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

**APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD ON  
FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

Board Room, Administration Building,  
Winnipeg, January 24, 2011.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:10 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, R. Hildahl, J. Sneesby

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

Regrets: A. Ramos

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Bateman-Barr That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, January 24, 2011 be approved. – Carried.

Hrynyk-Bateman That an In Camera item be added to the Agenda 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:

Babinsky-Collins Regular Meeting – January 10, 2011 – Carried.

Barr-Sneesby Special Meeting – January 17, 2011 – Carried.



#### 84 – MSBA Workshop

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that on January 14, 2011, she attended the Board Superintendent Relationship Workshop which was a joint workshop of the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) and Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS). Approximately ninety trustees and administrators from across the Province attended the workshop. Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that it was an excellent workshop which was well organized, had meaningful presentations and covered many topics such as, recruiting and hiring the right superintendent and creating a better future through evaluation.

George Coupland, Director of Labour Relations for MSBA facilitated the Superintendent Recruitment and Selection Process, using a power point presentation. Following this, Fort La Bosse, Rolling River and St. James Assiniboia School Divisions each had a trustee and superintendent talk about the recruitment-selection process and shared lessons learned from their respective divisions.

The afternoon session's topic was Creating a Better Future through Evaluation. This was led by Caroline Duhamel, Executive Director of MSBA. Ms Duhamel went through a Framework for Board and Superintendent evaluation. Trustee Hildahl felt that the sharing that went on during this workshop was very valuable to her and has made the materials she received available through the Board Office.

#### 85 – Treaty Relations Committee Newsletter

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba has a brand new website and encouraged trustees to visit the website.

#### 86 – DVD Launch by the French Education of Manitoba

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the official launch of a DVD, titled Une Approche Manitobaine Pour Réussir Son Année Scolaire, released by the French Education of Manitoba and Trustee Hildahl has made this DVD available to trustees through the Board Office. The DVD features testimonials from experienced teachers who were filmed in their own classroom and give advice to new teachers about how to make the beginning of the school year a success. The teachers also give advice on how to prepare for the first week of the school year. Two of the Division's staff were involved. Trustee Hildahl suggested that the DVD be placed in our library or circulated in the Division as a resource tool for teachers.

#### 87 – Early Development Instrument (EDI) – Presentation

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Early Development Instrument (EDI) presentation at Robertson School with Trustee Sneesby. Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she feels EDI is important to monitor the development of children as the first five years of a child's life are so crucial to prepare them for future success in school and life. Trustee Hildahl is hoping that strategies are developed to lessen the gap when assessments are made.

#### 88 – Chamber of Commerce Breakfast – Minister Nancy Allan

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Chamber of Commerce's breakfast and the Minister of Education spoke at it with approximately fifty people in attendance.

#### 89 – Job Fair

Trustee Bateman informed trustees that she wishes to acknowledge and thank the Human Resources Department, senior administration and school principals who participated in the weekend long job fair and that she is looking forward to hearing the details.

### 90 – Traffic Accident at Corydon and Elm

Trustee Bateman brought to the attention of trustees an accident that happened on January 12, 2011, at the intersection of Corydon and Elm where a child was hit by a vehicle. Trustee Bateman informed trustees that this incident was raised at a recent Parent Council meeting. Trustee Bateman spoke with the administrator at the school who indicated that she has tried unsuccessfully to have a cross walk put in to protect the children. Trustee Bateman suggested a letter of support to be sent on behalf of the Board of Trustees to the City of Winnipeg requesting a cross walk be installed at this intersection.

### 91 – BFI Container in Parking Spots

Trustee Bateman brought to the attention of trustees that she was concerned that on one of the schools had two BFI containers taking up two parking spots and requested that administration provide information on the process/location of BFI bins. Trustee Bateman requested that this item be discussed at a future Finance/Personnel Committee meeting.

