

MINUTES OF A MEETING:

of the Board of Education of the Saskatchewan School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

November 21, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trustees Angela Arneson (Vice Chair), Donna Banks, Charmaine Bellamy, Kathleen Brannen, Vernon Linklater, Colleen MacPherson, Michael Pidwerbeski, Ross Tait, Suzanne Zwarych

In Trustee Stranden's absence, Vice Chair Arneson assumed chair of the meeting.

Vice Chair Arneson, called the meeting to order, read the roll call into the minutes, acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six territory and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Nakoda, Lakota, Dakota and Saulteaux nations, and the homeland of the Métis and Michif people. She also took a moment to recognize and thank Colleen MacPherson, for her advocacy and dedication as chair in the past.

Agenda: Trustee Zwarych moved approval of the agenda.

Agenda

CARRIED (9)

There were no conflicts of interest declared by any board members.

Celebrating Excellence – Vision Support Program in Saskatoon Public Schools:

Trish Reeve, superintendent of education, introduced Vision Support Teachers, Carla Giesbrecht and Laura Glass. They highlighted the extended program video featuring students with vision loss in various learning environments. Parent and student Mercedes and Emma also spoke to the board about the value of the program.

Celebrating Excellence - Vision Support Program in Saskatoon Public Schools

Consent Items: Trustee Brannen moved that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented.

Consent Items

CARRIED (9)

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Brannen moved that the board approve the minutes of the committee of the whole and regular board meetings held October 10, 2023 and the inaugural board meeting held November 7, 2023.

Approval of Minutes

CARRIED (9)

Correspondence: Trustee Brannen moved that the board receive the correspondence as listed.

Correspondence

- a) November 8, 2023 correspondence from Honourable Jeremy Cockrill regarding the Provincial Education Plan.
- b) October 23, 2023 correspondence from Honourable Jeremy Cockrill regarding Ministerial Directives and future meeting.
- c) October 23, 2023 correspondence from Jeremy Cockrill regarding *The Education (Parents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2023*.

CARRIED (9)

Reports from Administrative Staff:

Strategic Plan Accountability Report – Student Transportation: Trustee Tait moved that the board approve the Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Student Transportation, to be included as part of the director of education's 2023-2024 evaluation.

Strategic Plan Accountability Report – Student Transportation

CARRIED (9)

Unfinished Business:

Audited Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report: Trustee Banks moved that the board approve the following:

1) That the board approve the "Report to the Audit and Risk Committee on the 2023 audit" for the year ended August 31, 2023.

2) That the board approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31 2023, pending minor changes made after the Office of the Provincial Auditor, Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance's format review and approval.

Audited Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report

CARRIED (9)

Staff Laptop Refresh: Trustee Linklater moved that the board approve the purchase of staff laptop computers and associated peripherals from Dell Canada Inc. in the total amount of \$2,602,750.

Staff Laptop Refresh

CARRIED (9)

Annual Report (Tabling of Documents): Trustee Zwarych moved that the board approve the Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2023 subject to minor edits.

Annual Report (Tabling of Documents)

CARRIED (9)

Pelican Lake First Nation – Treaty Land Entitlement: Trustee Tait moved that the board approve the tax compensation agreement with Pelican Lake First Nation, subject to agreement from all parties involved.

Pelican Lake First Nation – Treaty Land Entitlement

CARRIED (9)

Reports of Committees and Trustees:

- Trustee Zwarych reported on her attendance at Evan Hardy Collegiate's academic award presentations, Remembrance Day service at Greystone Heights School and an advocate presentation hosted by B'nai Brith.
- Trustee Tait reported on his attendance at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting.
- Trustee Brannen reported on her attendance at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting as well as the Remembrance Day service at Brunskill School.
- Trustee MacPherson reported on her attendance at several school visits and school community council meetings within Ward 5. She also attended the Remembrance Day service at Marion M. Graham Collegiate, a joint governance meeting between Saskatoon Public Schools and Whitecap Dakota Nation, as well the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting.
- Trustee Banks reported on her attendance at several events at Tommy Douglas Collegiate, including senior football, a school community council meeting and the Remembrance Day service. She also attended school community council meetings at wáhkóhtowin, Lester B. Pearson, Fairhaven and James L. Alexander schools. Trustee Banks also attended several meetings of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, including the annual general meeting. Other events also included the Care and Share reception, mustang volleyball, Indigenous Ensemble lunch and learn and a sector relation implementation committee meeting.
- Trustee Linklater reported on his attendance Veterans memorial service at Whitecap Dakota Nation. He also participated in the bingo event at Montgomery School.
- Trustee Arneson reported on her attendance at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Sasktel Centre, where she laid the wreath on behalf of Saskatoon Public Schools. She also attended school community council meetings at Dr. J. G. Egnatoff and Sylvia Fedoruk schools as well as Centennial Collegiate. Trustee Arneson also shared her attendance at meetings with Councillor Jeffries and the board meeting with the NDP caucus on November 21.

New Business

Relocatable Classroom Funding Requests 2023-2024: Trustee MacPherson moved that the board approve the 2023-2024 Relocatable Classroom Funding Requests to the Ministry of Education as follows:

Relocatable
Classroom
Funding
Requests
2023-2024

- 1) Colette Bourgonje School – Four new relocatable classrooms, with supplemental information provided requesting an additional four (eight total)
- 2) Sylvia Fedoruk School – Four new relocatable classrooms
- 3) Dr. John G. Egnatoff School – Four new relocatable classrooms
- 4) Brunskill School – Three new relocatable classrooms
- 5) North Park Wilson School – Four new relocatable classrooms
- 6) Centennial Collegiate – Four new relocatable classrooms
- 7) Ernest Lindner School – Four new relocatable classrooms
- 8) Greystone Heights School – One new relocatable classroom.
- 9) James L. Alexander School – Two new relocatable classrooms
- 10) Howard Coad School – Two new relocatable classrooms.

CARRIED (9)

Notice of Motion:

No Notices of Motion were brought forward.

Questions by Trustees:

No questions by trustees were brought forward.

Delegation:

No delegations.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

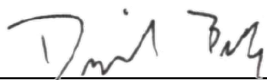
No comments or questions were submitted from the public.

Adjournment:

Trustee Pidwerbeski moved that the board adjourn to the call of the chair or the board meeting of December 12, 2023.

CARRIED (9)

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Secretary of the School Division



Board Chair