchase of four (4) Blue Bird propane school buses for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$644,236.32 (including taxes), of which \$24,192 be funded through the School Bus Video Surveillance Hardware Capital Reserve, and \$620,044.22 through the School Bus Capital Reserve, be approved.  
Carried.

### **5.06 Bylaws**

### **5.07 Giving of Notice**

### **5.08 Trustee Inquiries**

## **6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Brandon Community Drug and Alcohol Education Coalition Meeting – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 25, 2021, via Microsoft Teams.
- b) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2021, Boardroom.
- c) Upcoming Budget Dates:
  - Public Budget Consultation/Presentations – 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 1, 2021, Boardroom.

– Final Budget Approval – 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2021, Boardroom.

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**7.00 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Murray – Ms. Fallis

That the Board do now adjourn (7:49 p.m.)

Carried.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer