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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
MARCH 7, 2011**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, February 7, 2011.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:02 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, A. Ramos

In Attendance: P. Clarke, R. Appelmans, C. Caetano-Gomes, R. Chartrand,
D. Persaud, L. Wilson, E. Gerbasi, G. Heath, S. Blanca

Regrets: J. Sneesby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ramos-Hildahl That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, February 7, 2011 be approved. – Carried.

Trustee Bateman requested motion, notice of which was given at meeting held January 24, 2011, be revised:

“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.”

Hildahl-Ramos 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:

Bautista-Barr Regular Meeting – January 24, 2011 – Carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC2-11 – From John Zupo, President, Nestle Waters

Expressing concern to the Board of Trustees regarding the recent reports indicating that a ban on the sale of bottled water may be considered in the Winnipeg School Division schools.

Ramos-Barr That this communication be referred to the Policy/Program Committee for review. – Carried.

OC3-11 – From Mark Badger, President and CEO, Canadian Plastics Industry Association

Providing the Board of Trustees with information on a recent article entitled “School Division ponders plastic bottle ban”.

Barr-Ramos That this communication be referred to the Policy/Program Committee for review. – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 3-2011	Dated February 7, 2011
Pension Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated January 12, 2011
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 2-2011	Dated January 17, 2011
Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated January 19, 2011
Policy/Program Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated January 24, 2011
Review Procedural By-Law No. 1064 Special Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated January 25, 2011
French Immersion Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated January 25, 2011
Respectful Workplace Special Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated January 26, 2011
Student Advisory Committee Report No 1-2011	Dated January 26, 2011
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 3-2011	Dated January 31, 2011
Building/Transportation Committee Report No. 1-2011	Dated February 2, 2011

Superintendent's Report No. 3-2011

Bateman-Hildahl That the recommendation for Clause No. 1 (Interdivisional Program for Students with Autism (IPSA)) be approved. – Carried.

Babinsky-Bautista That the recommendation for Clause No. 2 (Children of the Earth High School - Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth, Canadian Heritage - Program for Aboriginal Females) be approved. – Carried.

Bautista-Babinsky That the recommendation for Clause No. 3 (Children of the Earth High School - Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth Canadian Heritage - Program for Aboriginal Males) be approved. – Carried.

Pension Committee Report No. 1-2011

- Hildahl-Ramos That the Pension Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received.
– Carried.
- Hildahl-Bateman That the recommendation for Clause No. 2 (Cost of Living Adjustment) be approved. – Carried.
- Hildahl-Collins That the recommendation for Clause No. 3a (Rate of Interest on Required Contributions) be approved. – Carried.
- Hildahl-Collins That the recommendation for Clause No. 3b (Rate of Interest on Required Contributions) be approved. – Carried.
- Hildahl-Collins That the recommendation for Clause No. 3c (Rate of Interest on Required Contributions) be approved. – Carried.
- Hildahl-Collins “That, in accordance with the Solvency Exemption for Public Sector Pension Plans Regulations 81/2010, the administrator of the Winnipeg School Division Pension Fund for Officers and Employees (Other Than Teachers) be authorized to make the election to have the Pension Fund exempted from the solvency provision and the transfer deficiency provision.” – Deferred.
- Hildahl-Collins (That this motion be referred to Business Matters as defined in Rule 41.4.)

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 2-2011

- Bateman-Babinsky That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 2-2011 be received. – Carried.

Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011

- Bautista-Ramos That the Central District Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

Policy/Program Committee Report No. 1-2011

- Barr-Bautista That the Policy/Program Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.
- Barr-Hildahl That the recommendation for Clause No. 1 (1. Policy JFCBA – Appropriate Use of Communication Devices and On-Line Information Resources (Appended)) be approved. – Carried.

Review Procedural By-Law No. 1064 Special Committee Report No. 1-2011

- Barr-Hildahl That the Review Procedural By-Law No. 1064 Special Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

French Immersion Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011

- Ramos-Bateman That the French Immersion Advisory Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

Respectful Workplace Special Committee Report No. 1-2011

Bateman-Babinsky That the Respectful Workplace Special Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

Bateman-Babinsky That the recommendation for Clause No. 1 (Terms of Reference) be approved. – Carried.

Student Advisory Committee Report No 1-2011

Barr-Bautista That the Student Advisory Committee Report No 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 3-2011

Bateman-Babinsky That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 3-2011 be received. – Carried.

Building/Transportation Committee Report No. 1-2011

Hildahl-Babinsky That the Building/Transportation Committee Report No. 1-2011 be received. – Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS103 – Manitoba School Boards Association Executive Meeting

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she attended the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) executive meeting which included a discussion regarding the Province's offer to the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU). Trustee Hildahl encouraged trustees to attend the Manitoba School Boards Association 47th Annual Convention being held March 17-19, 2011, at the Delta Hotel. The theme of the Convention is Boardroom and Beyond: Governing and Engaging which will include many workshops.

Trustee Hildahl also informed trustees that the following MSBA activities are taking place in the near future: the Executive Director Performance Evaluation for 2010, Education week from April 11-15, 2011. In addition, the MSBA has been collaborating with the Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS) on plans for Education week. The theme is "Our Classrooms are the World" which will be a celebration of the diversity of our classrooms.

Trustee Hildahl also informed trustees that she will be representing MSBA at the Council Of Ministers Of Education, Canada (CMEC)/Human Resources and Skills Development, Canada (HRSDC) Dissemination Event from March 23-24, 2011. This event will focus on findings and research stemming from the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) and Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

104 – Cairo, Egypt Visit

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that at the last Board meeting, he informed trustees that he had just returned home from Cairo, Egypt, where there has since been political unrest. Trustee Babinsky acknowledged that approximately thirty teaching staff from Winnipeg lived in Cairo and is glad that they were able to return home safely. Trustee Babinsky also informed trustees that he will submit a report of his travels with photographs for their perusal.

105 – Israel Idonije – Finalist for Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award

Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that she would like to congratulate Israel Idonije, who plays for the Chicago Bears, for being one of three finalists for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award. Trustee Hrynyk also recognized his contributions to the Inner City Schools in the Winnipeg School Division.

106 – Seven Oaks School Division - Ken Spencer Award

Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that she would like to congratulate Seven Oaks School Division on receiving the Canadian Education Association's Ken Spencer Award for their innovative teaching program which stresses small classrooms and regular workplace internship.

107 – I Love to Read at Earl Grey School

Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that she was honoured to attend the I Love to Read Month kick-off at Earl Grey School. The Minister of Education, Nancy Allan, and Pat Isaak, President of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS), were also in attendance. Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that it was a great experience to use the smartboard during story telling time. There was an opportunity to break into smaller groups with students to share and illustrate their own stories. Trustee Hrynyk challenged all colleagues to read a little extra during the month of February.

108 – Sir John Franklin and Ellen Douglas Disposal of Property

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Collins regarding the process for community involvement with Sir John Franklin and Ellen Douglas School properties, the Chief Superintendent informed trustees that an extensive process is followed which includes community involvement. The South District Superintendent informed trustees that the consultation process included the Superintendent and the other administration from surrounding schools along with other members of senior administration to hear the community suggestions on use of the properties. The trustees discussed the issues raised by community members and as such collaborated with the community again and recommendations were brought to Board of Trustees for consideration.

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Bateman, the Director of Buildings informed trustees that the Board of Trustees approved the disposal of Sir John Franklin property at the Board meeting held April 12, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS109 - 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 January 8, 2011, Marlene Anderson, Retired
Educational Assistant, a member of our staff for 17 years;

On January 18, 2011, Barry Billington, Retired Head
Custodian, a member of our staff for 22 years;

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

110 – By-Law No. 1181 - SECOND & FINAL READING
DEBENTURE BORROWING - \$2,703,300.00

Collins-Babinsky (a) “That By-law No. 1181 a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing TWO MILLION & SEVEN HUNDRED AND THREE THOUSAND AND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS \$2,703,300.00 for certain building projects and issuing debentures therefor, be read a second time in short.”

(By-law No. 1181 then read accordingly.)

(b) “That the rules be suspended in order for By-law No. 1181 to be read a third time.”

(c) “That By-law No. 1181 a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division, be read a third time and passed.”

(By-law No. 1181 then read accordingly.)

111 – Composition of Offerings to High School Students

Motion, notice of which was given at meeting held January 24, 2011 was presented by Trustee Joyce Bateman:

Bateman-Barr “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 that we maximize the effectiveness of our level of client services to our students.” – Carried.

(This motion was revised on March 7, 2011)

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Bautista-Ramos That Information Correspondence No. IC09-11 – IC11-11 be received as information. – Carried.

Bautista-Ramos That Superintendent’s Information Report No.3-2011 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 41.4

Committee of the Whole

Hildahl-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 7:55 p.m. with Trustee Barr, Vice Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:35 p.m., Trustee Barr, Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendation of that Committee:

112 - Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Barr-Babinsky That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated February 7, 2011 be granted. – Carried.

113 - MSBA Resolution – Provincial Bargaining

Barr-Bateman That the proposed resolution on trustee directed Province-wide bargaining be submitted to MSBA for consideration at the 2011 Convention. – Carried.

(Trustee Bateman requested a recorded vote.)

The motion, was voted on and declared – Carried, the vote being recorded as follows:

Ayes:	Trustees Bateman, Collins, Barr, Bautista, Babinsky, Hrynyk	-6
Nays:	Trustee Hildahl	-1
Abstain:	Trustee Ramos	-1

114 – Solvency Exemption

Barr-Hildahl That, in accordance with the Solvency Exemption for Public Sector Pension Plans Regulations 81/2010, the administrator of the Winnipeg School Division Pension Fund for Officers and Employees (Other Than Teachers) be authorized to make the election to have the Pension Fund exempted from the solvency provision and the transfer deficiency provision. – Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

 Chair

 Secretary-Treasurer