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

**APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD ON  
OCTOBER 6, 2014**

Board Room, Administration Building,  
Winnipeg, September 22, 2014.

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

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order.

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

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, K. Seiler, C. Caetano-Gomes,  
R. Chartrand, F. Mota, E. Barnaby, G. Heath, B. Lapointe

Regrets: Trustees J. Sneesby, A. Ramos

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Barr-Collins That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, September 22, 2014, be approved. – 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:

Hildahl-Babinsky Regular Meeting – September 8, 2014

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

The following report was considered:

Superintendent's Report No.11-2014

Dated September 22, 2014

Superintendent's Report No.11-2014

Collins-Barr That Clause No. 1a (That the list of Salaries and Wages paid during the month of August 2014, as summarized on Account Listing 2014-08) be approved. – Carried.

Collins-Wasyliw That Clause No. 1b (That the August 2014 list of payment of accounts) be approved. – Carried.

Hildahl-Bautista That Clause No. 2 (2014/2015 Board Meeting Schedule) be approved. – Carried.

Bautista-Babinsky

That Clause No. 3 (École Lansdowne – Three Classroom Addition) be approved. – Carried.

**ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****296 - Transportation Statement**

Trustee Collins expressed concern regarding comments from a colleague in the media and the allegations made regarding the purchase of school buses, strategies for recruitment and retention of bus drivers, as well as the allegation regarding the altering of Board minutes. Trustee Collins reminded trustees that the Board entered into one year agreement renewals with the former contractor that provided transportation services and was advised that the administration was exploring other cost efficient options to improve transportation services. During the 2013/2014 school year, the Board was advised that the administration would not be bringing forward a recommendation to enter into an agreement with the current contractor which would expire in June 2014. Financial implications were explored to bring the operation of transportation services to the Division rather than an outside contractor and it was determined that the existing budget would address the operational requirements. This was a very confidential matter as it was important to discuss the factors involved in operating an in-house transportation service prior to serving notice to the contractor. The Board was advised that the existing budget would address the operational requirements for an in-house transportation service including the necessary measures for driver retention, maintenance of proper routes and schedules, better communication with schools, and bus maintenance. The Board was provided with an overview of the plan to be implemented for the transportation of students in the Division which outlined the requirements and adjustments necessary to improve services within the existing budget. Exercising due diligence, the members of the Board discussed In Camera comparisons of driver pay rates under the former contractor to those of neighbouring school divisions that have in-house transportation services. It was agreed by the Board of Trustees that the bus drivers be provided with transition pay of \$2 per hour for retention and recruitment purposes for the period of September 3, 2014 – August 26, 2015 at which time a new collective agreement would be negotiated. In terms of public motions to discipline, the members of the Board are aware that discussions dealing with contracts, personnel and negotiations are normally dealt with by the Board In Camera in accordance with the Board's Procedural by law 1203 clause 42.7 which expressly states that consideration of "efficiency, discipline, or retirement of employees, and any personnel matter of a confidential nature including staff change or medical reports shall not be held in public session. In addition, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act provisions restrict the disclosure of personal information other than in specific exempted situations. Personal information is defined in FIPPA to include "information about an individual's education, employment or occupation".

An information bulletin was posted on the website advising that the Division would employ the bus drivers, bus maintenance and dispatch/administrative staff which provided service to the students of the Division. Trustee Collins wished to remind colleagues that it is important to raise any concerns at the time important decisions are being made prior to implementation.

**297 - Earl Grey School Basement Air Quality**

Trustee Wasyliw informed trustees that a parent has concerns regarding the air quality in the multipurpose room of Earl Grey School which is being used by the daycare and the before and after school programs. Trustee Wasyliw recommended that the Building Department conduct a site visit to determine the cause and implement possible solutions to reduce dust levels and improve air quality.

298 - Math Program

Trustee Wasyliw informed trustees that he attended the Parent Council Advisory meeting at École Robert H. Smith School on September 17, 2014. At the meeting there was discussions regarding changes made to the math curriculum over the last year which included grades 1 and 2 receiving access to the Dream Box program which is designed to supplement their in class learning. As well, grades 3 and 4 have access to Jump math programs and grade 5 and 6 teachers have been provided with specialized math training through the Spirit of Math program. The entire administration including the principal are undergoing professional development training. Three teachers from École Robert H. Smith School wrote a thesis for their Master's program on the subject of math teaching methods for grades K-3. Trustee Wasyliw commented that it was inspiring to see the learning development of the staff and improvements to the Division math program through professional development which includes new and innovative teaching methods. Trustee Wasyliw wished to recognize on behalf of the parents at École Robert H. Smith, the efforts of Julie Smerchanski, Director of Assessment & Instructional Services for her dedication and hard work in bringing changes to the math program in the Division.

299 - Canadian Museum for Human Rights Opening Ceremonies

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she attended the Canadian Museum for Human Rights Opening Ceremonies on September 19, 2014. Trustee Barr observed that the museum will be extremely helpful in educating Division students on the subject of Human Rights specifically the struggle undergone by the Indigenous people. Trustee Barr is pleased that all students will have an opportunity to see and learn about human rights through the teachings of the museum.

300 - Human Rights Museum Kick-Off Event

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she along with Trustee Hrynyk attended the Division's Kick-off Event, "Everybody has the Right" on September 15, 2014, at St John's High School in celebration of the opening of the Canadian National Museum of Human Rights. The various school events were being held throughout the week to give students and staff a chance to celebrate and explore Human Rights and how to make the world a better place. Trustee Barr would like to congratulate the staff and students who participated in the event.

**NEW BUSINESS**301- By-Law 1229 – SECOND AND FINAL READING  
DEBENTURE BORROWING - \$1,692,300.00

- Collins-Barr (a) That By-Law No. 1229, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,692,300.00) for certain building projects be read a second time in short.- Carried.
- Collins-Barr (b) That the rules be suspended in order for By-Law No. 1229 to be read a third time- Carried
- Collins-Barr (c) That By-Law No. 1229, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division, be read a third time in short and passed. – Carried.

By-Law No. 1229 then read accordingly

302 - Electronic Vaporizer Devices

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Ramos on September 8, 2014:

That the use of Electronic Vaporizer Devices is not permitted in schools in the Winnipeg School Division.

Barr-Wasyliw That this be deferred until the next meeting- Carried

**AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS**

Bautista-Babinsky That Information Correspondence No. IC55-14- IC56-14 be received as information - Carried.

Hildahl-Collins That Superintendent's Information Report No. 10-2014 be received as information. – Carried.

**BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 42.7**Committee of the Whole

Wasyliw-Barr That the Board recess in Committee of the Whole in camera at this time. – Carried.

The Board then recessed into the Committee of the Whole in camera at 7:20 p.m. with Trustee Wasyliw in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 7:32 p.m. Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee.

303- Leave of Absence – Without Salary

Wasyliw-Barr That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated September 22, 2014 be granted. - Carried.

304- Ellen Douglass Property

Wasyliw-Barr That the proposals submitted for the Ellen Douglass Property be rejected and that a request for proposals be issued.- Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 11 - 2014**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg School Board

September 22, 2014

1. Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages

Summaries of salaries and wages paid during the month of August 2014, and Accounts List for the month of August 2014 have been provided to the trustees.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the list of Salaries and Wages paid during the month of August 2014, as summarized on Accounts List 2014-08 be approved and confirmed.
- (b) That the August 2014 list of payment of accounts be approved and confirmed.

2. 2014/2015 Board Meeting Schedule

At a meeting held June 2, 2014, the Board of Trustees approved the 2014/2015 Board Meeting Schedule. A copy of Superintendent's Report 7-2014, Clause 2 is included for information.

That the Board Meeting schedule be revised to include a Special Board meeting if required on November 10, 2014 and a Regular Board meeting on November 17, 2014.

Recommendation:

That the revised 2014/2015 Board Meeting Schedule be approved.

3. École Lansdowne – Three Classroom Addition

In a letter dated June 4, 2014, the Public Schools Finance Board authorized the Division to proceed to tender the Three Classroom Addition at École Lansdowne.

Tenders were advertised for the project. The following is a tabulation of the bids received:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Gateway Construction & Engineering Ltd.	\$1,322,789.00
Regent Construction Inc.	1,338,256.00
Bree-Dan Construction Ltd.	1,366,205.00
Red Lake Construction Co. Ltd.	1,370,000.00
Three Way Builders	1,378,714.00
KDR Design Builders (Commercial) Inc.	1,392,390.00
Con-Pro Industries Canada Ltd.	1,451,355.00
Parkwest Projects Ltd.	1,517,307.00

Recommendation:

That, subject to Public Schools Finance Board approval, the tender of Gateway Construction & Engineering Ltd. to supply all material and perform all work in connection with the Three Classroom Addition project at École Lansdowne be accepted, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, for the total amount of \$1,322,789.00, being the tender price, including Provincial Sales Tax excluding Goods & Services Tax, and that the proper officers of the Division be authorized to enter into a contract Gateway Construction & Engineering Ltd. for the carrying out of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

P.E. CLARKE  
Chief Superintendent