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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
JUNE 4, 2012**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, May 7, 2012.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Winnipeg School Division was held this day at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees R. Hildahl (Chair), A. Ramos , S. Hrynyk, C. Collins, K. Barr, D. Bautista, M. Babinsky, M. Wasyliw, J. Sneesby

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, May 7, 2012, be approved.

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 – April 16, 2012
Barr-Collins Regular Meeting – April 30, 2012

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC06-12 – From Roberta Koscielny, Member, Ecole Lansdowne Parent Advisory Group

Requesting the Board's support in regards to helping initiate the installation of a crosswalk in front of their school on Wiginton Street and Lansdowne Avenue.

Babinsky-Bautista That this matter be referred to the administration for response.
– Carried.

OC07-12 – From Ron Lemieux, Minister of Local Government

Thanking the Board of Trustees for the letter of support regarding the development of a Sports, Hospitality and Entertainment District in downtown Winnipeg in accordance with the Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act.

Barr-Sneesby That the Chair of the Board write a letter to the Minister of Local Government requesting further consideration be given to providing support for the Gordon Bell School site development. – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 6-2012	Dated May 7, 2012
Policy/Program Committee Report No. 2-2012	Dated April 16, 2012
Pension Committee Meeting Report No. 3-2012	Dated April 25, 2012
Review Procedural By-Law Special Committee Report No. 1-2012	Dated April 30, 2012
Respectful Workplace Special Committee Report No. 1-2012	Dated May 2, 2012

Superintendent's Report No. 6-2012

Hrynyk-Barr	That Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.
Barr-Collins	That Clause No. 1b (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Sneesby	That Clause No. 2 (Elevator Maintenance Inspections and Service at Various Schools) be approved. - Carried.
Babinsky-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 3a (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
Hrynyk-Babinsky	That Clause No. 3b (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 3c (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
Collins-Ramos	That Clause No. 3d (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
Wasyliw-Sneesby	That Clause No. 3e (Recognition for Special Accomplishments) be approved. - Carried.
Babinsky-Bautista	That Clause No. 4 (Faraday School – Foundation Upgrade) be approved. - Carried.
Barr-Ramos	That Clause No. 5 (Gordon Bell High School – Grounds Development Project) be approved. - Carried.
Collins-Barr	That Clause No. 6 (John M. King School – Community Entry Plaza Project – Phase IV) be approved. - Carried.

Policy/Program Committee Report No. 2-2012

Hrynyk-Bautista That the Policy/Program Committee Report No. 2-2012 be received. – Carried.

Hrynyk-Ramos That Clause No. 1 (Policy KG – Use of School Facilities) be approved. - Carried.

Pension Committee Meeting Report No. 3-2012

Collins-Bautista That the Pension Committee Meeting Report No. 3-2012 be received. – Carried.

Review Procedural By-Law Special Committee Report No. 1-2012

Barr-Hrynyk That the Review Procedural By-Law Special Committee Report No. 1-2012 be received. – Carried.

Respectful Workplace Special Committee Report No. 1- 2012

Collins-Babinsky That the Respectful Workplace Special Committee Report No. 1-2012 be received. – Carried.

Collins-Hrynyk That Clause No. 1a (Policy GBEEA – Violence Prevention Policy GCPDA – Harassment Prevention) be approved. - Carried.

Collins-Babinsky That Clause No. 1b (Policy GBEEA – Violence Prevention Policy GCPDA – Harassment Prevention) be approved. - Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS181 – Trustee Visit to a School in Beijing, China

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he will be leaving tomorrow to travel to Beijing, China, and will be visiting a school that has affiliations with the Manitoba Provincial Government. During a telephone conversation with Ms. Debbie McNeil, Principal of Yizhaung School, upon being asked, she requested floor hockey sticks for the students. As well as, Ms McNeil indicated that twelve students will be graduating and she would appreciate twelve Graduations cards to give to the students. Other gifts include bubble gum, Winnipeg Jets stickers and flag, Winnipeg School Division pins and pamphlets that have been translated into Chinese language. Trustee Babinsky suggested that if feasible the students in Beijing set up audio/video equipment with a view to communicate with students from Sisler High School.

182 – Winnipeg Schools' Science Fair Awards (WSSF) Award Ceremony

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she was able to attend the 42nd Annual Winnipeg Schools' Science Fair Awards (WSSF) Award Ceremony along with Trustees Hildahl and Ramos. Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that it was a very well attended event and she wishes to congratulate the students.

183 – Gordon Bell Multicultural Mosaic

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she was able to attend Gordon Bell's Multicultural Mosaic along with Trustee Hildahl. Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that there were many different cultures represented with different dances and singing. Trustee Sneesby also informed trustees that the excitement of the students made this event even more enjoyable.

184 – Robertson School Learning Together Conference

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she was able to attend the Robertson School 2012 Learning Together Conference for Parents and Their School Aged Children Join the Learning Wave along with Trustee Hrynyk where students and parents learn new things together. Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that it was great to see the collaboration.

NEW BUSINESS185 - 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 5, 2012, Gwen Barnett, Retired Teacher, a member of our staff for 16 years;

On March 23, 2012, Shirley Lewicki, Retired Clerk, a member of our staff for 26 years;

On April 1, 2012, Philip Pelissier, Retired Assistant Caretaker, a member of our staff for 17 years;

On April 8, 2012, Barbara Allary, Retired Teacher, a member of our staff for 21 years;

On April 8, 2012, Shirley Billinkoff, Retired Clerk, a member of our staff for 13 years;

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

186 - Residential Schools

Motions, notice of which was given by Trustee Wasyliw on April 16, 2012:

That the Winnipeg School Board formally adopt the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and implement the following:

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| Wasyliw-Babinsky | a) Undertake a review of the current curriculum materials currently in use in its schools to assess what if anything is being taught about residential schools. |
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| Wasyliw-Babinsky | b) | The Winnipeg School Division develop and implement age-appropriate educational materials about residential schools for use in its schools. |
| Wasyliw-Babinsky | c) | The Winnipeg School Division distribute to its schools and display prominently in a public location within the individual schools a framed copy of the "Statement of Apology to Former Students of Indian Residential Schools. |
| Wasyliw-Babinsky | d) | The Winnipeg School Division design, announce and publicly unveil the installation of the "Statement of Apology" in commemorative ceremonies which includes the individual school learning communities and the greater public. |
| Wasyliw-Babinsky | e) | The Winnipeg School Division create and implement age appropriate teaching modules to coincide with the unveiling/commemorative ceremonies. |
| Babinsky-Hrynyk | | That this matter be referred to Policy/Program Committee for review - Carried |

187 - Comprehensive Assessment Program (CAP)

Motions, notice of which was given by Trustee Wasyliw on April 16, 2012:

That the Winnipeg School Board retain and instruct the services of an outside independent research firm to conduct an audit of the September/October 2012 CAP assessment program in the Winnipeg School Division to assess:

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| Wasyliw-Babinsky | a) | A representative sample of students throughout the division and the average amount of time per student the assessment is taking. |
| Wasyliw-Babinsky | b) | How much time is spent over the assessment period on assessment as opposed to teaching of the curriculum. |
| Wasyliw-Babinsky | c) | How are teachers currently administering the assessment and how is their time spent and how are the children in the entire classroom's time spent during individual assessment periods. |
| Babinsky-Ramos | | That this matter be referred to Policy / Program Committee for review – Defeated |

Barr-Hrynyk

In Amendment:

That the Administration ~~Winnipeg School Board~~ retain and instruct the ~~services of an outside independent research firm~~ to conduct a review ~~an audit~~ of the ~~September/October~~ 2012 CAP assessment program in the Winnipeg School Division ~~to assess~~ by:

- a) A representative sample of students throughout the Division and the average amount of time per student the assessment is taking.
- b) How are teachers currently administering the assessment and how their time is spent and how the children's time in the classroom is spent during individual assessment periods.

The motion, as amended was voted on and declared - Carried

188 - Math Reform

Motions, notice of which was given by Trustee Wasyliw on April 16, 2012:

That the Winnipeg School Board:

Wasyliw-Babinsky

- a) Direct its research department to review the Ontario and Quebec models and to report back to the Board what differences exist in those jurisdictions in the instruction of math that could explain the disparity in outcomes between those provinces and our own.

Wasyliw-Babinsky

- b) Direct the administration of the Winnipeg School Board to draft a strategic plan including an outline of what policy changes and what resources are needed to reform our current model of instruction to ensure the Winnipeg School Division becomes a leader in effective instruction of the math curriculum in Manitoba.

Babinsky-Hrynyk

That this matter be referred to Policy / Program Committee for review - Carried

During the debate, Trustee Ramos took the Chair to allow the Chairperson to speak, following which the Chairperson resumed the Chair.

189 - By-Law No. 1198 - SECOND & FINAL READING

DEBENTURE BORROWING - \$1,181,000.00

Barr-Collins

- a) That By-Law No. 1198, a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,181,000.00) for certain building projects and issuing debentures therefor, be read a second time in short. - Carried

By-Law No. 1198 then read accordingly.

Barr-Collins b) That the rules be suspended in order for By-law No. 1198 to be read a third time. - Carried

Barr-Collins c) That By-law No. 1198 a by-law of the Winnipeg School Division, be read a third time in short and passed. - Carried

By-Law No. 1198 then read accordingly.

190 - By-Law No. 1199 - FIRST READING
DEBENTURE BORROWING - \$961,600.00

Barr-Sneesby That By-law No. 1199 a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing \$961,600.00 for certain building projects, be introduced and read a first time in short. – Carried.

By-law No. 1199 then read accordingly.

191 - By-Law No. 1200 – FIRST READING
Religious Instruction at Sargent Park School

Ramos-Babinsky That By-Law No. 1200, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Sargent Park School, be now introduced and read a first time in short. – Carried.

By-law No. 1200 then read accordingly.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Collins-Sneesby That Information Correspondence No. IC10-12 be received as information. – Carried.

Collins-Sneesby That Superintendent's Information Report No.5-2012 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 40.3

Committee of the Whole

Bautista-Babinsky 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 8:37 p.m. with Trustee Ramos in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:45 p.m., Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

192 – Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Ramos-Sneesby That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated May 7, 2012 be granted. – Carried.

193 – Administrative Appointment - Principal, Wellington School

Ramos-Hrynyk That effective September 4, 2012 Brenda Langton be appointed to the position of Principal at Wellington School. – Carried.

194 – Administrative Appointment - Principal, Children Of The Earth High School

Ramos-Collins That effective September 4, 2012 Christopher Goring be appointed to the position of Principal at Children of the Earth High School. – Carried.

195 – WANTE Arbitration – Policy Grievance

Ramos-Babinsky That Mr Robert Simpson be named as the Division’s representative to the Arbitration Board in the matter of the Infant Development Lab. - Carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer