

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, November 16, 2009, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen; Sam Dyck; Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope (arrived at 9:45 a.m.); Bernie Howe; Louis LeDoux; Larry Pavloff; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; Pam Wieler; Gerald Yausie; Evelyn Novak, Director of Education; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Absent: Lorraine Greyeyes

Evelyn Novak, Director of Education, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The Declaration of Office was completed by all Board members not in attendance at the November 5, 2009, meeting.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Pavloff

Carried.

2. THAT the November 5, 2009, minutes be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Taylor

Carried.

3. Sam Dyck nominated Andrew Bergen as Chairperson. Bernie Howe moved that nominations cease.

Chairperson

Carried.

Board member, Andrew Bergen, was declared elected as Chairperson for the Board of Education. Andrew Bergen then assumed the Chair.

4. Pam Wieler nominated Sam Dyck as Vice Chairperson. Gerald Yausie moved that nominations cease.

Vice-Chairperson

Carried.

Board member, Sam Dyck, was declared elected as Vice-Chairperson for the Board of Education.

5. THAT the Board of Education meetings take place on the first Monday of every month and second meetings, if necessary, on the third Monday of every month. All meetings will start at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Schedule
Wagner

Carried.

Schedule is as follows for the remainder of 2009/10 school year:

- December 7, 2009
- December 21, 2009 (if necessary)
- January 4, 2010
- January 18, 2010 (if necessary)
- February 1, 2010 (no 2nd meeting in February)
- February 11-12, 2010 (Board Winter Retreat)
- March 1, 2010
- March 15, 2010 (if necessary)
- April 6, 2010 (Tues. due to Easter Monday holiday)
- April 19, 2010 (if necessary)
- May 3, 2010
- May 17, 2010 (if necessary)

- June 7, 2010
- June 21, 2010 (Governance Health-Check)

The Board reviewed the Code of Conduct (GP-8).

The Board agreed to monitor their own performance as it relates to Board Policies. Each Board Member will be responsible for two to three policies and a report on the Board's performance will be made as per the Board Planning Cycle schedule. Members agreed this would be a good way to become more engaged.

Individual Board members shared potential perceived conflicts of interest.

Bonnie Hope joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Superintendents joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Following Superintendent and new Board Member introductions, the SSBA's request for feedback regarding provincial bargaining with teachers was discussed. It was agreed the following key issues will be submitted to the SSBA:

- Limitations of Article 9, *The Education Act* – limits the number of professional, out-of-scope staff a School Division may hire, is restricting school division in the hiring of these staff members (e.g. LEADS members, psychologists).
- Number of instructional days – The Board believes the number of instructional days should be increased which would allow for more time for teacher planning and professional development, as well as increase student contact days.
- Administrator Allowances – The Board believes the current formula for administrative allowances needs to be updated and adjusted to reflect current realities for administrators.

Superintendents left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The slate of committees was then reviewed and membership is as follows:

Advocacy Committee

Joan Heath
Cathy Taylor
Sam Dyck
Andrew Bergen

Board Education Committee

Joan Heath

Home-Based Educators Liaison Committee

Sam Dyck
Pam Wieler
Bonnie Hope

LINC Negotiations Committee

Larry Pavloff
Cathy Taylor
Louis LeDoux

Partnership Committee

Keith Wagner
Louis LeDoux
Pam Wieler
Andrew Bergen

Stobart Schools Building Project

Keith Wagner

Support Staff Negotiations Committee

Bonnie Hope
Andrew Bergen
Joan Heath

Evelyn Novak will invite individual board members to Staff Committees at a later date.

5. THAT the Committee members be appointed as discussed and noted above.

Committee
Members
Hope

Carried.

6. THAT Gerald Yausie be appointed general executive member to the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

SSBA Public
Section
Wieler

Carried.

The Board agreed to invite the Student Advisory Council to the 1st Board meeting of the month in February, June and November of each year, as well as when the Board meets with MLAs.

In follow-up to the letters sent to the business community in September, Board members agreed to follow-up with businesses that did not respond to the letter.

Evelyn Novak reviewed the Information Report with respect to the 2009/10 student enrolment information. September 30th enrolment number of 9,414 was submitted to the Ministry for funding purposes. Overall, there was a 2.32% increase in enrolment from fall 2008 to fall 2009.

Evelyn Novak reviewed the Information Report to the Ministry of Education in consultation and planning for the Budget 2010/11. The Board commended staff on the preparation of this report. Board members were impressed with the content and felt it was precisely the information the Ministry had requested.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Gerald Yausie left the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

7. THAT the Board authorizes Sam Dyck to be representative to pick up and distribute ballots as outlined on the ballot list submitted to the SSBA.

SSBA
Ballot
Distribution
Howe

Carried.

The Board reviewed the schedule of ALT meetings and agreed to attend meetings as follows:

- December 8, 2009 - Andrew Bergen, Cathy Taylor, Pam Wieler
- January 12, 2010 - Sam Dyck, Larry Pavloff, Louis LeDoux
- February 9, 2010 - Pam Wieler
- March 9, 2010 - Andrew Bergen, Cathy Taylor, Sam Dyck, Louis LeDoux
- April 13, 2010 - Cathy Taylor, Pam Wieler, Keith Wagner, Bonnie Hope
- May 11, 2010 - Andrew Bergen, Larry Pavloff, Louis LeDoux
- June 8, 2010 (a.m. meeting only) - Bonnie Hope

The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m. to take a tour of the new School Services Building.

The Board reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

The Board determined items they wish to bring forward at the PSTA Liaison Meeting being held Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

The Board reviewed the SSBA’s resolutions package. Louis LeDoux agreed to support the additional resolution brought forward by Northern Lights School Division if it makes the floor at the SSBA’s upcoming Fall General Assembly.

Joan Heath left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Cathy Taylor left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

The discussion of a Board PD plan and expenditures for 2010 will be tabled until the next Board meeting to be held December 7, 2009.

- 8. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:34 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, December 7, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Wagner

Carried.

Chairperson

Superintendent of Finance,
Administration and Planning