

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Monday, January 13, 2014, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Board Members: Larry Pavloff, Chairperson (left at 1:15 p.m.); Sam Dyck, Vice Chairperson; Joanne Brochu; Ken Crush; Deanna Greyeyes; Bonnie Hope; Bernie Howe; George Janzen; Cathy Taylor; Keith Wagner; and Pam Wieler.

Also in attendance: John Kuzbik, Director of Education; Jim Shields, Chief Financial Officer; Bob Bayles, Human Resources Superintendent; Brenda Erickson, Communications Consultant; and Nadine Meister, Assistant to the Director.

Guests in attendance: Lori Jeschke, Learning Superintendent; Scott Dyck, Principal, and Orlando Pauls, Vice Principal, Warman Elementary School; Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner (arrived at 11:06 a.m.; left at 12:45 p.m.)

Absent: Shantelle Watson.

Lori Jeschke, Learning Superintendent; Scott Dyck, Principal, and Orlando Pauls, Vice Principal, Warman Elementary School; and Kerry Donst, Facilities Planner, joined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Larry Pavloff called the public meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda
Wieler

Carried.

2. THAT the minutes of December 16, 2013, be adopted as presented.

Minutes
Wagner

Carried.

Kerry Donst briefly reviewed the capital projects update. He then presented the decision report regarding a request for approval to purchase six (6) new maintenance vehicles with reserve funds.

3. THAT the Board approve accessing reserve funds for the tender and outfit costs for six maintenance vans in the amount of \$253,338.30.

Maintenance
Vans Purchase
Howe

Carried.

Kerry Donst presented the decision report regarding approval for submission of a B1 application to the Ministry to increase the core size of Valley Manor Elementary School.

4. THAT the Board approve the submission of a B1 application to the Ministry of Education for \$7,500,000 to increase the core size of Valley Manor Elementary School by 2,614 m².

B1
Submission
Hope

Carried.

Kerry Donst presented information for the Board to consider regarding the future grade configurations of Warman and Martensville schools with the continued population growth and possible new schools being built.

Scott Dyck and Orlando Pauls shared information about Warman Elementary School, highlighting the benefits and challenges of changing from a Pre-K-5 school to a Pre-K-3 school, the mutually beneficial relationship with the U of S Nursing Program and the school’s learning for life goals (including Grade 1-3 literacy, assessment – writing standards and student engagement).

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:16 p.m.

Lori Jeschke, Scott Dyck, Orlando Pauls and Kerry Donst left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

The Board selected Monday, March 3, to hold the Division Office Pancake Breakfast.

Regarding the Ministry of Education/Teacher “Student First” Engagement meetings being held around the province, Larry Pavloff is attending today’s meeting being held in Rosthern.

The following are planning to attend the ALT Meeting being held on January 14 – Bernie Howe, George Janzen, Ken Crush and Cathy Taylor.

In-school administrators and School Community Councils will make the decision locally regarding posting the Federal Government’s apology letter to former students of residential schools in the schools. Printing and framing of the letter will done at Division Office.

The Board discussed the Warman Community Library Board appointment. Sam Dyck was nominated.

- 5. THAT the Board appoint Sam Dyck to the Board of the Warman Community Library.

Warman
Community
Library Board
Taylor

Carried.

The Board is asked to submit names for consideration of two positions on the Prairie Spirit Foundation Board of Directors to John Kuzbik. These two positions must be non-employees and non-officers of Prairie Spirit School Division.

Jim Shields reviewed the decision report regarding a request for approval to access reserve funds for the purchase of 20 buses and technology upgrades at an approximate cost of \$2,100,000.

- 6. THAT the Board approve the use of unrestricted reserves for the purchase of buses and technology upgrades for the busing.

School Buses
Purchase
Howe

Carried.

Larry Pavloff left the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Sam Dyck assumed the position of Chairperson.

The Board highlighted activities and meetings attended since the last Board meeting.

The Board reviewed revised Board policies from section BM-1 to BM-5.4. An additional revision was requested to be made to BM-5.1 – remove “that includes”.

The SSBA dialogue items for Members’ Council and the Human Resources Strategic Directions Update were dealt with in Committee of the Whole prior to the public meeting.

- 7. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:53 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, February 10, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, in Warman.

Adjourn
Taylor

Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary to the Board