



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

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, DECEMBER 9, 2019.

PRESENT:

Dr. L. Ross, Chairperson, Ms. S. Bambridge, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. P. Bartlette, Ms. K. Fallis, Ms. D. Kejick, Ms. L. Letain (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Mr. S. Montague.

Mr. D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. B. Sangster, Recording Secretary, Ms. T. Curtis, Live Streaming Video Operator.

Senior Administration: Dr. M. Casavant, Superintendent/CEO, Mr. M. Gustafson, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. E. McFadzen, Assistant Superintendent.

REGRETS:

Mr. J. Murray.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

Senior Administration added eight (8) In-Camera items to the agenda.

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

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

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

Mr. Bartlette – Ms. Fallis

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) The Minutes of the Board Meeting held November 25, 2019 were circulated.

Ms. Bambridge – Mr. Bartlette

That the Minutes be approved.

Carried.

Ms. Fallis – Ms. Kejick

That the Board do now resolve into Committee of the Whole In-Camera. (6:07 p.m.)

Carried.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

2.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION:

2.01 Student Issues

- Reports

- a) Dr. Marc Casavant, Superintendent/CEO, provided information on two (2) Student Matters.
- b) Mr. Denis Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer, provided an update on a Student Matter.
- c) Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on a Student Matter.

- Trustee Inquiries

2.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports

- a) Confidential #1 – Personnel Report was presented.
- b) The Secretary-Treasurer provided an update on a Personnel Matter.
- c) The Superintendent/CEO, discussed two (2) Personnel Matters with the Board. He answered Trustee questions and received direction from the Board.

- Trustee Inquiries

2.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports

- a) The Secretary-Treasurer provided updates on a Property Matter.

- Trustee Inquiries

2.04 Board Operations

- Reports

- a) Trustee Ross spoke on a Board Operations Matter.
- b) Trustee Bambridge spoke on a Board Operations Matter.
- c) Trustee Montague discussed a Board Operations Matter.

- Trustee Inquiries

Mr. Bartlette – Ms. Letain

That the Committee of the Whole In-Camera do now resolve into Board. (6:59 p.m.)

Carried.

The Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a traditional heritage acknowledgement and welcomed everyone in attendance.

3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3.01 Presentations For Information

3.02 Communications For Information

- a) Correspondence addressed to Trustee Ross, Board Chairperson, from the Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs), Brandon School Division, November 18, 2019, expressing their appreciation for supporting their attendance at the Closing the Gap Conference in Prior Lake, Minnesota. This conference brings together the leading experts and specialists in the area of Augmentative/Alternative Communication and Assistive Technology. With Brandon School Division's commitment to support and increase the use of Accessible Learning materials and training, this conference laid the foundation for developing further training, determining goals in their high impact role alike team and gathering insights to assist Division students.

The SLP's note that they appreciate the continued openness and support from Mrs. McFadzen and Dr. Casavant, and they appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow as a clinical group. The experience has already shown measurable impact with students and in school teams.

Ordered Filed.

3.03 Communications For Action

4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

The Superintendent/CEO provided highlights on the following items from the December 9, 2019 Report of Senior Administration:

- Administrative Information
 - Celebrations
 - Mental Health and Addictions Supports – Betty Gibson School
 - Information Items
 - Manitoba Education Correspondence
 - Proclamation re: Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
 - Letter Regarding E-Cigarettes (Vaping)
 - Vincent Massey High School Off-Site Activity
 - Trustee By-Election
 - Presentations
 - Continuous Improvement at Riverview School – N. Warwaruk, C. Roberts
- Business Arising for Board Action
 - Information for Discussion and Correspondence
 - Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School Off-Site Activity Request
 - The Brandon Catholic School Board
 - Senior Administration Response to Trustee Inquiries – S. Montague – Vaping Inquiry

Trustee Ross thanked the Riverview School group for attending and presenting.

Trustee Bambridge suggested that the Board write letters to the MLAs, Minister of Justice and Minister of Education requesting that the Province of Manitoba start looking at tightening up legislation on their regulations regarding vaping. The Board agreed that letters would be sent.

Trustee Montague thanked Senior Administration for preparing their response to his inquiry.

