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

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON APRIL 22, 2013

Board Room, Administration Building, Winnipeg, April 8, 2013.

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), M. Wasyliw, C. Collins, D. Bautista, K. Barr J. Sneesby, M. Babinsky, A. Ramos, S. Hrynyk
In Attendance:	P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, C. Caetano-Gomes, K. Seiler, R. Chartrand, D. Persaud, E. Barnaby, D. Burgos, G. Heath, B. Lapointe

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Bautista-Wasyliw That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, April 8, 2013, 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:

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READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC06-13 – From the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 1515

Informing the Board of Trustees that the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 1515 are requesting to begin negotiations of a new collective agreement covering the periods following the expiring contract on April 30, 2013.

Ramos-Collins That this communication be referred to the Management Committee for Negotiations with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local Union No. 1515. – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Superintendent's Report No. 5-2013 Policy/Program Committee Report 1-2013 Dated April 8, 2013 Dated March 18, 2013

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Superintendent's Report No. 5-2013		
Collins-Barr	That Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. – Carried.	
Collins-Wasyliw	That Clause No. 1b (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. – Carried.	
Babinsky-Barr	That the recommendation for Clause No. 2 (Renovations at Carpathia, Elmwood High, John M. King and Tyndall Park Schools) be approved. – Carried.	
Bautista-Collins	That the recommendation for Clause No. 3 (Science Lab Renovations at Gordon Bell, Grant Park and St. John's High Schools) be approved. – Carried.	
Wasyliw-Sneesby	That Clause No. 4a (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. – Carried.	
Babinsky-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 4b (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. – Carried.	
Sneesby-Wasyliw	That Clause No. 4c (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. – Carried.	
Hrynyk-Bautista	That Clause No. 4d (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. – Carried.	
Bautista-Babinsky	That Clause No. 4e (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. – Carried.	
Babinsky-Bautista	That Clause No. 4f (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. – Carried.	
Policy/Program Committee Report 1-2013		
Hynyk-Collins	That the Policy/Program Committee Report 1-2013 be	

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

received. - Carried.

131 – Money and Youth

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he recently read an article in the Winnipeg Free Press regarding a book entitled Money and Youth: A Guide to Financial Literacy which is available to every Grade 10 student in the Province. Trustee Babinsky suggested that this book be introduced into the Winnipeg School Division curriculum as an increasing number of students have credit cards and would benefit from this resource.

132 – Parent Survey

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Wasyliw regarding the process and cost of the Parent Survey, the Chief Superintendent informed the trustees that the survey has been in place since 2004 and at that time the Board of Trustees wanted the survey done every two years with consistent questions so that a comparison can be made. The cost of the survey is approximately \$17,000. Trustees were informed that the questions can be changed as the survey has not yet been distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

133 - 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 March 17, 2013, Enid Gillespie, former Trustee from 1986-1992;

On March 23, 2013, Jennifer Gerus, Teacher, a member of our staff for 10 years;

On March 23, 2013, William Rumley, Attendance Officer, a member of our staff for 10 years;

On March 24, 2013, Thompson Owens, Teacher, a member of our staff for 28 years;

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

134 - Winnipeg School Division Sustainability Plan

Babinsky-Wasyliw	Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Babinsky on March 18, 2013:
	That the administration renew the expired 5 year Winnipeg School Division Sustainability Plan. – Defeated
Babinsky-Ramos	That a recorded vote be taken. – Carried
recorded as follows:	The motion was voted on and declared – Defeated, the vote being
Ayes: Trustees Babinsky, Ramo Nays: Trustees Hrynyk, Collins,	
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AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Sneesby-BarrThat Information Correspondence No. IC08-13 be received as
information. – Carried.Wasyliw-RamosThat Superintendent's Information Report No.4-2013 be received as
information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 42.7

Committee of the Whole

Wasyliw-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 7:50 p.m. with Trustee Wasyliw in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:08 p.m., Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

<u>135 – Leaves of Absence – Without Salary</u>

Wasyliw-Sneesby "That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated April 8, 2013 be granted." – Carried.

Trustee Wasyliw, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported there was a concern about a discussion regarding the official opening of the Gordon Bell Greenspace.

NOTICE OF MOTION

<u>136 – Budget Meeting Transparency</u>

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

"In order for the Winnipeg School Division to be more transparent and open to public, the Winnipeg School Division Budget meetings will be open for the general public to attend and that Winnipeg School Division no longer hold Budget meetings behind closed doors."

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.