

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Monday, August 17, 2009, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen; Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Norbert Hirschhorn; Bernie Howe; Natalie Keewatin (arrived at 9:27 a.m.); Merla McIntyre; Larry Pavloff; Cathy Taylor; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Andrew Bergen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Hirschhorn

Carried.

2. THAT the June 29, 2009, minutes be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Yausie

Carried.

3. The Board of Education Winter Retreat will be held on February 11 and 12, 2010, at the Radisson Hotel, in Saskatoon.

4. THAT the Board supports the request of Mistawasis First Nation to become part of the Prairie Spirit School Division and to be granted a subdivision within Prairie Spirit School Division by the Ministry of Education.

Mistawasis
Board Rep.
Wieler

Carried.

5. The August 20th ALT Meeting will be attended by Pam Wieler and Merla McIntyre. The September 22nd ALT Meeting will be attended by Andrew Bergen, Norbert Hirschhorn and Larry Pavloff. The Board asked that this item be brought forward again following October 28, 2009, to determine Board Members' attendance at the remainder of the meetings.

6. THAT the Board accept the Board Planning Cycle for Agenda Control for 2010 including the following amendments:

Yearly
Planning
Cycle
Dyck

- Move SCC Chair Focus Group from April to March so as not to interfere with SCC elections;
- Add Annual General Meeting to March;
- Add "(2009)" to Business Community Focus Group in October

Carried.

7. THAT the Board support the submission of a B-3 to the Ministry of Education to award the tender for the Hanley School Gymnasium Air Handling project to Suer & Pollen for the tender bid of \$279,000.

B-3
Submission -
Hanley
Taylor

Carried.

8. The Staff Satisfaction Survey results as it specifically relates to the Board of Education and Division leadership were provided to the Board. The response rate was high (82%) and the overall results were positive. These results are the division benchmark and will continue to be reviewed every January.

Karen Campbell, Superintendent of Schools and Learning; Grant Drever, Conveyance Manager; and Mary and Doug Kennedy joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Mary and Doug Kennedy live just inside the Clavet Attendance boundary, but are requesting bus service for their daughter to attend Kindergarten at Aberdeen Composite School. The Kennedy's are quite involved in the community of Aberdeen and their childcare is there as well.

Mary and Doug Kennedy left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

9. THAT the Board go into closed session at 11:00 a.m.

Closed
Session
Howe

Carried.

10. THAT the Board return from closed session at 11:35 a.m.

Closed
Session
Dyck

Carried.

The Board determined that no amendment to policy was required in the Kennedy situation and thus deferred decision and handling to Administration.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:41 p.m.

11. THAT the Board accept the 2009/2010 budget as presented by Administration. budget utilizing reserves to accommodate the \$1.1 million shortfall.

2009/2010
Budget
Howe

Carried.

12. THAT the Board approve the transfer of \$573,000 from general reserves to operating costs as presented in the 2009/2010 budget.

2009/2010
Budget –
Transfer of
Reserves
Bergen

Carried.

13. THAT the Board approve Board of Education Policy GP-7 – Board and Committee Expenses with the following insertion:

Policy GP-7
Hirschhorn

1. *Board indemnities shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$200/board meeting.*

- 1.1. *Any official school board event or committee meeting attended by a board member shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$100/4 hours or portion thereof.*

Carried.

14. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Bergen

Carried.

Chairperson

Superintendent of Administration,
Finance and Planning