Ms. Bambridge – Mr. Bartlette

That the December 9, 2019 Report of Senior Administration be received and filed.

Carried.

5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**5.01 Reports of Committees**

- a) Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
The written report of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held on November 26, 2019 was circulated.

Mr. Montague – Ms. Letain
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

5.04 Public Inquiries (max. 15 minutes)**5.05 Motions**

- 80/2019 Mr. Montague – Ms. Bambridge
That the Board of Trustees of the Brandon School Division opposes Quebec's Bill 21 that bans public servants in positions of authority, such as teachers, from wearing religious symbols, such as a turban, hijab, kippah or crucifix;

And further, that the Board of Trustees reiterate our commitment to all students, parents, staff and community members from diverse backgrounds of creating and supporting an inclusive and welcoming environment in our schools and in the community.

Carried.

- 81/2019 Ms. Fallis – Mr. Bartlette
That the request involving approximately fifteen (15) male and ten (10) female Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School students in grades 10 to 12, who are part of the Crocus Plains Design Drafting Department Travel Club, to make a trip to Greece from March 26 to April 3, 2021 be approved and carried out in accordance with Board Policy #9.

Carried.

- 82/2019 Ms. Bambridge – Ms. Kejick
That the Agreement between the Division, The Brandon Catholic School Board and The Roman Catholic Archbishopial Corporation regarding St. Augustine School be approved; and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to affix their signatures thereto.

Carried.

- 83/2019 Ms. Fallis – Mr. Montague
That Off-Campus School be now renamed as Prairie Hope High School.

Carried.

84/2019 Mr. Bartlette – Ms. Fallis

That the Tender from Benmarks in the amount of \$131,681.34 (including taxes) for The Supply and Installation of an Internet Protocol Paging Solution at J.R. Reid School, to be funded from the Designated Surplus, be accepted.

Carried.

85/2019 Mr. Montague – Mr. Bartlette

That the proposal from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$508,887 (plus applicable taxes) for facility lighting upgrades at Crocus Plains, Earl Oxford and George Fitton, to be funded from the Designated Surplus, be accepted.

Trustee Bartlette asked what this project might meant to the Division in regards to energy use. The Secretary-Treasurer responded that there would be an annual energy savings of approximately \$41,641.

Carried.

5.06 Bylaws

Mr. Kejick

By-Law 12/2019

2nd Reading:

That By-law 12/2019, being a borrowing by-law in the amount of \$1,127,800 upon the credit of the Division by the issue and sale of the security to meet partial costs for construction of:

School

Earl Oxford School
Green Acres School
King George School
Maryland Park School
Riverheights School

Project

One Modular Classroom unit
Heating System and Unit Ventilator Replacement
Roof Top Unit Replacement
New K-8 School
Roof Replacement

be now read for the second time, having been first read on November 25, 2019.

Carried.

3rd Reading:

That the rules be suspended and By-Law 12/2019 be now read for a third and final time, and taken as read, finally passed.

Carried.

Point of Privilege:

Trustee Bartlette confirmed with the Secretary-Treasurer that By-law 12/2019 is for progress payments on projects already in progress.

5.07 Giving of Notice

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Teacher Liaison Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Boardroom.
- b) Support Personnel Labour Management Committee Meeting – 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2019, Room 302.
- c) Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting – 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019, Boardroom.
- d) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m. (Public), Monday, January 13, 2020, Boardroom.
- e) Upcoming Budget Dates:
 - Budget Presentations – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2020, Boardroom.
 - Public Budget Consultation – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 20, 2020, Boardroom.
 - Budget Deliberations – 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 24, 2020, Boardroom.
 - Public Budget Presentations – 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2020, Boardroom.
 - Final Budget Approval – 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2020, Boardroom.

Ms. Letain - Ms. Bambridge

That the Board do now resolve into Committee of the Whole In-Camera. (8:00 p.m.)

Carried.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA (8:15 p.m.)

Mr. Bartlette – Ms. Kejick

That the Committee of the Whole In-Camera do now resolve into Board. (8:50 p.m.)

Carried.

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fallis – Ms. Letain

That the Board do now adjourn. (8:50 p.m.)

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer