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Minutes of Regular Meeting
of the
Board of Trustees
of
The Winnipeg School Division

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, October 17, 2011.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:00 p.m.

The Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order.

Present: Trustees R. Hildahl (Chair), A. Ramos, C. Collins, K. Barr, D. Bautista, M. Babinsky, J. Sneesby, S. Hrynyk

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, K. Seiler, C. Caetano-Gomes, R. Chartrand, D. Persaud, E. Gerbasi, G. Heath, B. Lapointe

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Babinsky-Sneesby That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, October 17, 2011, be approved. – Carried.

Barr-Ramos That the Finance/Personnel Committee Verbal Report No. 11-2009 be added to Presentation and Consideration of Reports. – Carried.

The Agenda as amended was voted on and declared. – Carried.

READING AND CONFIRMING OF MINUTES

A copy of the minutes to be considered had previously been distributed to the Trustees. A motion was now adopted for these minutes to be taken as read, and approved as follows:

Barr-Collins Regular Meeting – October 3, 2011

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC16-11 – From Andrea Bell Stuart, Melanie Janzen, Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors, ArtsJunktion mb

Thanking the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to present their information about ArtsJunktion mb at the Special meeting held on September 26, 2011 and also including a list of projects that ArtsJunktion is hoping to fund over the 2011-2012.

Ramos-Babinsky That this correspondence be referred to Budget discussions. – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 12-2011	Dated October 17, 2011
Policy/Program Committee Report No. 6-2011	Dated September 26, 2011
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 8-2011	Dated October 3, 2011
Pension Committee Report No. 5-2011	Dated October 5, 2011
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 9-2011	<i>Verbal Report</i>

Superintendent's Report No. 12-2011

Barr-Sneesby	That Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.
Barr-Collins	That Clause No. 1b (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.
Sneesby-Collins	That the recommendation for Clause No. 2 (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. - Carried.
Sneesby-Bautista	That Clause No. 3 (Queenston School – Gym Addition Consultant Appointment) be approved. - Carried.

Policy/Program Committee Report No. 6-2011

Hrynyk-Ramos	That the Policy/Program Committee Report No. 6-2010 be received. – Carried.
Hrynyk-Barr	That Clause No. 2 (Policy IGAB – Diversity and Equity Education) be approved. - Carried.
Hrynyk-Sneesby	That Clause No. 3 (Policy IK – Student Assessment) be approved. - Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 8-2011

Barr-Collins	That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 8-2010 be received. – Carried.
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Pension Committee Report No. 5-2011

Collins-Hrynyk	That the Pension Committee Report No. 5-2010 be received. – Carried.
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Finance/Personnel Committee Verbal Report No. 9-2011

Barr-Collins	That the Finance/Personnel Committee Verbal Report No. 9-2010 be received. – Carried.
Barr-Sneesby	That Clause No. 1 (Auditors' Report and Financial Statements) be approved. – Carried.
Barr-Collins	That Clause No. 2a (Appointment of Auditors) be approved. – Carried.

Sneesby-Collins

That the recommendation for Clause No. 2b (Appointment of Auditors) be approved. – Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

58 – CGC – Water Main Break

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Collins regarding several complaints from home owners that their water supply has been affected, the Director of Building informed trustees that there was a disruption in water services due to construction in the neighbourhood and it also affected the Ellen Douglas property in the Winnipeg School Division.

59 – CTV Commercial – “Hold My Kid Back, Please”

Trustee Ramos informed trustees that he saw a commercial for a documentary on CTV titled, *Hold My Kid Back, Please* and requested that administration share this item with the Board in order to have a future discussion regarding this matter.

60 – MSBA – School Review Process to add to next Agenda

Trustee Hildahl brought to the attention of trustees Manitoba School Boards Association For Information item on pages 84 - 136 regarding the school review process discussion paper. The Chief Superintendent informed trustees that the Province gave direction to school divisions that schools cannot be closed unless there was special dispensation given by the Province of Manitoba. It has not been an issue for the Division as the empty spaces have been utilized by day cares. In response to an enquiry from Trustee Hildahl regarding demographics and whether the Division has any issues with school populations, the Chief Superintendent informed trustees that the Public Schools Finance Board is working with the Division to conduct a review of the Northwest corner of the city as well as other areas. Trustee Hildahl requested that “School Review Process: Discussion Paper” be added to the Agenda for discussion at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

61 - By-Law No. 1187 – THIRD & FINAL READING
Religious Instruction at Pinkham School

Babinsky-Bautista

That By-Law No. 1187, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Pinkham School, be read a third time in short. – Carried.

Trustee Babinsky requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The motion, was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Collins, Bautista, Babinsky, Hildahl, Ramos, Sneesby	- 6
Nays:	- 0
Abstain: Trustees Barr, Hrynyk	- 2

By-Law No. 1187 was then read accordingly.

62 - By-Law No. 1188 – THIRD & FINAL READING
Religious Instruction at Lord Selkirk School

Ramos-Sneesby That By-Law No. 1188, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Lord Selkirk School, be read a third time in short. – Carried.

Trustee Babinsky requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The motion, was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Collins, Bautista, Babinsky, Hildahl, Ramos, Sneesby	- 6
Nays:	- 0
Abstain: Trustees Barr, Hrynyk	- 2

By-Law No. 1188 was then read accordingly.

63 - By-Law No. 1190 – FIRST READING
Religious Instruction at John M. King School

Sneesby-Ramos That By-Law No. 1190, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at John M. King School, be now introduced and read a first time in short. – Carried.

Trustee Babinsky requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The motion, was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Collins, Bautista, Babinsky, Hildahl, Ramos, Sneesby	- 6
Nays: Trustee Barr	- 1
Abstain: Trustees Hrynyk	- 1

By-Law No. 1190 was then read accordingly.

64 - Religious Exercises – River Elm School

Babinsky-Ramos That in accordance with Section 84(8) of The Public Schools Act, Religious Exercises be conducted for students attending River Elm School for the balance of the 2011/2012 school year for the children of those parents or guardians who signed the petitions. – Carried.

Trustee Babinsky requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The motion, was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Collins, Bautista, Babinsky, Hildahl, Ramos, Sneesby	- 6
Nays:	- 0
Abstain: Trustees Barr, Hrynyk	- 2

65 - Religious Exercises – Sargent Park School

Ramos-Bautista That in accordance with Section 84(8) of The Public Schools Act, Religious Exercises be conducted for students attending Sargent Park School for the balance of the 2011/2012 school year for the children of those parents or guardians who signed the petitions.
– Carried.

Trustee Babinsky requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The motion, was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Collins, Bautista, Babinsky, Hildahl, Ramos, Sneesby - 6
Nays: - 0
Abstain: Trustees Barr, Hrynyk - 2

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Barr- Hrynyk That Superintendent’s Information Report No.11-2011 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 40.3

Committee of the Whole

Hrynyk-Collins That the Board recess into Committee of the Whole in camera at this time. - Carried.

The Board then recessed into Committee of the Whole in camera at 7:24 p.m. with Trustee Ramos in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:01 p.m., Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

66 – Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Ramos-Hrynyk That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated October 17, 2011 be granted. – Carried.

Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that there was a discussion regarding upcoming meetings with MSBA.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Chair.

Secretary-Treasurer