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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
MAY 7, 2012**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, April 16, 2012.

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Sneesby-Collins That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, March 19, 2012, be approved.

Ramos-Barr That Item No. 7.2 under New Business be referred to Camera under Business Matters as defined in Rule 41.4. – 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-Babinsky Regular Meeting – March 19, 2012

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 5-2012
Policy/Program Committee Report No. 1-2012

Dated April 16, 2012
Dated March 19, 2012

Superintendent's Report No. 5-2012

Ramos-Collins That Clause No. 1a (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.

Wasyliv-Sneesby That Clause No. 1b (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.

Barr-Ramos	That Clause No. 1c (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
Sneesby-Wasyliw	That Clause No. 1d (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
Babisky-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 1e (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Babinsky	That Clause No. 2 (Lord Nelson School – Gym Addition and Ancillary Space Consultant Appointment) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 3 (R. B. Russell Vocation High School – Ventilation Upgrade Welding-Metal Shop) be approved. - Carried.
Babinsky-Bautista	That Clause No. 4 (Energy Performance Upgrade Contract Phase 4) be approved. - Carried.
Collins-Babinsky	That Clause No. 5 (Annual Servicing of Air Conditioning Equipment at Various Schools) be approved. - Carried.
Barr-Collins	That Clause No. 6 (Mulvey School – Water Line Replacement) be approved. - Carried.

Policy/Program Committee Report No. 1-2012

Hrynyk-Bautista	That the Policy/Program Committee Report No. 1-2012 be received. – Carried.
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ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

161 – Youth Orchestra Spring Concert

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she attended the Winnipeg Youth Orchestra Spring Concert, which include the Youth String Orchestra, Youth Concert Orchestra and the Youth Symphony Orchestra. Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that it was a wonderful concert which included a wide variety of different age groups. She also informed trustees that this organization has been teaching students music since 1923. Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she would like to congratulate the students and staff for hosting such an excellent evening of entertainment.

162 – Special Education WRHA

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Ramos regarding the types of special needs services, the Chief Superintendent informed trustees that the Division has received information that has been distributed to the public via the media that the Province of Manitoba is developing a partnership with WRHA, St. Amant Centre and possibly Mental Health Services for Children (MATC) and other health related agencies. However, the information is quite limited as of now regarding the intentions.

163 – Hugh John Macdonald School Mural

Trustee Collins informed trustees that she would like to draw their attention to a community art project that is a mural that will be erected on William Avenue by Hugh John Macdonald School. Trustee Collins informed trustees that she would like to commend the staff and students of Hugh John Macdonald for taking on this community initiative.

164 – Tyndall Park School Spring Fling Dance

Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that she was able to attend the annual Tyndall Park Spring Fling along with her husband. Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that it is a well attended event, that it is a great time for the students, where they can enjoy themselves in a safe environment. Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that she would like to commend Tyndall Park School for hosting this event.

165 – Friends of the Inner City

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Friends of the Inner City event at the Health Sciences Centre along with the Secretary-Treasurer, the Principal and Vice-Principal and the head of the Parent Council of Niji Mahkwa, where Dr. Amara thanked the supporters of this new program.

166 – 30th Anniversary of Charter of Human Rights

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she would like to recognize the 30th Anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Winnipeg School Division as a whole has been seen as a leader in the area of human rights. Trustee Barr would like to acknowledge that the Division has been working hard on this matter for many years. Schools have planned curricular activities to celebrate the Anniversary of the Charter. Trustee Barr would like to thank all of the educators, administration and students who are doing important work in this area.

NEW BUSINESS167 - 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 February 26, 2012, Dorrein Carrie, Retired Clerk, a member of our staff for 14 years;

On March 10, 2012, Roberta Poturnak, Retired Teacher, a member of our staff for 9 years;

On April 4, 2012, George William Critchley, Head Caretaker, a member of our staff for 18 years;

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

172 – Mulvey School Coach Program - Lease Renewal – 2011/12

Ramos-Collins That subject to the approval of the Public Schools Finance Board, the proper officers of the Division be authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the Broadway First Baptist Church for the rental of space at 790 Honeyman Avenue at a cost of \$21,112 for the Mulvey School COACH Program for the period September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. - Carried.

Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that there was a discussion regarding the Northwest Corner of the Division and communications.

Committee of the Whole

Bautista-Ramos That the Board recess in Committee of the Whole in closed camera at this time. – Carried.

The Board then recessed into Committee of the Whole in camera at 8:45 p.m. with the Chief Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Human Resources in attendance.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 9:10 p.m., Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

173 - Lay-Off Staff

Ramos-Sneesby That authority be given to the administration to issue notices of layoff for up to 2 teachers. - Defeated.

NOTICES OF MOTION174 - Meeting with Premier of Manitoba, Honourable Greg Selinger

The following Notice of Motion was presented during the meeting by Trustee Ramos on March 19, 2012:

- a) That the Board of Trustees meet with the Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba to review and discuss funding and use of facilities for Special Needs Students in the Winnipeg School Division. - Withdrawn.
- b) That the Board of Trustees meet with the Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba to discuss the restoration of schools and facility use and projections for future students in the Northwest quadrant, specifically the Sisler catchment area. - Withdrawn.

175 - Residential Schools

Notice of Motion by Trustee Wasyliw:

- a) That the Winnipeg School Board formally adopt the recommendations of the TRC and implement the following:
- b) Undertake a review of the current curriculum materials currently in use in its schools to assess what if anything is being taught about residential schools.

- c) The Winnipeg School Division develop and implement age-appropriate educational materials about residential schools for use in its schools.
- d) The Winnipeg School Division distribute to its schools and display prominently in a public location within the individual schools a framed copy of the "Statement of Apology to Former Students of Indian Residential Schools.
- e) The Winnipeg School Division design, announce and publicly unveil the installation of the "Statement of Apology" in commemorative ceremonies which includes the individual school learning communities and the greater public.
- f) The Winnipeg School Division create and implement age appropriate teaching modules to coincide with the unveiling/commemorative ceremonies.

176 - Comprehensive Assessment Program (CAP)

Notice of Motion by Trustee Wasyliw:

- a) That the Winnipeg School Board retain and instruct the services of an outside independent research firm to conduct an audit of the September/October 2012 CAP assessment program in the Winnipeg School Division to assess:
- b) A representative sample of students throughout the division and the average amount of time per student the assessment is taking.
- c) How much time is spent over the assessment period on assessment as opposed to teaching of the curriculum.
- d) How are teachers currently administering the assessment and how is their time spent and how are the children in the entire classroom's time spent during individual assessment periods.

177 - Math Reform

Notice of Motion by Trustee Wasyliw:

That the Winnipeg School Board:

- a) Direct its research department to review the Ontario and Quebec models and to report back to the Board what differences exist in those jurisdictions in the instruction of math that could explain the disparity in outcomes between those provinces and our own.
- b) Direct the administration of the Winnipeg School Board to draft a strategic plan including an outline of what policy changes and what resources are needed to reform our current model of instruction to ensure the Winnipeg School Division becomes a leader in effective instruction of the math curriculum in Manitoba.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer