



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Board Briefs May 23, 2023

The Board approved:

- The request of CUPE Local 737, that the President of the Association, Mr. Jamie Rose, be seconded from the Division in the 2023-2024 school year for three (3) days per week from September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for union purposes as per Article 18.04 (a) of the Collective Agreement be approved, subject to the Division being reimbursed by the Association for all salary and benefit costs for the period of the secondment.
- The Promissory Note LTPS0579 for the purpose of borrowing the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,706,300) to meet partial costs of the following:

<u>School</u>	<u>Project</u>
Green Acres School	Grooming Room
J.R. Reid School	Grooming Room
J.R. Reid School	Steam Boiler Replacement
- The 3rd and final reading of By-Law 1/2023, being a by-law providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the School Division to meet current expenses for the fiscal year, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

The Board responded to the May 8th delegation and subsequent delegations presented on May 23rd with the following motion and statement:

- The Brandon School Division Board of Trustees rejects the call for the formation of a committee of parents and trustees to examine books in our school libraries. The Brandon School Division Board of Trustees strongly reaffirms our Administrative Procedure 4535 Human Diversity. Brandon School Division Board of Trustees supports learning environments that respect and embrace diversity, that create welcoming and safe spaces, raise awareness and learning, support and protect everyone, including transgender and gender diverse people, and others who have not yet identified. Respect and safety are for everyone, in every school, however 2SLGBTQQIA+ people (particularly transgender individuals) typically experience higher rates of harassment, discrimination, suicide, as well as poor mental and physical health outcomes. Creating school environments that respect and affirm gender diversity will empower all students and employees. Gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation are protected rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Manitoba Human Rights Code. The Brandon School Division Board of Trustees recognizes the importance and life-changing role that inclusive educational environments can play in building the personal resilience of transgender and other gender diverse students and their families.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – Monday, June 12, 2023, 7:30 p.m. (Public portion) in the J. L. Milne Boardroom, Administration Office, 1031 - 6th Street, Brandon, MB.