### 92 – Trustee Babinsky's Visit to Cairo, Egypt Schools

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he recently returned from Cairo, Egypt where he had the opportunity to visit some local schools meet the school's principal and approximately forty teaching staff who are from Manitoba. One of the private schools follows the Manitoba curriculum which will facilitate the process for students who wish to move to Manitoba after graduation. Trustee Babinsky shared information about income and benefits for teachers in Egypt. Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he also visited a national school and said that it was very different from the way Manitoba schools are designed and operate. Trustee Babinsky brought gifts for students while he visited and informed trustees that it was a very good experience.

### 93 – Daycares/Partnerships

Trustee Bautista informed trustees that she recently attended the Point Douglas Childcare Directors' meeting with Trustee Hrynyk where the topic of fees for childcare facilities in the Division was discussed. Trustee Bautista informed trustees that she was fortunate to visit Inkster and Norquay School's childcare centres in the Division and was surprised how differently they operate.

The Chief Superintendent informed trustees that the Division's regarding the allocation of space in schools for daycares. When space is allocated, daycares are advised that if enrollment in the school changes, it might affect the location of the daycare in the building. The working relationship between the school and the daycares is the responsibility of the school administration.

### 94 – Ralph Brown School Ukrainian Christmas Eve Dinner

Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that she and Trustee Bautista attended the Ralph Brown School Ukrainian Christmas Eve Dinner and enjoyed a wonderful meal and entertainment. The entertainment included a performance by the triplets who won an award in the Dauphin Festival for their folk dancing. The whole event was a huge success.

### 95 – Annual Community Conference at Lord Nelson School

Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that she and Trustee Bautista attended a community session for families entitled Engaging Better Learners Conference which was hosted by Lord Nelson School. Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that Carol Hrynyk-Adamor made a terrific presentation on how to help our children improve learning, memory and reading. A dinner was provided for the students and parents. During the conference, a musician entertained the younger children.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**96 - 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 December 21, 2010, Albert Hanson, Retired Carpenter,  
a member of our staff for 20 years;

On January 1, 2011, William Gudz, Retired Caretaker, a  
member of our staff for 28 years;

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

**97 – By-Law No. 1181 - FIRST READING  
DEBENTURE BORROWING - \$2,703,300.00**

Collins-Babinsky                      “That By-Law No. 1181, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing \$2,703,300.00 for certain building projects, be introduced and read a first time in short” – Carried.

By-Law No. 1181 was then read accordingly.

**AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS**

Bautista-Sneesby                      That Information Correspondence No. IC07-11 – IC08-11 be received as information. – Carried.

Bautista-Sneesby                      That Superintendent's Information Report No.2-2011 be received as information. – Carried.

**BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 41.4**

**Committee of the Whole**

Hildahl-Sneesby                      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 7:45 p.m. with Trustee Barr, Vice Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:30 p.m., Trustee Barr, Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendation of that Committee:

**98 - Leaves of Absence – Without Salary**

Barr-Babinsky                      That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated January 24, 2011 be granted. – Carried.

99 - Suspension Report – November 2010

Barr-Sneesby                      That the Suspension Report for December 2010 be received as information. – Carried.

100 - Premier Award for School Board Innovation - Nomination

Barr-Collins                      That Argyle Alternative High School's production "Of Mice and Men" be nominated for consideration as the Premier Award for School Board Innovation to the Manitoba School Boards Association. – Carried.

101 - MSBA Student Citizenship Award

Barr-Bautista                      That the students named in the confidential memorandum from the Chief Superintendent dated January 24, 2011, be submitted to The Manitoba School Boards Association for consideration for the MSBA Student Citizenship Award. – Carried.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:40 p.m., Trustee Barr, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, informed the Board that the Committee of the Whole had received a Verbal Report regarding the Manitoba Schools Board Association negotiations with employee groups and the WSD/WTA Joint Committee Meeting

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

102 – Composition of Offerings to High School Students

The following Notice of Motion was presented during the meeting by Trustee Bateman:

*“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.”*

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer