



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., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: L. Ross, Chairperson
J. Gobeil, Vice-Chairperson
S. Bambridge C. Ekenna
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

REGRETS:

The Chairperson called the In-Camera portion of the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

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

Trustee Ross added one (1) item 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 September 27, 2021 were circulated.

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

Ms. Fallis – Mr. Foley

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) Mr. Mathew Gustafson, Superintendent / CEO, provided information on three (3) Student Matters and answered Trustee questions.
- b) The Superintendent / CEO provided an update on a Student Matter.

- Trustee Inquiries

2.02 Personnel Matters

- Reports

- a) Staffing Activity Report was presented.
- b) Mr. Denis Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer, provided information on a Personnel Matter and received direction from the Board.
- c) The Secretary-Treasurer provided information on a Personnel Matter, answered Trustee questions and received direction from the Board.
- d) Trustee Ross spoke on a Personnel Matter. Senior Administration provided background information and answered Trustee questions. The Board provided direction to Senior Administration.

- Trustee Inquiries

2.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports

- Trustee Inquiries

2.04 Board Operations

- Reports

- a) The Superintendent / CEO provided information on a Board Operations Matter.

- Trustee Inquiries

Ms. Bambridge – Mr. Foley

That the Committee of the Whole In-Camera do now resolve into Board. (7:22 p.m.)

Carried.

The Chairperson called the Public portion of the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with a traditional heritage acknowledgement.

3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3.01 Presentations For Information

3.02 Communications For Information

- a) Correspondence was received by the Board of Trustees from the Vincent Massey High School Varsity Girls Volleyball Team, noting that High School sports are a very important thing in many

students' lives. Studies should that playing sports is crucial to teenagers' mental health, and senior year is the biggest year in a student athlete's life. The Team is very grateful for everything that both Brandon School Division and school staff have done to provide them with the opportunity to play the sports they are passionate about during the pandemic. The team requests that spectators be allowed at their games, which would benefit both the spectators and the athletes. The Team understands that the Board is under a lot of pressure and that this would be a big challenge, but wants Trustees to know how much it would mean to them.

Mr. Gustafson spoke to this item noting that recent clarification occurred with the distribution of the Manitoba Education 'toolkit' provided to divisions, and based on that information, schools are now able to implement permission for fully vaccinated spectator attendance at sporting events.

A formal response will be provided to the Vincent Massey Varsity Girls Volleyball Team.
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 October 12, 2021 Report of Senior Administration:

- Celebrations
 - Mr. Gustafson acknowledged the team at Brandon School Division and the work that happened over the Thanksgiving long weekend. There were a number of COVID cases that schools received information on over the long weekend and Mr. Gustafson wanted to thank the staff, including Terri Curtis, Jon Zilkey, Susan Gilleshammer, Principals and Vice-Principals who are on-call every weekend, to be able to get the notifications out as quickly as possible to families and gather information for Public Health to make decision on close contacts. It should be noted they are doing that during time when they are spending time with their families, and it is greatly appreciated. This happens every weekend and they always ensure information is sent out in a timely manner.
 - Truth and Reconciliation Week Video
 - World Teachers' Day – October 5
- Administrative Information
 - Information Items
 - Manitoba Education Correspondence:
 - Proclamation: School Support Staff Recognition Week – September 27 to October 1, 2021
 - Proclamation: Dyslexia Awareness Month
 - Presentations
 - Administrative Procedure 5185 – Mandatory COVID-19 Testing of Staff and Designated Persons

Mr. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on the following Manitoba Education Correspondence:

- Manitoba Arts Education Grant 2021-2022

Ms. Susan Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on the following Manitoba Education Correspondence:

- Mental Health Strategy Funding Announcement

Trustees asked questions for clarification.

Mr. Gobeil – Mr. Ekenna

That the October 12, 2021 Report of Senior Administration be received and filed.

Carried.

5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

5.01 Reports of Committees

a) Personnel and Policy Committee Meeting

The written report of the Personnel and Policy Committee meeting held on September 27, 2021 was circulated.

Ms. Bambridge – Mr. Murray

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 – September 29, 2021

5.04 Public Inquiries (max. 15 minutes)

5.05 Motions

Late Motions:

55/2021 Mr. Gobeil – Mr. Murray

Whereas Mathew Gustafson was appointed acting Superintendent/CEO, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees appoints Mathew Gustafson as Superintendent/CEO effective October 12, 2021.

Carried.

56/2021 Mr. Ekenna – Ms. Letain

Whereas Jon Zilkey and Susan Gilleshammer were appointed Assistant Superintendents for 1 year terms, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees appoints Jon Zilkey and Susan Gilleshammer as Assistant Superintendents.

Carried.

57/2021 Mr. Foley – Ms. Fallis

That Confidential #4 and the recommendations therein be approved.

Carried.

5.06 Bylaws

5.07 Giving of Notice

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 7:30 p.m. (public), Monday, October 25, 2021, Boardroom.

Due to COVID-19:

- Brandon School Division Board Meetings are currently taking place in person and allowing public attendance, however, to accommodate space limitations and physical distancing, we ask that those wishing to attend pre-register with Bernadene Sangster, Executive Assistant, at sangster.bernadene@bsd.ca, or (204) 729-3114 by 4:00 p.m. the Friday before the Board meeting.
- Members of the public wishing to make a presentation, a delegation or a petition are asked to contact Ms. Sangster no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the Board meeting.
- Face mask use is mandatory.
- 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>

Ms. Letain – Ms. Bambridge

That the Board do now resolve into Committee of the Whole In-Camera. (8:15 p.m.)

Carried.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA (8:16 p.m.)

Mr. Murray – Ms. Fallis

That the Committee of the Whole In-Camera do now resolve into Board. (9:33 p.m.)

Carried.

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ekenna – Mr. Foley

That the Board do now adjourn (9:34 p.m.)

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer