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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
MARCH 21, 2011**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, March 7, 2011.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:05 p.m.

The Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order.

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

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, C. Caetano-Gomes, R. Chartrand,
D. Persaud, L. Wilson, E. Gerbasi, G. Heath, S. Blanca

Regrets: R. Hildahl

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Bautista-Sneesby That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, March 7, 2011 be approved. – Carried.

Trustee Bateman requested motion, notice of which was given at meeting held January 24, 2011, be revised to be read as:

“That the administration review the current composition of all offerings to our high school students with a view to achieving cost effective options, consistency throughout the Division and client service maximum effectiveness.”

Bateman-Babinsky That the Verbal Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 6-2011 be added to the Agenda under 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:

Ramos-Barr Regular Meeting – February 7, 2011 – Carried.
Babinsky-Ramos Special Meeting – February 28, 2011 – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 4-2011	Dated March 7, 2011
Children's Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated February 1, 2011
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 4-2011	Dated February 7, 2011
North District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated February 15, 2011
South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated February 16, 2011
Inner City Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated February 17, 2011
WSD/Winnipeg Police Services Joint Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated February 23, 2011
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 5-2011	Dated February 28, 2011
Pension Committee Report No. 2-2011	Dated March 2, 2011
Verbal Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 6-2011	Dated March 7, 2011

Superintendent's Report No. 4-2011

Bateman-Collins	That the recommendation for Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/ Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. – Carried.
Bateman-Ramos	That the recommendation for Clause No. 1b (Accounts List/ Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. – Carried.
Ramos-Barr	That the recommendation for Clause No. 2 (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried.
Babinsky-Bautista	That the recommendation for Clause No. 3 (Student Success Initiative Pilot Project - Elmwood High School) be approved. – Carried.
Bautista-Babinsky	That the recommendation for Clause No. 4 (Glenelm School – Elevator and Grooming Room) be approved. – Carried.
Sneesby-Bateman	That the recommendation for Clause No. 5 (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. – Carried.

Children's Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 1-2011

Sneesby-Collins	That the Children's Heritage Fund Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.
Collins-Sneesby	That the recommendation for Clause No. 3 (Charitable Donations) be approved. – Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 4-2011

Bateman-Babinsky	That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 4-2011 be received. – Carried.
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North District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011

Babinsky-Bautista	That the North District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.
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South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011

Sneesby-Bateman That the South District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

Inner City Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011

Collins-Barr That the Inner City Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

WSD/Winnipeg Police Services Joint Committee Report No. 1-2011

Collins-Sneesby That the WSD/Winnipeg Police Services Joint Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 5-2011

Bateman-Babinsky That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 5-2011 be received. – Carried.

Pension Committee Report No. 2-2011

Babinsky-Ramos That the Pension Committee Report No. 2-2011 be received. – Carried.

Verbal Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 6-2011

Bateman-Babinsky That the Verbal Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 6-2011 be received. – Carried.

Bateman-Babinsky That the Budget of The Winnipeg School Division showing estimated expenditures of \$341,816,500 for the fiscal period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 be adopted, and that in accordance with Section 187 of the Public Schools Act, the City of Winnipeg be required to raise by special levy for the calendar year ending December 31, 2011, the total sum of \$132,261,877. – Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS117 – Buggy Malone Presentation

Trustee Bateman informed trustees that she, along with Trustee Collins, attended the River Heights School production of Buggy Malone. Trustee Bateman acknowledged the efforts of the whole school, including staff and students, working together as a team to accomplish this extraordinary presentation. Trustee Bateman requested that the South District Superintendent pass along congratulations to the students and staff at River Heights School.

118 – Robert H. Smith Community Breakfast

Trustee Bateman informed trustees that she, along with Trustee Sneesby, the Chief Superintendent, the South District Superintendent as well as principals from surrounding schools attended the Robert H. Smith Community Breakfast. Trustee Bateman informed trustees that there were hundreds of community members in attendance at the breakfast to help support the school. Trustee Bateman requested that the South District Superintendent thank the principal of Robert H. Smith for the hard work and effort that is required to organize such a wonderful event.

119 – Queenston School Ice Rink

Trustee Bateman informed trustees that years ago the City of Winnipeg constructed a winter ice rink on the school grounds at Queenston School. The principal of Queenston School took the initiative and began maintaining the ice rink as well as personally leading after school programs for the students to enjoy during the winter months. Trustee Bateman requested that the South District Superintendent commended the principal of Queenston for going above and beyond expectations to provide this opportunity for the students in the school and community.

120 – Manitoba School Boards Association Resolutions

Trustee Bateman drew to the attention of trustees an article that appeared in an edition of the Winnipeg Free Press which stated that Trustee Babinsky voted against a motion regarding Provincial Bargaining adopted by the Board on February 28, 2011. Trustee Bateman informed the trustees that at the February meeting a recorded vote was called and Trustee Babinsky had, in fact, voted in favour of the motion. In response to an enquiry from Trustee Bateman regarding the procedure to correct a misquote from a trustee in the media, the item was moved to Camera for further discussion.

121 – Maria Aragon, Isaac Brock Student

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she would like to congratulate Maria Aragon, a student at Isaac Brock School, for her performance with Lady Gaga and all the attention this media sweetheart has received for her publicized talent. Trustee Barr requested that a letter be sent to Maria Aragon to congratulate her on her recent accomplishments.

122 – Provincial Survey on Manitoba Early Childhood Education

Trustee Barr brought to the attention of trustees the Provincial survey on Manitoba Early Childhood Education and the article in the Free Press regarding full day kindergarten classes. One of the questions in the survey is whether or not stakeholders and residents in Manitoba support half day nursery programs being funded by the provincial government, something which the Winnipeg School Division has advocated for the last twenty plus years. Trustee Barr encouraged everyone in attendance at the meeting to go online and complete the survey to support the program in hopes of seeing some provincial funding.

123 – Winnipeg Adult Education Centre Family Literacy Day

Trustee Collins informed trustees that she attended the Family Literacy Day function for the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre at Booth College where there were drumming groups all playing together. Trustee Collins informed trustees that she was able to meet with the principal from the centre and was impressed by their ability to blend the old with the new and she hopes to take more advantage of these opportunities in the future.

124 – Gladstone School Reading Week

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she attended Gladstone School during reading week along with Trustee Hildahl and they were able to tour the whole school and had a terrific time.

125 – Manitoba Theatre for Young People – Leslee Silverman

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that the artistic director of the Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Leslee Silverman, has just been awarded with the Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award at the Governor General's Performing Arts Award Ceremony being held on May 14, 2011, in Ottawa, Ontario. Ms Silverman has been making books and plays come to life on the Manitoba Theatre for Young People's stage for the past thirty years. Trustee Sneesby requested that a letter be sent to Ms Silverman to congratulate her on her award and to thank her for the hard work she puts in for the many students that attend the theatre.

126 – Medea Art Gallery – Grant Park Student's Display

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that a student from Grant Park High School, Stephanie Corbett, had her own showing at the Medea Art Gallery to showcase her talented pieces of art. Trustee Sneesby requested that a letter be sent to commend Ms Corbett on her success.

127 – Grant Park High School 2011/2012 Programs

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she attended a meeting regarding future programs at Grant Park High School in which many innovative programs were discussed such as flex programs, advanced learning as well as math and science. Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that it was great to see the students so excited about these learning programs.

128 – Code of Conduct for Volunteer Hockey League Coaches

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Ramos regarding whether there is a policy in place for volunteer coaches in regards to code of conduct, the Chief Superintendent informed trustees that administration will review this matter and information will be provided at a future meeting.

129 – Building Visit

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he invited the Director of Buildings, the Assistant Secretary Treasurer and the Chief Superintendent to tour a building.

NEW BUSINESS130 - Condolences

The following motion was adopted by a silent standing vote:

That the Board's sympathy be recorded, with regret, in the bereavement of the following:

On October 18, 2010, Gordon Harder, Retired Head
Caretaker, a member of our staff for 22 years;

On February 20, 2011, Victoria Shalapata, Retired Clerk, a
member of our staff for 20 years;

and that this motion be adopted by a silent standing vote. – Carried.

131 – MSBA Representative – Term Commencing March 2011

Barr-Ramos That Trustee Darlyne Bautista be named as the MSBA Regional Director for the term commencing March 2011. – Carried.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Barr-Bautista That Information Correspondence No. IC12-11 – IC13-11 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 41.4Committee of the Whole

Ramos-Bateman 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 7:42 p.m. with Trustee Barr, Vice Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:38 p.m., Trustee Barr, Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendation of that Committee:

132 - Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Barr-Collins That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated March 7, 2011 be granted. – Carried.

133 - Suspension Report – January 2011

Barr-Bautista That the Suspension Report for January 2011 be received as information. – Carried.

134 – Memorandum Of Settlement – The International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 2085

Barr-Ramos That the amendments to the Collective Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 2085, as agreed to in the Committee for the period May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2013, be ratified, and that the proper officers of the Division be authorized to execute the Agreement once prepared. – Carried.

135 – Memorandum Of Settlement – The United Association of Journeyman and Apprentices of The Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of The United States and Canada, Local Union 254

Barr-Sneesby That the amendments to the Collective Agreement with the United Association of Journeyman and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, Local Union 254, as agreed to in the Committee for the period May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2013, be ratified, and that the proper officers of the Division be authorized to execute the Agreement once prepared. – Carried.

136 – Appointment Of Arbitrator-Interest Arbitration With The Winnipeg Teachers Association

Barr-Babinsky That Mr. Dunlop Kells be named as the Division's representative to the Interest Arbitration Board in the matter of the impasse reached in collective bargaining between the Winnipeg School Division and the Winnipeg Teachers Association. – Carried.

137 – Building Lease Extension, 1395/97 Spruce Street

Barr-Bateman That subject to the approval by the Public Schools Finance Board, the proper officers of the Division be authorized to enter into the lease renewal agreement for the building located at 1395/97 Spruce Street for the five-year period commencing February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2016. – Carried.

(Trustee Babinsky requested that his vote be recorded as being opposed to the motion.)

138 – Manitoba School Boards Association Resolutions

Barr-Bateman That the chair write a letter to the Winnipeg Free Press to clarify comments made by Trustee Babinsky regarding Provincial Bargaining. – Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer