

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, February 1, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Andrew Bergen; Sam Dyck; Lorraine Greyeyes (arrived at 9:22 a.m.); Joan Heath; Bonnie Hope; 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: Bernie Howe

Andrew Bergen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. THAT an excused absence be granted to Bernie Howe.

Excused  
Absence  
Bergen

**Carried.**

The following amendments to the agenda were requested:

- add "Public Section" before "Executive Meeting" in item 6.2.1 SSBA Business; and
- Evelyn Novak requested that item 10.1 CEO/Director of Education Report to the Board of Education be handled in a closed session.

2. THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Agenda  
Wagner

**Carried.**

3. THAT the January 18, 2010, minutes be adopted as presented.

Minutes  
Wieler

**Carried.**

Noel Roche, Superintendent of Schools and Learning, joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Jim Shields, Superintendent of Finance, Administration and Planning joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Considerable discussion took place with respect to Warman schools and capital projects advocacy.

Lorraine Greyeyes joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Lauren Sawatzky and Jesse Fehr, Hague High School and members of the Student Advisory Council, along with Russell Dyck, Interim Principal, Hague High School, joined the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Noel Roche and Jim Shields left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

4. THAT the Board set Tuesday, March 23, 2010, as the Annual General Meeting date, to be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office in Warman.

AGM Date  
Wagner

**Carried.**

5. THAT the required approvals agenda be approved as presented.

Required  
Approvals  
Wieler

**Carried.**

The Board agreed that the Monitoring Reports would not form part of the Board of Education meeting minutes, but would be available to the public upon request in accordance with *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

At this point, the Board took time to hear from the student representatives of the Student Advisory Council. Key points of the discussion were:

- the importance students being taught how to learn; not just what to learn;
- concerns raised regarding not having enough time to complete curriculum (e.g. missed entire units in Math due to a lack of time)
- teach students about failure (“part of life”)
- importance of trades in school and maintaining student interest
- relevant technology instruction

The following joined the meeting at 11:01 a.m.:

- Donna Harpauer, MLA Humboldt, Minister of Social Services
- Greg Brkich, MLA Arm River-Watrous
- Denis Allchurch, MLA Rosthern-Shellbrook

The following rejoined the meeting at 11:01 a.m.:

- Noel Roche
- Jim Shields

Discussion centred on the following topics:

1. Capital project dollars and support for that
2. Budget and operating dollars
3. Student needs and provincial curriculum

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:07 p.m.

Noel Roche left the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

6. THAT the Board reschedule its second meeting in March from March 15 to Monday, March 22, 2010.

Board Meeting  
Date Change  
Dyck

**Carried.**

7. THAT the Board go into closed session at 1:09 p.m.

Closed Session  
Taylor

**Carried.**

Keith Wagner left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Pam Wieler and Jim Shields left the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Joan Heath left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

8. THAT the Board return from closed session at 2:38 p.m.

Closed Session  
Wieler

**Carried.**

9. THAT the Board accepts the EL-8 Emergency Executive Succession Monitoring Report as compliant in all respects.

EL-8 Monitoring  
Report  
Taylor

**Carried.**

Verbal agreement obtained from the following to move the second meeting in February from February 16 to Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.:

- Andrew Bergen
- Sam Dyck
- Lorraine Greyeyes
- Bonnie Hope
- Louis LeDoux
- Larry Pavloff
- Cathy Taylor
- Gerald Yausie

10. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:56 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn  
Hope

**Carried.**

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Chairperson

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Superintendent of Finance,  
Administration and Planning