



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD IN THE J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA, AT 6:00 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: L. Ross, Chairperson J. Gobeil, Vice-Chairperson
S. Bambridge C. Ekenna (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)
K. Fallis B. Foley
D. Kejick (by phone) L. Letain
J. Murray

ALSO PRESENT: D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent
J. Zilkey, 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 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

Senior Administration added seven (7) 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 February 28, 2022 were circulated.

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

b) The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held March 7, 2022 were circulated.

Mr. Gobeil – Mr. Foley
That the Minutes be approved as circulated.
Carried.

Mr. Murray – Ms. Letain

That the Board do now resolve into Committee of the Whole In-Camera. (6:04 p.m.)

Carried.

2.00 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE):

2.01 Student Issues

- Reports

- a) Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO, provided information on a Student Matter.

- Trustee Inquiries

2.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports

- a) Staffing Activity Report was presented.
- b) The Superintendent/CEO provided information on a Personnel Matter and received direction from the Board.
- c) The Superintendent/CEO informed the Board of a Personnel Matter and answered Trustee questions.

- Trustee Inquiries

2.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports

- a) Mr. Denis Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer, provided an update on a Board Operations Matter.

- Trustee Inquiries

2.04 Board Operations

- Reports

- a) The Secretary-Treasurer provided information on a Board Operations Matter.
- b) The Secretary-Treasurer provided information on a Board Operations Matter and received direction from the Board.
- c) The Secretary-Treasurer provided information on a Board Operations Matter and received feedback from the Board.

- Trustee Inquiries

Mr. Foley – Mr. Ekenna

That the Committee of the Whole In-Camera do now resolve into Board. (7:19 p.m.)

Carried.

The Chairperson called the Public portion of the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with a traditional heritage acknowledgement.

3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3.01 Presentations For Information

3.02 Communications For Information

- a) Correspondence from the Honourable Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, February 17, 2022, to Alan Campbell, President, Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA), advising that Bill 45, The Public Schools Amendment and Manitoba Teachers' Society Amendment Act was proclaimed into force on January 31, 2022. The amendments to The Public Schools Act and The Manitoba Teachers' Society Act create a streamlined bargaining framework where all items are negotiated at a central table. As the Act requires the Minister to appoint an employer bargaining representative to represent the employers' organization, and given the MSBA's existing role in supporting bargaining, the Minister appoints MSBA as the employer bargaining representative. Divisions should work with MSBA to develop a bargaining strategy, which will be used to bargain the next round of collective agreements.

Received and filed.

3.03 Communications For Action

4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO, provided highlights on the following items from the March 14, 2022 Report of Senior Administration:

A) Administrative Information

- Celebrations:
 - The Superintendent/CEO acknowledged March 14, 2022 as "Pi Day".
 - Major Production – Vincent Massey High School: *"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"*
 - Teal Up (Month of the Military Child) – April 28, 2022
 - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) for Girls at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School
- Information Items:
 - Correspondence from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning
 - Manitoba Arts Education Grant
 - 2022-2023 School Year Calendar
- Early Years, Middle Years, and High School Athletics – Highlights from Semester One
- Scholarship Agreement Changes for the 2021-2022 School Year
- K-12 Education / Public Health Update on COVID-19 Response
- Presentations:
 - Attendance Monitoring and COVID-19 Case Prevalence – S. Gilleshammer
 - Administrative Procedure 4565 – *Standards for Seclusion and Restraint in Schools*

Mr. Gobeil – Ms. Letain

That the March 14, 2022 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 February 28, 2022 was circulated.

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

- b) Personnel and Policy Committee Meeting
The written report of the Personnel and Policy Committee meeting held on February 28, 2022 was circulated.

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

5.02 Delegations and Petitions

5.03 Business Arising

- From Previous Delegation
- From Board Agenda

- a) Mask Mandate – Update

Trustee Ross spoke on additional information on the guidance for protective measures provided by Public Health and Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. Schools and childcare facilities are to follow Public Health guidance on mask use, meaning that they will no longer be required for staff or students. Physical distancing requirements and cohorts are also no longer required in these settings. Manitoba, including schools, will move to limited risk/green under the Pandemic Response System. She added that it is possible for Boards to come to a different opinion, but the Board would then have to request authorization from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning.

Trustees spoke in favour of the removal of masks and will abide by the Public Health Guidelines. The Board respects everyone's personal choice on whether to wear a mask.

Trustees encouraged students to respect and have empathy for those who might make a different decision. Everyone should be respectful and kind during this time.

- b) Joint Use of Schools

Trustees discussed the re-opening of schools for indoor community use. Several Trustees indicated they would prefer to wait for a few weeks after Spring Break before opening schools, while other Trustees wanted to see schools available as soon as possible for community use. Trustees asked questions for clarification. Trustees voted in favour of waiting two (2) weeks after Spring Break before opening schools for community use. It was agreed that on Monday, April 18, 2022, the schools will be available for indoor bookings.

- MSBA Matters

- a) e-bulletin – March 9, 2022

5.04 Public Inquiries (max. 15 minutes)

5.05 Motions

Late Motion:

17/2022 Ms. Bambridge – Mr. Murray

That the purchase of two (2) Blue Bird propane school buses and one (1) Blue Bird diesel school bus for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$544,528.32 (including taxes) be funded by the School Bus Capital Reserve.

Carried.

5.06 Bylaws

5.07 Giving of Notice

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Ross reminded everyone that the Monday, March 28, 2022, Board meeting has been cancelled due to Spring Break.

- a) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 7:30 p.m. (public), Monday, April 11, 2022, Boardroom.

Additional Information:

- Members of the public wishing to make a presentation, a delegation or a petition are asked to contact Ms. Bernadene Sangster, Executive Assistant, at sangster.bernadene@bsd.ca, or (204) 729-3114, no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting.
- We invite everyone to watch live streaming of the Board meetings on our website: <https://www.bsd.ca/page/8192/board-meeting-dates-live-streaming>

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gobeil – Ms. Fallis

That the Board do now adjourn (8:42 p.m.)

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer