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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, June 18, 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, K. Barr,
D. Bautista, M. Wasyliw, J. Sneesby, C. Collins, M. Babinsky

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Wasyliw-Sneesby That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, June 18, 2012, 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:

Hrynyk-Ramos Regular Meeting – June 4, 2012

Babinsky-Sneesby Special Meeting – June 11, 2012

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 8-2012	Dated June 18, 2012
Review Prodedural By-Law Special Committee Report No. 2-12	Dated June 4, 2012
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 7-2012	Dated June 11, 2012
Pension Committee Report No. 5-2012	Dated June 13, 2012

Superintendent's Report No. 8-2012

Barr-Collins That Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.

Barr-Sneesby That Clause No. 1b (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.

Barr-Collins	That Clause No. 2 (Parking Fees) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Sneesby	That Clause No. 3 (Victoria-Albert School – Kindergarten Renovation) be approved. - Carried.
Wasyliw-Sneesby	That Clause No. 4 (Interdivisional Program for Students with Autism (ISPA)) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Ramos	That Clause No. 5 (Technical Vocational High School – Roof Replacement 2012) be approved. - Carried.
Hrynyk-Babinsky	That Clause No. 6 (Pupil Transportation Services) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Collins	That Clause No. 7 (Kent Road School – Roof Replacement 2012) be approved. – Carried.
Bautista-Sneesby	That Clause No. 8 (Sacre Coeur School – Boiler Replacement) be approved. – Carried.
Hrynyk-Wasyliw	That Clause No. 9a (Adult Learning Centres – Funding Agreements – Kaakiyow li moond Likol) be approved. – Carried.
Collins-Babinsky	That Clause No. 9b (Adult Learning Centres – Funding Agreements – River Osborne Community Centre) be approved. – Carried.
Sneesby-Bautista	That Clause No. 10 (Community Support/Refugee Advisor Project Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program) be approved. – Carried.
Wasyliw-Collins	That Clause No. 11 (Interdivisional Student Services (I.S.S.) Program Funding 2012/2013) be approved. – Carried.
Barr-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 12 (Classifications of Schools – 2012/2013) be approved. – Carried.
Barr-Babinsky	That Clause No. 13 (Loan of Service – Ms. Barbara Morrison) be approved. – Carried.

Review Procedural By-Law Special Committee Report No. 2-2012

Barr-Hrynyk	That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 6-2012 be received. – Carried.
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Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 7-2012

Barr-Sneesby	That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 7-2012 be received. – Carried.
Barr-Collins	That Clause No. 1a (Rental Rates) be approved. - Carried

Pension Committee Meeting Report No. 5-2012

- Collins-Bautista That the Pension Committee Meeting Committee Report No. 5-2012 be received. – Carried.
- Collins-Hrynyk That Clause No. 1a (By-Law Changes – Refund on Commuted Value and Contribution Threshold) be approved. - Carried

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS219 – Number of School Days

Trustee Babinsky informed the trustees that he received a copy of a letter from a concerned resident in regards to the number of days students are required to be in school. Trustee Babinsky stated that he has raised the concern with administration, and most recently, learned that one school in the Division had an entire week off after Spring Break. Trustee Babinsky stated that June 12th was the “last” day of classes with five days of exams resulting in thirteen days where students are actually required to be in school. Trustee Babinsky informed the resident that the Province sets the school year calendar, which is approximately 193-197 school days per year minus five Professional Development and five Inservice Days.

Chief Superintendent, Pauline Clarke, informed trustees that the Province sets the school day calendar. The policy guidelines state that school does not start the new school year until after Labour Day, when ever Labour Day falls and the school year cannot go past June 30th, along with set holiday breaks and mandatory PD/Inservice Days. The Chief Superintendent informed trustees that there will be 196 days in 2012/13, 194 (2013/14), 197 (2014/15) and 193 (2015/16).

The Superintendent of the North District, informed trustees that the school in question has been dealt with. Trustee Babinsky requested that administration provide the number of actual teaching days.

220– Manitoba Filipino Teachers Celebration

Trustee Hrynyk informed the trustees that she and Trustee Babinsky attended the Manitoba Filipino Teachers Celebration Ceremony on June 13th at the Philippine Canadian Centre of Manitoba. There are many schools within Ward Three with cultural groups, language classes outside of school hours, etc, many of these classes are taught by teachers with Philippine ancestry who volunteer their time to educate the students about their heritage. Students were in attendance reciting poetry, performing traditional Filipino dances along with traditional Philippine food being served. Trustee Hrynyk along with Trustee Babinsky would like to extend their appreciation to the teachers who participated on their own time to help educate students on such a wonderful culture.

221 – Long Service Tea

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she wanted to extend her gratitude for the Long Service Tea that was held Friday June 15th. Trustee Barr thanked the Board Office staff, Administration and Brenda Lapointe, Board Administrative Assistant, for their hard work and dedication that made the event a huge success and an enjoyable event for all those who attended. Trustee Barr also wanted to extend her gratitude and thanks to the students from the Sisler Jazz Band and their teacher, Mrs. Silva, for the wonderful performance.

222 – Keeping the Fires Burning

Trustee Collins informed the trustees that she attended the “Keeping the Fires Burning” ceremony at the Winnipeg Convention Centre held on June 14th. In partnership with Ka Ni Kanichihk, Keeping the Fires burning celebrates female Aboriginal Elders (Grandmothers) who provide distinguished service to the community and help promote Aboriginal welfare. Each grandmother had the opportunity to speak and the remarks were profound.

223 – Trip to China

Trustee Babinsky informed the trustees that while visiting a school during his trip to China, the headmaster informed him that Parent/Teacher Interviews were being conducted and that the interviews are taken very seriously by Chinese parents. It was explained to Trustee Babinsky that everything a Chinese parent owns goes in to raising a child; if the child fails, it is a poor reflection on the parents. Trustee Babinsky also explained that if a child cannot speak English by Grade 12, it is an automatic fail and they are unable to graduate. Students are required to speak English so they can embark on post-secondary studies in countries such as Canada, at institutions like University of Manitoba or University of Winnipeg. Trustee Babinsky indicated that the whole experience was surreal and it was a real eye opener to hear this information.

224 – 100th Anniversaries

Trustee Hildahl informed the trustees that she attended the 100th Anniversary celebrations of Laura Secord, Lord Nelson, Kelvin and Principal Sparling Schools during the month of May and would like to acknowledge the staff, parents, volunteers and community for the incredible dedication in planning and the hard work that went into their successful reunions.

225 – Arts Activities

Trustee Hildahl informed the trustees that she attended various Arts Activities at various schools in the Division – Laura Secord, Lord Nelson, Brock Corydon, and Grant Park Schools. Each activity ranged from fine arts to musicals, including A Choral and Dance Extravaganza at Pantages Playhouse Theatre. Trustee Hildahl recognized Music consultant Trish Penner’s hard work in planning for the various events.

226 – School Barbecues

Trustee Hildahl informed the trustees that she attended school barbecues at Brock Corydon, Earl Grey, Lord Roberts, Grosvenor and Hugh John Macdonald Schools. Trustee Hildahl acknowledged the hard work of the parents and Division staff who helped make each event a success. She noted that the barbecue at Hugh John Macdonald was particularly exceptional due to the unveiling of the mural on the side of the school. Music was provided by Steve Kirby of Jazz on Wheels. The music was so wonderful that the entire neighbourhood came out of apartments, houses, etc. to come and enjoy the sounds.

227 – Community School Investigators Fundraiser

Trustee Hildahl informed the trustees that she attended the Community School Investigators (CSI) fundraiser at Kum Koon Gardens. Strini Reddy continues to increase the number of summer programs available in the Division and it was wonderful to see businesses and educators coming together to support summer learning for students.

228 - Language Festival, R.B. Russell

Trustee Hildahl informed the trustees that she attended the Language Festival at R.B. Russell on May 10th. Trustee Hildahl stressed that culture and identity is a critically important part of developing self-esteem and the Division has been a big supporter. CBC journalist Waub Kinew spoke of his experience in the language program at Dufferin when he was a child and how the program helped many of the students from the 1980's become productive members of the community.

229 - Second Annual Aboriginal Trustees Gathering/Leading Two Worlds

Trustee Hildahl informed the trustees that she attended the Second Annual Aboriginal Trustees Gathering on June 13th. The event was held at The Forks with over sixty trustees from across the country. The Division played a major role in sharing its achievements in Aboriginal Education for students, with Chief Superintendent Pauline Clarke sharing the history of the program.

230 – Chief Superintendent, Order of Manitoba

Trustee Hildahl informed the trustees that the Chief Superintendent is being called to the Order of Manitoba at a ceremony to be held at the Legislature on July 12th. She is being recognized and honoured for her dedication and hard work in Inner-City education.

NEW BUSINESS232- 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 May 28, 2012, Kelly Malcolm George Kidd, Retired
Assistant Caretaker, a member of our staff for 14 years;

On June 10, 2012, Edith Platsko, Retired Head
Secretary, a member of our staff for 17 years;

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

233- By-Law No. 1201 – First Reading
Religious Instruction at Lord Selkirk School

Babinsky-Ramos a) That By-Law No. 1201, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Lord Selkirk School, be now introduced and read a second time in short. - Carried

By-Law No. 1201 then read accordingly.

234- By-Law No. 1202 – First Reading
Religious Instruction at Greenway School

Ramos-Bautista That By-Law No. 1202, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Greenway School, be now introduced and read a first time in short. – Carried.

By-law No. 1202 then read accordingly.

235- By-Law No. 1203 –
To Amend Review Procedural By-Law No. 1064

Barr-Hrynyk (a) That By-Law No. 1203, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division to repeal By-law No. 1064 and To Regulate the Proceedings of the Board and Committees of the Board be now read a first, second and third time in short. – Carried

By-law No. 1203 then read accordingly.

Barr-Hrynyk (b) That the rules be suspended in order for By-Law No. 1203 to be read a second time in short. – Defeated

236 – Building Projects

Ramos-Wasyliw That during the months of July and August 2012, authority be granted to the Chief Superintendent in consultation with the Board Chair and Secretary-Treasurer, to award tenders for building projects to the lowest acceptable bidder provided the tendered price is within the Division's budgeted estimate for the project or has been approved by the Public Schools Finance Board, and that a report of all projects so approved be provided to the Board at the next regular meeting. –Carried

237 – Signing Authority

Barr-Sneesby That the Chief Superintendent and Senior Accountant, be named as temporary signing officers for the period July 1, 2012 to August 31, 2012. – Carried

238 – Vice-Chair Pro Tempore

Ramos-Babinsky BE IT RESOLVED that Trustee Bautista be appointed acting Vice-Chair pro tempore of The Winnipeg School Division for July and August 2012. - Carried

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Babinsky-Sneesby That Information Correspondence No. IC13-12 – IC15-12 be received as information. – Carried.

Wasyliw-Sneesby That Superintendent's Information Report No.7-2012 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 41.4Committee of the Whole

Bautista-Ramos 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 8:12 p.m. with Trustee Ramos in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:50 p.m., Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

239 – Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Ramos-Hrynyk That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated June 18, 2012 be granted. – Carried.

240 – Suspension Reports – May 2012

Ramos-Bautista That the Suspension Reports for May 2012 be received as information. – Carried.

242 – Administrative Appointment – Principal, Pinkham School

Ramos-Collins That effective September 4, 2012, Val Mowez be appointed to the position of Principal at Pinkham School. – Carried.

243 – Administrative Appointment – Vice Principals

Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Bryan Magnusson be appointed to the position of Supervising Vice-Principal ("C") at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate. – Carried.

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- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Rosanna Guzzi be appointed to the position of Supervising Vice-Principal (“C”) at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Nichola Batzel be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal (“A”) at Elmwood High School – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Tim Cox be appointed to the position of Supervising Vice-Principal (“B”) at Gordon Bell High School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Dennis Perron be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal (“A”) at Gordon Bell High School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Patricia Mousseau be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal (“A”) at David Livingstone School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Paul Krowiak be appointed to the position of Supervising Vice-Principal (“B”) at Sargent Park School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Ryan Hughes be appointed to the position of Supervising Vice-Principal (“B”) at Technical Vocational High School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, David Tanner be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal (“A”) at Cecil Rhodes School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Nancy MacTavish be appointed to the position of Supervising Vice-Principal (“B”) at Meadows West School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Yohanna Koncan be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal (“A”) at Isaac Brock School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Jackie Frost be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal (“A”) at R. B. Russell Vocational High School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Linda Berry be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal (“A”) at École J.B. Mitchell School. – Carried.
- Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Shane Fox be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal (“A”) at Shaughnessy Park School. – Carried.

Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Elizabeth Hasselfield be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal ("A") at Hugh John Macdonald School. – Carried.

Ramos-Barr That effective September 4, 2012, Patricia Penner be appointed to the position of Teaching Vice-Principal ("A") at Norquay School. – Carried.

 Upon the Board resuming in public session at 9:25 p.m., Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that the Committee discussed a matter related to Division property.

 The Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer