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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
DECEMBER 1, 2014**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, November 17, 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 M. Wasyliw, S. Rollins, C. Broughton, L. Naylor, K. Freedman, C. Collins, A. Beach, M. Babinsky, D. Koshelanyk

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Rollins-Broughton That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, November 17, 2014, be approved. – Carried.

Naylor-Freedman That an In Camera Item regarding Trustee Conduct be added to the Agenda as defined in Rule 37.1 – 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:

Collins-Babinsky Regular Meeting – November 3, 2014

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following report was considered:

Superintendent's Report No.14-2014

Dated November 17, 2014

Superintendent's Report No.14-2014

Rollins-Collins That Clause No. 1a (That the list of Salaries and Wages paid during the month of October 2014, as summarized on Account Listing 2014-10) be approved. – Carried.

Rollins-Beach That Clause No. 1b (That the October 2014 list of payment of accounts) be approved. – Carried.

Broughton-Babinsky That Clause No. 2 (David Livingstone School – Roof Replacement Consultant Appointment) be approved.
– Carried.

Rollins-Beach That Clause No. 3 (Student Success Initiative Project - Elmwood High School) be approved. – Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

35 – Funeral

Trustee Collins informed trustees that on November 8th, 2014 she along with the Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer attended the funeral of Barbara Hogan who served on the Division's Sinking Fund Committee. Ms Hogan was a well-respected investment professional in Winnipeg and for the Winnipeg School Division pension fund. Ms Hogan had an amazing career and rise throughout the investment field starting as a file clerk and ending her career as Vice-President of BMO Nesbitt Burns in 2004.

36 - Mental Health & Wellness

Trustee Naylor informed trustees that she attended the Mental Health & Wellness- Educating for ACTION Student Conference from November 13th-14th, 2014 at the Canad Inns Polo Park. The conference brought together over 700 participants including superintendents, trustees, principals, teachers, student services, guidance and resource personnel and the department of education personnel. In addition, a student forum was held for approximately 90 high school students, organized by Children and Youth Opportunities. Members of the wider community also had an opportunity to participate at the events to develop their understanding of the challenges we now face in terms of promoting and supporting mental wellness. Trustee Naylor wished to inform trustees that recent studies have indicated that almost half of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin before the age of 14. This highlights the need for mental health promotion and early identification and intervention for emerging problems in children and youth. Children and youth spend a significant amount of time in school, so there is an expectation and a responsibility for school divisions and school staff to address mental health issues and to promote wellness. In the MASS position statement, *Mental Health Framework for Students*, the goal is a strategic, provincial plan for a comprehensive, collaborative three-tiered mental health framework that would benefit *all children and youth* from birth to adulthood. Trustee Naylor wished to encourage fellow trustees to download the conference program at <http://www.educatingforaction.ca> and thanked the administration for the opportunity to attend the conference as it was truly an honor.

37 - The Rick Rypien Story and Project 11

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he also attended the Mental Health & Wellness-Educating for ACTION Student Conference from November 13th-14th, 2014 at the Canad Inns Polo Park. Trustee Babinsky attended the Rick Rypien Story and Project 11 Keynote Session. In this session, Craig Heisinger shared the story of Rick Rypien, a hockey player he worked with closely in the Manitoba Moose organization, who struggled with depression. Rick Rypien was returning to play with the new Winnipeg Jets when they learned the news that he had lost his battle with mental illness. This was a powerful motivator in the decision of the True North Foundation to focus on positive mental health promotion for youth in hockey and in schools. PROJECT 11 offers a positive mental health program for students in Grades 5 to 8, which will be available to teachers online and will supplement the English language arts and physical education/health education curricula which is an engaging cross-curricular prevention program targeting ELA and PE/Health outcomes. The program entails lesson plans and daily activities to help support students and teachers on mental health wellness and bringing positive coping skills into their lives. The presentation was wonderful. Trustee Babinsky wished to encourage the administration to bring the program to the Winnipeg School Division students.

38 - Tyndall Park School Parent Council meeting

Trustee Koshelanyk informed trustees that on November 13, 2014, he attended the Tyndall Park School Parent Council meeting. There was a discussion regarding the Block Parent program and concerns of the size of the program. The Block parent is looking for more representatives. There was also a presentation on the Tyndall Park School play structure which suggested that it was not age appropriate, and was not ideal for all the students grade levels in that school. It would be important, that in the future for play structures on school grounds to be age appropriate for all students attending the school.

NEW BUSINESS**39 - Condolences**

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

October 9, 2014, Nora Kirby, Retired cleaner, a member of our staff for 20 years;

On October 14, 2014, Reginald K Swanson, Retired Utility/Control Serviceman, a member of our staff for 27 years;

On October 20, 2014, Elsie V Robertson, Retired Administrative Assistant, a member of our staff for 20 years;

On November 4, 2014, Barbara Hogan, Trustee of the Sinking Fund Committee for 31 years;

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

40 - National Household Survey – Voluntary Response Issues

Broughton-Naylor That the Chair of the Board write a letter to the Minister of Industry, Government of Canada, in support of the report from the Auditor General of Canada where it is recommended that the National Household Survey fully address user needs for data from small areas and subpopulations. - Carried

**41- By-Law 1230 – First Reading
Debenture Borrowing - \$5,465,300.00**

Rollins-Collins That By-Law No. 1230, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,465,300.00) for certain building projects be introduced and read a first time in short.

By-Law No. 1230 then read accordingly.- Carried

42 - Negotiations

- Freedman-Naylor (a) That Trustee Collins be designated to sit on the Management Committee for negotiations with The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2348.
- Broughton-Beach (b) That Trustee Rollins be designated to sit on the Management Committee for negotiations with The Winnipeg Teachers' Association.
- Rollins-Collins (c) That Trustee Beach be designated to sit on the Management Committee for negotiations with The United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local No. 832.
- Rollins-Collins (d) That Trustee Broughton be designated to sit on the Management Committee for negotiations with The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 110.

43 - Transparency in the Winnipeg School Division

Trustee Collins assumed the chair at 7:15p.m. to allow Trustee Wasyliw, Chair to present his motions.

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Wasyliw on November 3, 2014:

- Wasyliw-Freedman a) Direct its administration to review its current governance procedures and identify areas upon which the Board could improve public access to information and the transparency of the Board.
- Carried
- Wasyliw-Freedman b) Direct the administration to report back to the Board at the Policy/Program Committee for discussion and review.

In Amendment:
- Wasyliw-Freedman b) Direct the administration to report back to the Board at the Policy/Program Committee no later than March 2015 for discussion and review.- Carried

44 - Video Recording of Board Meetings

Motion, notice of which was given by Trustee Wasyliw on November 3, 2014:

- Wasyliw-Koshelanyk a) Direct its administration to investigate and report to the Board the costs of implementing a video/audio recording system that would allow the recording of all public sessions and committee meetings at the Winnipeg School Division where not precluded by privacy legislation, in order to allow for the live streaming of those meetings on the internet and for the public to access the recordings of those meetings at a later time on the division's website.- Carried.
- Wasyliw-Koshelanyk b) Direct the administration to report back to the Board with this information no later than the January 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.- Carried.

Trustee Wasyliw resumed the chair at 7:20 p.m.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Freedman-Naylor That Information Correspondence No. IC63-14- IC64-14 be received as information - Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 42.7

Committee of the Whole

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

The Board then recessed into Committee of the Whole in camera at 7:40 p.m. with Trustee Wasyliw in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 9:15 p.m. Trustee Collins, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

45 - Leaves Of Absence – Without Salary

Collins-Freeman That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated November 17, 2014 be granted.- Carried

46- Ellen Douglass Property – 700 Elgin

Collins-Beach That the proposal submitted for the purchase of the Ellen Douglass Property be accepted subject to approval of the Public School Finance Board

Collins-Freedman That this motion be postponed until the next meeting pending additional information – Carried.

47- Administrative Appointment
Principal – River Elm School

Collins- Babinsky That effective January 5, 2015, Rosanne Ashley be appointed to the position of Principal at River Elm School – Carried.

48- Trustee Censure

Naylor-Freedman That the Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees formally censure Trustee Mike Babinsky for providing information that was identified as being private and confidential to the media without consent from the third party.- Carried.

Trustee Collins, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that direction was given regarding negotiations and the Manitoba School Boards Association fee structure.

Notice of Motion

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

“That the material presented to the Board of Trustees of the Winnipeg School Division by Trustee Babinsky regarding matters related to Transportation Services be received as information.”

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 14 - 2014

To the Chair and Members
Winnipeg School Board

November 17, 2014

1. Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages

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

Recommendations:

- (a) That the list of Salaries and Wages paid during the month of October 2014, as summarized on Accounts List 2014-10 be approved and confirmed.
- (b) That the October 2014 list of payment of accounts be approved and confirmed.

2. David Livingstone School – Roof Replacement Consultant Appointment

In a letter dated September 10, 2014, the Division received Public Schools Finance Board's approval to hire a consultant to prepare design and tender documents for the roof replacement at David Livingstone School.

David Livingstone School is also scheduled to receive a one classroom addition under the Province's 20K3 initiative. Construction of the classroom addition is expected to commence in early 2015. At a meeting held September 9, 2013, the Board provided authority to enter into an agreement with Cooper Rankin Architecture to provide design services for the David Livingstone School one classroom addition. As the location of the classroom addition intersects with the area of the proposed roof replacement, Division administration is recommending that Cooper Rankin Architecture be appointed as the consultant for the roof replacement project.

Recommendation:

That, the proper officers of the Division be authorized to enter into a contract with Cooper Rankin Architecture to provide architectural services for the roof replacement at David Livingstone School in accordance with the Public Schools Finance Board fee schedule.

3. Student Success Initiative Project - Elmwood High School

Since 2010/11 Manitoba Education has provided funding for the Student Success Initiative Project at Elmwood High School.

The Student Success Initiative Project focuses on supporting successful pathways to graduation in both the middle and high school levels which includes: credit acquisition, graduation and successful transition to employment or post-secondary education. Students may attend part-time or full days in the program depending on their learning plan.

Project funding allocations are: Student Success Leaders and Teachers salary, Researcher in Residence model, participation expenditures associated with Student Success meetings as it relates to the support of the Student Success Initiative.

The administration has been advised that funding in the amount of \$130,000 for the Student Success Initiative Project at Elmwood High School has been approved by Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning for the 2014/2015 school year.

Recommendation:

That the proper officers of the Division be authorized to enter into an agreement with Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning in the amount of \$130,000 for the Student Success Initiative Project at Elmwood High School for the 2014/2015 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

P.E. CLARKE
Chief Superintendent