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

**APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD ON  
OCTOBER 3, 2011**

Board Room, Administration Building,  
Winnipeg, September 12, 2011.

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

The Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order.

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

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

**ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BY-LAW NO. 1064**

**1 - Appointment of Scrutineers**

The Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for the appointment of two scrutineers for the counting of ballots, in accordance with Procedural By-law No. 1064.

Babinsky-Ramos That P. Clarke, Chief Superintendent, and D. Persaud, Superintendent of Schools - North, be named as scrutineers for the counting of ballots.  
- Carried.

**2 - Election of Chair**

The Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board.

Trustee Sneesby nominated Trustee Hildahl

There being no further nominations, the Secretary-Treasurer declared Trustee Hildahl as Chair of the Board for the ensuing year.

**3 - Election of Vice-Chair**

The Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee Hildahl nominated Trustee Ramos

There being no further nominations, the Secretary-Treasurer declared Trustee Ramos as Vice-Chair of the Board for the ensuing year.

#### 4 - Chair's Remarks

Upon taking the Chair, Trustee Hildahl thanked the trustees for the nomination and that she is honoured to work with her colleagues for the upcoming school year.

#### 5 - Policy/Program Committee

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Policy/Program Committee.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Hrynyk

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Hrynyk as Chair of the Policy/Program Committee for the ensuing year.

#### 6 - Finance/Personnel Committee

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Finance/Personnel Committee.

Trustee Collins nominated Trustee Barr

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Barr as Chair of the Finance/Personnel Committee for the ensuing year.

#### 7 - Building/Transportation Committee

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Building/Transportation Committee.

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Bautista

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Bautista as Chair of the Building/Transportation Committee for the ensuing year.

#### 8 - Public Relations/Communications Committee

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Public Relations/Communications Committee.

Trustee Collins nominated Trustee Sneesby

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Sneesby as Chair of the Public Relations/Communications Committee for the ensuing year.

#### 9 - Finance/Personnel Committee

The Chair called for nominations for two trustee representatives to the Finance/Personnel Committee.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Sneesby  
Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Collins

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Sneesby and Trustee Collins as members of the Finance/Personnel Committee for the ensuing year.

10 - Building/Transportation Committee

The Chair called for nominations for two trustee representatives to the Building/Transportation Committee.

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Sneesby  
Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Collins

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Sneesby and Trustee Collins as members of the Building/Transportation Committee for the ensuing year.

11 - Public Relations/Communications Committee

The Chair called for nominations for two representatives to the Public Relations/Communications Committee.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Collins  
Trustee Baustista nominated Trustee Babinsky  
Trustee Sneesby nominated Trustee Bautista

Trustee Babinsky declined the nomination

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Collins and Trustee Bautista as members of the Public Relations/Communications Committee for the ensuing year.

12 - Pension Committee for Employees Other Than Teachers

The Chair called for nominations for four trustee representatives to the Pension Committee for Employees Other Than Teachers.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Sneesby  
Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Collins  
Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Bautista  
Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Hrynyk

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustees Sneesby, Collins, Bautista and Hrynyk as members of the Pension Committee for Employees Other Than Teachers for the ensuing year.

13 - Children's Heritage Fund Committee

The Chair called for nominations for two trustee representatives to the Children's Heritage Fund Committee.

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Sneesby  
Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Collins

There being no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Trustee Sneesby and Trustee Collins as representatives to the Children's Heritage Fund Committee for the ensuing year.

14 – Sinking Fund Committee

The Chair called for nominations for one trustee representative to the Sinking Fund Committee.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Hrynyk

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Hrynyk as the representative to the Sinking Fund Committee for the ensuing year.

15 - WSD / Winnipeg Police Services Joint Committee

The Chair called for nominations for three trustee representatives to the WSD / Winnipeg Police Services Joint Committee (one from each Ward).

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Hildahl (Ward 1)

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Collins (Ward 2)

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Babinsky (Ward 3)

The Chair declared Trustee Hildahl (Ward 1), Trustee Collins (Ward 2), and Trustee Babinsky (Ward 3) as representatives to the WSD / Winnipeg Police Services Joint Committee.

16 – WSD / WTA Joint Committee

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the WSD / WTA Joint Committee.

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Barr

There being no further nominations, Trustee Barr was declared as Chair of the WSD / WTA Joint Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chair called for nominations for two trustee representatives to the WSD / WTA Joint Committee.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Hrynyk

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Bautista

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Hrynyk and Trustee Bautista as representatives to the WSD / WTA Joint Committee for the ensuing year.

17 - Advisory Committees

Barr-Ramos

That the following Advisory Committees be re-established:

Central Advisory Committee

Inner City District Advisory Committee

North District Advisory Committee

South District Advisory Committee

French Immersion Advisory Committee

Student Advisory Committee

- Carried.

18 - Central Advisory Committee

The Chair called for nominations for one trustee representative and one trustee alternate to the Central Advisory Committee.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Collins  
Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Hrynyk

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Collins as the representative and Trustee Hrynyk as the alternative representative to the Central Advisory Committee for the ensuing year.

19 - Inner City District Advisory Committee

The Chair called for nominations for one trustee representative and one trustee alternate to the Inner City District Advisory Committee.

Trustee Collins nominated Trustee Barr  
Trustee Collins nominated Trustee Bautista  
Trustee Sneesby nominated Trustee Ramos

Trustee Barr declined the nomination

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Bautista as the representative and Trustee Ramos as the alternative representative to the Inner City District Advisory Committee for the ensuing year.

20 - North District Advisory Committee

The Chair called for nominations for one trustee representative and one trustee alternate to the North District Advisory Committee.

Trustee Ramos nominated Trustee Babinsky  
Trustee Ramos nominated Trustee Hrynyk

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Babinsky as the representative and Trustee Hrynyk as the alternative representative to the North District Advisory Committee for the ensuing year.

21 - South District Advisory Committee

The Chair called for nominations for one trustee representative and one trustee alternate to the South District Advisory Committee.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Sneesby  
Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Hildahl

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Sneesby as the representative and Trustee Hildahl as the alternative representative to the South District Advisory Committee for the ensuing year.

22 - French Immersion Advisory Committee

The Chair called for nominations for one trustee representative and one trustee alternate to the French Immersion Advisory Committee.

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Ramos  
Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Bautista

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Ramos as the representative and Trustee Bautista as the alternative representative to the French Immersion Advisory Committee.

23 - Student Advisory Committee

The Chair called for nominations for one trustee representative and one trustee alternate to the Student Advisory Committee.

Trustee Collins nominated Trustee Barr  
Trustee Collins nominated Trustee Ramos

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Barr as the representative and Trustee Ramos as the alternative representative to the Student Advisory Committee.

24 – Special Education Administrative Committee

The Chair called for nominations for one trustee representative to the Special Education Administrative Committee.

Trustee Sneesby nominated Trustee Ramos

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustee Ramos as representative to the Special Education Administrative Committee.

25 – Respectful Workplace Special Committee

The Chair called for nominations for three trustee representatives to the Respectful Workplace Special Committee.

Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Sneesby  
Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Collins  
Trustee Hrynyk nominated Trustee Babinsky

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustees Sneesby, Collins and Babinsky as representatives to the Respectful Workplace Special Committee for the ensuing year.

**26 – Review Procedural By-Law Special Committee**

The Chair called for nominations for three trustee representatives to the Review Procedural By-Law Special Committee.

Trustee Sneesby nominated Trustee Hildahl  
Trustee Ramos nominated Trustee Barr  
Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Hrynyk

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Trustees Hildahl, Barr and Hrynyk as representatives to the Review Procedural By-Law Special Committee for the ensuing year.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ramos-Sneesby                      That the Agenda for the regular meeting of the School Board to be held this evening, September 12, 2011, 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:

Sneesby-Bautista                      Regular Meeting – June 20, 2011

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

The following correspondence was dealt with as indicated:

OC10-11 – From Honourable Nancy Allan, Minister of Education

Informing the Board of Trustees that the Province has announced funding for a number of new gymnasium construction and addition projects including Kelvin High School under the new five-year, \$50 million Active Schools Fund.

Babinsky-Hrynyk                      That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.

OC11-11 – From Honourable Nancy Allan, Minister of Education

Informing the Board of Trustees that the Province will provide a grant in the amount of \$75,000 towards the continued support of the Ndinawe Transitional School and the Songide'ewin Program for the 2011/12 school year.

Babinsky-Collins                      That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.

OC12-11 – From Honourable Nancy Allan, Minister of Education

Informing the Board of Trustees that the Province will provide a grant in the amount of \$265,000 to support the addition of three schools to the Community Schools Partnership Initiative for the 2011/12 school year.

Collins-Babinsky                      That this correspondence be received as information. – Carried.

OC13-11 – From John Orlikow, City Councillor, River Heights

Advising that the signed and marked pedestrian cross walk across Corydon Avenue to the west side of Elm Street will be moved before the school starts this September.

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

OC14-11 – From Henri Chevillard, Program Manager, Circle of Courage, Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc.

Requesting that the Board of Trustees give consideration to offering a Circle of Courage Off Campus program.

Hrynyk-Bautista That this communication be referred to the administration for review.  
– Carried.

### **PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

The following reports were considered:

Superintendent's Report No.10-2011  
Policy/Program Committee Report No. 5-2011

Dated September 12, 2011  
Dated June 20, 2011

#### **Superintendent's Report No. 10-2011**

Barr-Babinsky	That Clause No. 1a (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.
Barr-Babinsky	That Clause No. 1b (Accounts List/Summaries of Salaries and Wages) be approved. - Carried.
Collins-Ramos	That the recommendation for Clause No. 2 ("Fresh Start" Project, A Supportive Transition Program for Aboriginal Young Adults - Gordon Bell High School - 2011/2012) be approved. - Carried.
Barr-Ramos	That Clause No. 3a (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 3b (Recognition for Special Accomplishment) be approved. - Carried.
Sneesby-Babinsky	That Clause No. 4 (Interdivisional Program for Students with Autism (IPSA)) be approved. - Carried.
Collins-Sneesby	That Clause No. 5 (Administration Building #2 – Server Room Upgrade Phase II) be approved. - Carried.
Babinsky-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 6a (Adult Learning Centre - Funding Agreements - 2011/2012 - Kaakiyow li moond Likol (Lord Selkirk - Turtle Island Community Centre - River Osborne Community Centre) be approved. - Carried.



Bautista-Babinsky	That Clause No. 6b (Adult Learning Centre - Funding Agreements - 2011/2012 - Kaakiyow li moond Likol (Lord Selkirk - Turtle Island Community Centre - River Osborne Community Centre) be approved. - Carried.
Babinsky-Hrynyk	That Clause No. 7 (Lighthouse Programs - Manitoba Justice King Edward School 2011/2012) be approved. - Carried.
Bautista-Babinsky	That Clause No. 8 (Manitoba Hydro Easement Agreement Stanley Knowles School) be approved. - Carried.
Sneesby-Collins	That Clause No. 9 (Interdivisional Student Services (I.S.S.) Program Funding - 2011/2012) be approved. - Carried.

#### Policy/Program Committee Report No. 5-2011

Barr-Ramos	That the Policy/Program Committee Report No. 5-2010 be received. – Carried.
Barr-Bautista	That Clause No. 1 (Policy JHC – Provision of Health Care Supports) be approved. – Carried.

### **ENQUIRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 28 – Tyndall Park Play structure Opening

Trustee Hrynyk informed trustees that she, along with Trustee Babinsky, had the pleasure of attending the official opening of the play structures at Tyndall Park School. The energy of the students was incredible. Government representatives present included Minister Chomiak and MLA, Mike Pagtakhan. Trustee Hrynyk encouraged trustees to visit this new playground. Trustee Hrynyk also extended a very big thank you to Heather Grant-Jury and the Parent Advisory Committee and parents for all of their hard work, organizing and fundraising over the past several years.

#### 29 – National Human Rights Conference - Egale

Trustee Barr informed trustees that she was able to attend a National Human Rights Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia which included a presentation by Catherine Taylor, an associate professor of education and communications at the University of Winnipeg and Tracey Peter, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Manitoba. The presentation focused on a National Climate Survey on Homophobia, Bi-phobia and Trans-phobia in Canadian schools. Trustee Barr informed trustees that she received copies of the executive summaries of this report in order to share it with trustees. Over 3,700 students across Canada participated in the survey. Results show that there are ways to make schools safer for all students. This study helps provide some standard knowledge base for policy makers and administrators to consider when trying to make evidence based policy and program changes. The executive summary reports some specific recommendations, which pertain to items discussed by the Policy/Program Committee regarding the Division's Diversity and Equity Education Policy. Trustee Barr would like to refer the materials to the administration for review and add this item to the Policy/Program Committee agenda for discussion together with the Diversity and Equity Education Policy.

### 30 – Rossbrook House BBQ

Trustee Collins informed trustees that she was able to attend the Annual Police Rossbrook House BBQ which was very well attended and included old and new police cars, horses, games and other fun activities for children and families. There were many students from the Division along with some of our school principals. Trustee Collins informed trustees that it was an enjoyable event.

### 31 – School Matters/Technology

Trustee Babinsky had an enquiry regarding a school matter and technology. These enquiries were referred to Business Matters as defined in Rule 41.4 or the Procedural By-Law.

### 32 – Trustee Babinsky's Visit to Turkey

Trustee Babinsky informed trustees that he is leaving in the morning to travel to Istanbul, Turkey where plans to visit local schools. The arrangements have been made through the provincial Department of Education as well as the Canadian Embassy.

### 33 – CSBA Conference in Ottawa

Trustee Hildahl informed trustee that she was able to attend the CSBA Congress in Ottawa, Ontario which included excellent professional development programs on technology, inclusion, mental health and aboriginal education. Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that next year the Congress will be held in Quebec City, Quebec.

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that there were quite a few workshops on Aboriginal education at the CSBA Conference and she felt that the conference attendees would have benefited from the knowledge the Division has regarding aboriginal education and hopes that next year the Winnipeg School Division will be able to make a presentation.

### 34 – Suicide Programs in Schools

In response to an enquiry from Trustee Hildahl regarding suicide programs available within the Division, the Chief Superintendent informed trustees that information was provided to trustees last year listing the many programs within the Division that support self-esteem in young people and how to deal with crisis in their lives, as well as access to councilors and teachers in the schools. The Chief Superintendent indicated that the information can be provided at a later date.

Trustee Babinsky also noted that students who seem to have healthy life styles can become victims to suicide and that it would be beneficial for educators and parents to learn to recognize the signs of a youth in distress. Trustee Babinsky noted the recent suicides of two hockey players and that the people closest to them did not recognize signs of distress.

### 35 – Community Mobilization Against Gangs

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that she was able to attend the Community Mobilization Against Gangs Conference at which Dr. Mark Totten and Sergeant Lockhart of the RCMP made presentations. Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that some of the items discussed at the conference were regarding the young age of children entering gangs, how important it is to have a solid partnership between police, schools, corrections, social welfare agencies and bands, the importance of keeping the same community police officers in schools for extended periods of time and that the young female gang members need to be treated by females in order to help the transition out of gang life a little easier.

### 36 – MSBA Meeting - Childcare

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that Trustee Bautista was named the Child Daycare Regulatory Review Committee as a member of Manitoba's School Boards Association, and thanked her for taking on the position. Also, Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that the Manitoba Child Care Association is presenting an election forum on early learning and child care next week at the St. Boniface College and that there will be representatives from the three main political parties to share their vision and answer questions.

### 37 – Speed Limits In School Zones

Trustee Hildahl informed trustees that at the Region 5 meeting the Executive expressed a desire to meet with City Councilors on the issue of reducing speed limits around schools. However, Trustee Hildahl noted that she has seen articles in the recent newspapers stating that the City councilors are currently reviewing this matter. In response to an enquiry from Trustee Hildahl regarding whether or not the Board would be interested in getting together with the other Urban School Boards to discuss this matter with City councilors, the trustees agreed to put this matter on a future agenda for discussion.

### 38 – Manitoba School Boards Association For Information Items

Trustee Hildahl drew to the attention of trustees the following For Information items regarding Manitoba School Boards Association: Provincial Election Update; When it Comes to Kids, Let's Play Fair; Education Funding and Taxation – Reality Check; 2011-2012 Calendar of Events; Collective Bargaining; Newspaper Article – Leave Trustees Some Taxing Power; Association Strategic Priorities, 2011-2012; School Boards Matter to Everyone; 2011 Election Campaign and Exploring the Good Life Summit.

Trustee Hildahl suggested that For Information items, Education Funding and Taxation Reality Check, newspaper article titled "Leave Trustees Some Taxing Power" and the pamphlet titled "Public Schools Matter to Everyone!" be shared with schools.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 39 - 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 June 19, 2011, Marguerite Murphy, Retired Clerk, a member of our staff for 13 years;

On July 2, 2011, Ellen Doherty, Retired Cleaner, a member of our staff for 13 years;

On July 8, 2011, Celia Ruth Milroy, Retired Clerk, a member of our staff for 11 years;

On August 11, 2011, Katherine Wirt, Retired Cleaner, a member of our staff for 20 years;

On August 22, 2011, Shirley Swanson, Retired Library Clerk, a member of our staff for 15 years;

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

40 - By-Law No. 1185 – THIRD & FINAL READING  
Religious Instruction at Sargent Park School

Ramos-Collins That By-Law No. 1185, 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 third time in short. - Carried.

*By-Law No. 1185 was then read accordingly.*

41 - By-Law No. 1187 – FIRST READING  
Religious Instruction at Pinkham School

Collins-Ramos That By-Law No. 1187, a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of permitting religious instruction at Pinkham School, be now introduced and read a first time in short. – Carried.

*By-Law No. 1187 was then read accordingly.*

42 - By-Law No. 1188 – FIRST READING  
Religious Instruction at Lord Selkirk School

Babinsky-Bautista That By-Law No. 1188, 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 first time in short. – Carried.

*By-Law No. 1188 was then read accordingly.*

43 - By-Law No. 1189 – FIRST READING  
DEBENTURE BORROWING - \$1,586,600.00

Hrynyk-Bautista That By-law No. 1189 a by-law of The Winnipeg School Division for the purpose of borrowing \$1,586,600.00 for certain building projects, be introduced and read a first time in short. – Carried.

*By-Law No. 1189 was then read accordingly.*

44 – Policy FEF – Construction Contracts and Bidding Awards

Barr-Ramos That revised Policy FEF – Construction Contracts and Bidding Awards be adopted. – Carried.

45 – Policy JE – Student Attendance  
Policy JEDA – Truancy

Sneesby-Babinsky a) That revised Policy JE – Student Attendance be adopted.  
b) That revised Policy JEDA – Truancy be adopted. – Carried.

**AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS**

Bautista-Hrynyk That Information Correspondence No. IC40-10 – IC50 be received as information. – Carried.

**BUSINESS MATTERS AS DEFINED IN RULE 40.3**

Committee of the Whole

Collins-Sneesby                      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 8:20 p.m. with Trustee Ramos in the Chair.

Upon the Board resuming in public session at 9:00 p.m., Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole presented the following recommendations of that Committee:

46 – Leaves of Absence – Without Salary

Ramos-Sneesby                      That the leaves of absence without salary as outlined in the confidential report dated September 12, 2011 be granted. – Carried.

47 – Suspension Report – June 2011

Ramos-Bautista                      That the Suspension Report for June 2011 be received as information. – Carried.

48 – Elmwood High School Off-Campus Program  
- Lease Agreement 2011-2012

Ramos-Hrynyk                      That subject to the approval of the Public Schools Finance Board, the proper officers of the Division be authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Czeslaw Szurlejn for the lease of property located at 218 Henderson Hwy. for a 10-month period commencing September 1, 2011 for the Elmwood High School Off-Campus Program.  
– Carried.

Trustee Ramos, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole reported that there was a discussion regarding MSBA Board visitations, W.T.A. negotiations, technology and smoking on school grounds and the Board provided direction regarding Egale Conference.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Chair.

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Secretary-Treasurer