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

**APPROVED BY THE
BOARD ON
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

Board Room, Administration Building,
Winnipeg, January 16, 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, C. Collins, K. Barr,
D. Bautista, M. Babinsky, M. Wasyliv, J. Sneesby

In Attendance: R. Appelmans, K. Seiler, R. Chartrand, D. Persaud, G. Heath,
B. Lapointe

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hrynyk-Ramos That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, January 16, 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:

Babinsky-Bautista Regular Meeting – December 19, 2011

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC01-12 – From the Office of the Mayor

Thanking the Board of Trustees for the letter of support regarding reduced speed limits in school zones.

Sneesby-Barr That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.

OC02-12 – From Ecole Riverview School Parent Advisory Council

Requesting a representative to attend the next Parent Advisory Council meeting to discuss the new Provincial requirement for K-3 grades.

Wasyliv-Sneesby That this communication be referred to the administration for response.
– Carried.

OC03-12 – From David Yeo, Director, Education Administration Services, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth

Reminding divisions/districts of options related to the 2012/2013 school bus purchase, and requesting that divisions/districts register their choice as outlined in his letter dated January 11, 2012.

Bautista-Collins That Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth be advised that the Winnipeg School Division will participate in the Central Tender Process for the 2012/2013 school bus purchase. – Carried.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No. 1-2012	Dated January 16, 2012
Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 10-2011	Dated December 19, 2011

Superintendent's Report No. 1-2012

Barr-Sneesby 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.

Ramos-Barr That Clause No. 2 (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. - Carried.

Bautista-Collins That Clause No. 3 (Glenelm School – Elevator and Grooming Room Renovation) be approved. - Carried.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 10-2011

Barr-Collins That the Finance/Personnel Committee Report No. 10-2011 be received. – Carried.

ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

120 – Honour Band & Choir

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she was able to attend the Honour Band/Choir which had two guest conductors; Frances Farrell and Dr. Wendy McCallum. Both conductors did an extraordinary job in working with the students for three days to put on the concert. Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she would like to congratulate the students and guest conductors, as well as the music consultant, Trish Penner, for producing such a wonderful event.

121 – Sisler Calculus Courses

Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that Sisler High School was acclaimed one of the ten best public schools in Canada and the best all-around high school by Maclean's Magazine. Sisler remains the only high school in Manitoba that challenges both University of Manitoba Calculus I and II courses. Twenty students challenged both courses this year and they obtained an A+ class average in Calculus I and an A class average in Calculus II. Over 100 students from Sisler wrote the University of Waterloo Math Contests with fifteen students receiving Certificates of Distinction, as well, Sisler High School's Grade 9 team placed 2nd in our zone in the Pascal Contest. Trustee Sneesby informed trustees that she would like to extend a big congratulation to the staff and students at Sisler High School for doing such a great job.

122 – Length of Winter/Summer Break

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he received a letter from a former teacher regarding the reduced number of instructional days in a school year. Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he would like to add this matter to the next agenda for discussion.

123 – Cheque Presentation at Tec Voc

Trustee Ramos informed trustees that he was able to attend the cheque presentation at Tec Voc High School with Minister Howard. This presentation was made to a group of Tec Voc students that created an interactive safety board game.

124 – Wind-Chill

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Babinsky regarding the Division's wind-chill guidelines, trustees were informed that this information will be provided at the next meeting.

125 – Manitoba School Boards Association Items

Trustee Hildahl provided trustees with an update on Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) activities including the MSBA Regions 5 & 6 meeting, the K-3 Class Size Reduction Committee, the reconstruction of the Report Card Committee, trustee governance education modules and the 2nd National Aboriginal Trustees Gathering.

NEW BUSINESS

126 - 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 December 29, 2011, David Bell, Retired Head Caretaker, a member of our staff for 19 years;

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

127 - By-Law No. 1194 – THIRD READING
Religious Instruction at David Livingstone School

Babinsky-Bautista That By-Law No. 1194, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at David Livingstone School, be read a third time in short and passed.

Trustee Babinsky requested that a recorded vote be taken.

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

Ayes: Trustees Collins, Bautista, Babinsky, Ramos, Hildahl, Sneesby	- 6
Nays:	- 0
Abstain: Trustee Hrynyk, Barr, Wasyliw	- 3

By-Law No. 1194 was then read accordingly.

128 - By-Law No. 1196 – FIRST READING

Barr-Sneesby That By-Law No. 1196, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division to authorize the borrowing of monies from any bank or credit union, upon credit of The Winnipeg School Division for the year 2012, be now introduced and read a first time in short. – Carried.

By-Law No. 1196 was then read accordingly.

129 - MSBA MUST Fund Representative – Term Commencing February 1, 2012

Sneesby-Hrynyk That Trustee Wasyliw be named as the Board's representative to the MSBA Manitoba Universal Standards Trust Fund for the term commencing February 1, 2012. – Carried.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

Ramos-Barr That Information Correspondence No. IC01-12 – IC02-12 be received as information. – Carried.

Ramos-Barr That Superintendent's Information Report No.1-2012 be received as information. – Carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 40.3

Committee of the Whole

Wasyliw-Collins 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 7:40 p.m. with Trustee Ramos in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 8:12 p.m., Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

130 – Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Ramos-Babinsky That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated January 16, 2012 be granted. – Carried.

131 – Suspension Report – December 2011

Ramos-Wasyliw That the Suspension Report for December 2011 be received as information. – Carried.

Ramos-Hrynyk That the Suspension Report be referred to Policy/Program Committee. – Carried.

132 - Children's Heritage Fund Committee

Ramos-Babinsky That Mario Santos and Sonia Prevost-Derbecker be appointed as the former trustee representatives on the Children's Heritage Committee for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. – Carried.

133 - Administrative Appointment – George V School - Principal

Ramos-Bautista That effective January 23, 2012 Manuel Silva be appointed to the position of Principal at École George V School. – Carried.

Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that there was a discussion regarding Stanley Knowles School.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer