

# Board of Education Saskatoon School Division No. 13 Meeting of the Saskatoon Board of Education

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 310 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street East - 6:30 p.m.

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Acknowledgement
- 3. Agenda
  - 3.1. Adoption of Agenda

**Proposed Board Motion:** Move approval of the agenda.

- 3.2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
- 4. Celebrating Excellence:
  - 4.1. Saskatoon International Education Program
- 5. Consent Items

The chair will ask for a motion to receive the items, and to approve all recommendations contained therein. Prior to approving the motion, any trustee may request that a consent item be removed.

**Proposed Board Motion:** That the board approve the consent items as presented.

5.1. Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2023

**Proposed Board Motion (if removed from consent items):** That the board approve the minutes of the committee of the whole and regular board meetings held May 9, 2023.

- 6. Reports from Administrative Staff
  - 6.1. Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Information Services

**Proposed Board Motion:** That the board approve the Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Information Services, to be included as part of the director of education's 2022-2023 evaluation.

#### 6.2. Closure of Pleasant Hill School

**Proposed Board Motion:** That the board approve the closure of Pleasant Hill School on June 30, 2023.

- 7. Delegation
- 8. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 9. Unfinished Business
  - 9.1. Items Arising from the Committee of the Whole
- 10. Reports of Committees and Trustees
- 11. New Business

#### 11.1. Board Governance - Board Policies

**Proposed Board Motion:** That the board approve the housekeeping changes to Policy 6: Board Operations, Policy 7: Committees of the Board, Policy 8: Board Representatives, Policy 9: Policy Making, Policy 10: Delegation of Authority, Policy 14: Conflict Resolution and Policy 16: Associate and Alliance Schools.

#### 12. Comments/Concerns/Questions from the Public

(Maximum 5 minutes per speaker; 20 minutes total; must be related to a specific agenda item)

- 13. Notices of Motion
- 14. Questions by Trustees
- 15. Adjournment

**Proposed Board Motion:** That the board adjourn to the call of the chair or the meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2023.



#### SASKATOON BOARD OF EDUCATION

4.1

MEETING DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

TOPIC: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE:

SASKATOON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

FORUM	AGENDA ITEMS	INTENT
☑ Board Meeting	☐ New Business	✓ Information
☐ Committee of the Whole	☐ Reports from Administrative Staff	☐ Decision
	☑ Other: Celebrating Excellence	☐ Discussion
BACKGROUND		

Academic excellence, character, engagement and well-being of students are at the heart of Saskatoon Public Schools' strategic plan. The plan highlights our vision of each student being known, valued and believed in. It emphasizes Saskatoon Public Schools' commitment to creating learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential and the importance of relationships, equity and accountability.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

Saskatoon Public Schools renewed the international program in 2022-2023 in its new name: Saskatoon International Education (SIE), welcoming international students from around the world to Saskatoon. In 2023-2024 SIE will be welcoming international students from 18 countries.

Saskatoon International Education offers an exceptional educational experience to students from kindergarten to Grade 12. Students from around the world are welcomed and celebrated by faculty, staff and fellow students. SIE staff are dedicated to providing a successful experience for everyone, working together to ensure students are supported in all areas of their study abroad experience: academically, socially and personally.

Lana Elias, Director of SIE and Wendy Stromberg, SIE Consultant, will introduce the program and two Grade 11 international students (Centennial Collegiate and Walter Murray Collegiate), who will share some experiences from their year of study in Saskatoon.

PREPARED BY	DATE	ATTACHMENTS
Brent Hills, Deputy Director of Education	May 31, 2023	None
Colleen Norris, Superintendent of Education		



## **SASKATOON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**5.1** 

MEETING DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FORUM	AGENDA ITEMS	INTENT
☑ Board Meeting	☐ Correspondence	☑ Consent
$\square$ Committee of the Whole	☐ New Business	☐ Decision
	☐ Reports from Administrative Staff	☐ Discussion
	☑ Other: Approval of Minutes	☐ Information
BACKGROUND		
CURRENT STATUS		
Attached are the minutes from the	ne May 9, 2023 committee of the whole and reg	gular board meetings.
PREPARED BY	DATE	ATTACHMENTS
Daniel Burke, Chief Financial Offic	cer June 1, 2023	Minutes
RECOMMENDATION		

#### <u>Proposed Board Motion (if removed from consent items):</u>

That the board approve the minutes of the committee of the whole and regular board meetings held May 9, 2023.

#### **UNAPPROYED**

MINUTES OF A MEETING:	of the Board of Education of the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.	May 9, 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Trustees Angela Arneson, Donna Banks, Charmaine Bellamy, Vernon Linklater, Colleen MacPherson, Michael Pidwerbeski, Kim Stranden, Ross Tait, Suzanne Zwarych	,
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Following discussions in Committee of t	he Whole, Trustee Banks moved that the Board rise and report.	
	CARRIED (9)	
The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.		
Secretary of the School Division	Board Chair	

#### UNAPPROVED

MINUTES OF A MEETING: of the Board of Education of the Saskatchewan School Division No. 13 of

Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

May 9, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Colleen MacPherson (Chair), Angela Arneson, Donna Banks,

Charmaine Bellamy, Vernon Linklater, Michael Pidwerbeski, Kim Stranden,

Ross Tait, Suzanne Zwarych

Chair MacPherson, called the meeting to order, read the roll call into the minutes, acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six territory and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Nakoda, Lakota, Dakota and Saulteaux nations, and the homeland of the Métis and Michif people.

Agenda: Trustee Pidwerbeski moved approval of the agenda.

Agenda

CARRIED (9)

There were no conflicts of interest declared by any board members.

<u>Celebrating Excellence – Communication and Literacy at John Dolan School</u>: Trish Reeve, superintendent of education, introduced John Dolan School principal Darlene Schultz, vice principal Kyla McKay and speech language pathologist Tara Goodwin. The group shared John Dolan's literacy goals of providing daily opportunities for students to engage in literacy instruction as part of the academic programming. They also celebrated how these opportunities and technology has positively impacted their lives at home as well.

Celebrating Excellence -Communication and Literacy at John Dolan School

<u>Consent Items:</u> Board Chair MacPherson requested agenda item #5.2 correspondence be removed from the consent items. Trustee Zwarych moved that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented.

Consent Items

CARRIED (9)

<u>Approval of Minutes - April 18, 2023</u> Trustee Zwarych moved that the board approve the minutes of the committee of the whole and regular board meetings held April 18, 2023.

Approval of Minutes

CARRIED (9)

Correspondence: Trustee Tait moved that the board receive the

Correspondence

correspondence as listed:

 Correspondence from École Lumsden Elementary School regarding a class initiative to advocate for a provincial Treaties Recognition Week.

CARRIED (9)

#### UNAPPROVED

#### Reports from Administrative Staff:

Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Student Transportation

Daniel Burke, chief financial officer and Sheila May, financial analyst/transportation manager, highlighted the Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Transportation.

Trustee Banks moved that the board approve the Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Student Transportation be included as part of the director of education's 2022-2023 evaluation.

Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Student Transportation

CARRIED (9)

<u>Nature-Based Learning:</u> Nicola Bishop Yong, superintendent of education presented an administrative report on nature-based learning in Saskatoon Public Schools.

Trustee Arneson moved that the board receive the report on nature-based learning for information.

Nature-Based Learning

CARRIED (9)

<u>Three-Year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan:</u> Trustee Stranden moved that the board approve the 2024-2026 Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan dated April 27, 2023.

Three-Year
Preventative
Maintenance and
Renewal Plan

CARRIED (9)

#### **Unfinished Business:**

<u>Tender for Willowgrove Relocatable Classroom Addition:</u> Trustee Arneson moved that the board award the tender for the Willowgrove Relocatable classroom project in the total amount of \$2,140,000 plus applicable taxes for the Base Price plus Separate Price 1 to D2 Construction Ltd., on the condition that the Ministry of Education provides additional funding to cover the total project cost.

Tender for Willowgrove Relocatable Classroom Addition

CARRIED (9)

<u>Correspondence:</u> Trustee Pidwerbeski moved that the board receive the correspondence from committee of the whole.

Correspondence

#### CARRIED (9)

#### Reports of Committees and Trustees:

- Trustee Linklater reported on his participation in the National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Gender diverse people (MMWIG2S) events at Westmount School on May 5.
- Trustee Banks reported on her attendance at School Community Council meetings at James L.
   Alexander School, Tommy Douglas Collegiate and the school community council general assembly
   meeting on April 26. She also visited Nutana Collegiate and participated in their quarter 3 graduation events.
   Trustee Banks attended separate presentations hosted by James L. Alexander School, the Alberta School Boards
   Association and the Saskatoon Industry and Education Council. She also attended the board/student
   forum on May 2.
- Trustee Stranden reported on her attendance at the Howard Coad School Community Council meeting.
   She also attended community association bingo fundraising events at Westmount and Vincent Massey schools and the School Community Council general assembly meeting held April 26.
- Trustee Zwarych reported on her attendance at the University of Saskatchewan College of Education's pinning ceremony and the wall of honour presentations.

## **UNAPPROYED**

Board Chair MacPherson reported her attendance at Montgomery School's Hack-A-Toy event on May 9
Comments/Concerns/Questions from the Public:
No comments, concerns or questions from the public were brought forward.
Notice of Motion:
No Notices of Motion were brought forward.
Questions by Trustees:
No questions by trustees were brought forward.
Adjournment:
Trustee Pidwerbeski moved that the board adjourn to the call of the chair or the board meeting of Tuesday, June 6, 2023.
CARRIED (9)
The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.
Secretary of the School Division Board Chair



#### SASKATOON BOARD OF EDUCATION

6.1

MEETING DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

TOPIC: STRATEGIC PLAN ACCOUNTIBILITY REPORT: INFORMATION SERVICES

FORUM	AGENDA ITEMS	INTENT
☐ Board Meeting	☐ Correspondence	☐ Consent
☐ Committee of the Whole	☐ New Business	□ Decision
	☑ Reports from Administrative Staff	☐ Discussion
	☐ Other:	☐ Information
BACKGROUND		

Each year, the Information Services Department at Saskatoon Public Schools delivers an accountability report relating to technology in the division.

Technology continues to support students and teachers with relevant and reliable hardware and software to support learning and operational functions. Notable highlights include focused efforts in various areas of the division to increase cybersecurity, as well as excellent progress on funded technology infrastructure projects.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

Attached is the 2022-23 Information Services Accountability report.

PREPARED BY	DATE	ATTACHMENTS
Jason Dunk, Chief Technology Officer	June, 2023	Report
RECOMMENDATION		

#### **Proposed Board Motion:**

That the board approve the Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Information Services, to be included as part of the director of education's 2022-2023 evaluation.

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We are committed to creating learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential.









**Accountability Topic:** Information Services

Date of Board Meeting: June 6, 2023

#### **Strategic Priorities:**

☐ Academic Excellence	☐ Well-being
☐ Character	☐ Financial Stewardship
☐ Engagement	

#### Commitments:

	Relationships (honouring diversity, welcoming and joyful spaces, and community partnerships)
	Equity (anti-racist/anti-oppressive practice, representative workforce, high expectations)
$\boxtimes$	Accountability (evidence-based practice, focus on Indigenous student success, ensure safe, caring, and accepting learning environments)

#### **Key Measures:**

- 1. Access to resources to support student learning, such as student and staff computers, had a modest increase this year, at 16,549 from 16,225 last year (2% increase) while overall devices grew from 23,685 to 24,049 (1.3% increase).
- 2. Ratio of students to computers grew slightly due to enrolment growth:

  Elementary average 6.1 students to every student-use computer (from 5.9 last year)

  Collegiate average 4.2 students to every student-use computer (from 4.1 last year)

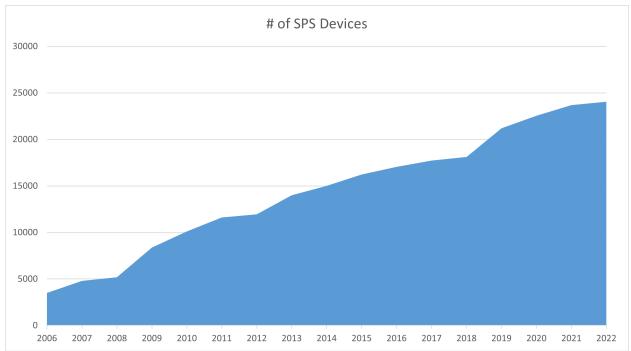
#### **Targets:**

- 1. Division-owned devices will continue to grow, and Saskatoon Public Schools will continue to plan and budget for this growth, in addition to supporting the many personal devices that access our guest network.
- 2. Student to computer ratio target is 4:1 division-wide

#### **Key Initiatives Employed:**

- 1. In response to the increasing number of cyber threats, the primary focus of the Information Services department has been to enhance security. This is being achieved through a combination of internal policy and configuration enhancements, as well as the implementation of top-tier security products. These measures include:
  - Expanding multi-factor authentication to all teaching staff by the end of the school year.
  - Partnering with a top-tier vendor to replace the school division's email filter and incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) and automation for improved response to compromised user accounts.
  - Upgrading software versions for web and portal infrastructures.
  - Expanding installation of additional antivirus and malware security software to staff who are often targeted, such as Human Resources, Financial Services and Payroll Services staff.
  - Reducing staff access to key systems from outside the division's secure network by implementing modern file sharing practices for school teams and business departments.
  - Reducing network access to a minimum required for elevated users, such as IT technicians.
  - Reducing elevated access to laptops and desktops to minimize the risk of unauthorized access.
- 2. Infrastructure projects completed or underway include:
  - Voice Over IP (VoIP) telephone project to finish replacing legacy phones in remaining schools, target completion October 2023
  - Wireless networking Request for Proposal (RFP) product evaluations, award expected June
     2023
  - Portal and website upgrade completed May 2023
  - Email filter software replacement completed November 2022

#### Data:



#### **Future Initiatives:**

Continuing to advocate for the necessary resources to address the school division's technology backlog effectively. Future projects include the following:

- 1. Staff laptop refresh: Planning to publish the Request for Proposal (RFP) by September 2023, with the distribution scheduled during the school year pending the approval of the budget.
- 2. Wireless networking replacement at all locations: The RFP award is expected in June 2023, and the replacement will be carried out school by school throughout the course of the 2023/24 school year.
- 3. Backup and storage replacement: The sourcing process is currently underway, and the Information Services department anticipates deploying the new system during the 2023/24 school year, pending the approval of the budget.
- 4. Wired networking: The timeline for this project to replace network equipment throughout the entire division is dependent on approval of the budget. The RFP will be published in the fall and the IS department will proceed with the distribution shortly thereafter.
- 5. SSBA Cybersecurity Working Advisory Group Recommendations: The goal is to actively consider and evaluate the pending recommendations provided by the SSBA Cybersecurity WAG (Working Advisory Group).

By outlining these projects, Information Services will ensure transparency and communicate our priorities for addressing the technology backlog.

#### **Risk Assessment:**

The division continues to face the same significant risks from a technology perspective as highlighted in last year's report, but substantial progress has been made on addressing these challenges:

- The organization faces ongoing risks from both external and internal cyber threats. Education
  institutions have become prime targets for malicious actors, and the cost and complexity of
  implementing preventive measures have increased. To enhance cybersecurity, it is essential to
  adopt an all-hands approach that includes the implementation of new tools and processes, such
  as multi-factor authentication. Additionally, fostering a security mindset among employees
  through training and support is crucial.
- 2. It is crucial to continuously and dedicatedly invest in infrastructure renewal to meet the technological needs of staff and students. In the technology sector, there is a shift towards an operating model that involves ongoing subscription fees, in addition to the initial capital investment, for products and solutions. As a result, there is a growing necessity for dedicated funding because maintaining systems without a subscription service becomes impractical.

#### **Summary Comments:**

From the user perspective, the technology landscape remained relatively stable this year. The number of laptops and end-user devices remained relatively consistent, which aligns with school division expectations as the end of the current refresh cycle is approaching for staff and student

computers. However, significant progress was made at the infrastructure level to address the backlog of projects and system refreshments required to maintain our systems. Dedicated funding for wireless infrastructure, teacher laptops, and backup technologies has provided much-needed relief in those areas.

The current challenge lies in scaling efforts to complete these backlogged projects concurrently rather than sequentially, without overburdening our department staff. This requires careful coordination to ensure efficient execution while avoiding excessive workload on the team.



## **SASKATOON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**6.2** 

MEETING DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

TOPIC: CLOSURE OF PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL

FORUM	AGENDA ITEMS	INTENT
☑ Board Meeting	☐ Correspondence	☐ Consent
$\square$ Committee of the Whole	☐ New Business	☐ Decision
	☑ Reports from Administrative Staff	☐ Discussion
	☐ Other:	✓ Information
BACKGROUND		
CURRENT STATUS		
Director Skjerven will provide remar celebratory events prior to closure.	ks on the history of the Pleasant Hill School, alon	g with upcoming cultural and
PREPARED BY	DATE	ATTACHMENTS
Shane Skjerven, Director of Educa	ation May 31, 2023	None
RECOMMENDATION		

#### **Proposed Board Motion:**

That the Board approve the closure of Pleasant Hill School on June 30, 2023.



#### SASKATOON BOARD OF EDUCATION

11.1

MEETING DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

TOPIC: BOARD GOVERNANCE - BOARD POLICIES

FORUM	AGENDA ITEMS	INTENT
☑ Board Meeting	☐ Correspondence	☐ Consent
☐ Committee of the Whole	✓ New Business	✓ Decision
	☐ Reports from Administrative Staff	☐ Discussion
	☐ Other:	☐ Information
BACKGROUND		

Board Policy 9 – Policy Making states the board is responsible for the development of policies in keeping with the requirements of government legislation and the values of the electorate. It also states the final draft of the policy or amendments shall be presented to the board for its consideration and approval.

The Board Governance Committee met on May 30, 2023 and is recommending approval of housekeeping changes to the board policies listed below pending minor final edits.

#### **CURRENT STATUS**

Housekeeping changes have been made to the following policies:

- Policy 6: Board Operations
- Policy 7: Committees of the Board
- Policy 8: Board Representatives
- Policy 9: Policy Making
- Policy 10: Delegation of Authority
- Policy 14: Conflict Resolution
- Policy 16: Associate and Alliance Schools

PREPARED BY	DATE	ATTACHMENTS
Shane Skjerven, Director of Education Daniel Burke, Chief Financial Officer	June 1, 2023	Policies (7)
RECOMMENDATION		

#### **Proposed Board Motion:**

That the board approve the housekeeping changes to Policy 6: Board Operations, Policy 7: Committees of the Board, Policy 8: Board Representatives, Policy 9: Policy Making, Policy 10: Delegation of Authority, Policy 14: Conflict Resolution and Policy 16: Associate and Alliance Schools.

## **POLICY 6 - BOARD OPERATIONS**

In order to discharge its responsibilities to the electorate of the division, the <u>Bb</u>oard <u>shall will</u> hold meetings as often as is necessary. The <u>Bb</u>oard has adopted policies regulating its proceedings so that the business of the <u>Bb</u>oard can be conducted in an orderly and efficient manner.

The purpose of <code>Bboard</code> meetings is to ascertain group opinion and through motions and resolutions to focus <code>Boardboard</code> action on specific issues. Respectful behaviour preserves the inherent dignity of everyone; therefore, it is important that <code>Bboard</code> meetings be conducted in an environment that is productive, <code>orderlyorderly</code>, and respectful of trustees, <code>staffstaff</code>, and members of the public. The organization of the <code>bBoardboard</code> meeting will effectively enable trustees and others in attendance to participate in an atmosphere of mutual respect. <code>Meetings of the full Bboard meetings</code> will be conducted in person to the extent possible. <code>In unique or special circumstances</code>, <code>Aa</code>t the discretion of the chair, the <code>Bboard</code> can conduct <code>its</code> meetings electronically. <code>Subcommittee meetings will generally be held electronically at the discretion of the chair</code>. <code>Electronic meetings will be held in compliance with <code>The Electronic Meeting Procedures Regulations</code>, <code>Chapter E-0.2 Reg 6</code>. <code>where possible</code>.</code>

#### 1. Inaugural Meeting of the Board

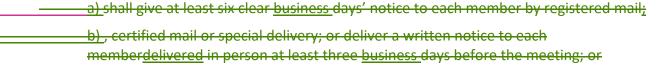
- 1.1 The <u>Inaugural inaugural Meeting meeting</u> of the <u>Boardboard in board in each calendar</u> year <u>shallwill be will be</u> held in the W.B. Doyle Board Room, <u>Board offices</u>, not later than November 30 in accordance with Part 4 of *The School Division Administration Regulations*, Province of Saskatchewan.
- 1.2 The Chief <u>Chief Financial financial Officer officer Cshallwill</u> call the meeting to order.
- In an election year, the <a href="Chief-Einancial financial Officer-officer-shall-will">Chief-Einancial Financial Officer-officer shall-will</a> read the return from the <a href="City Clerk-clerk">City Clerk clerk</a> certifying as to the election of new members, if any, and <a href="Shallwill">Shallwill</a> call for and receive the certificate of their declaration of office, in accordance with Section 71 of the Education Act, Province of Saskatchewan.
- 1.4 The Chief\_chief\_Financial\_financial\_Officer\_officer\_shall\_will\_proceed to conduct the election of the Board\_board\_Chairchair. Nominations shall\_will\_be made by the Board\_board\_members for the office of Cchair and need not be seconded. A vote upon the nominees shall be taken by ballot. The nominee who receives the most votes of the members present shall\_will\_therefore be declared elected and shallwill\_take office immediately. In the event of a tie vote the Bboard will move in tointo
  Ccommittee of the Wwhole. Following discussions in Ccommittee of the Wwhole the Bboard will conduct a maximum of another two votes by secret ballot. If a tie remains the Bboard\_will\_direct the returning officer to follow the tie vote procedure specified in Section 141(1) of the Local Government Election Act.
- 1.5 Immediately following the election of the €chair, the Bboard shallwill elect a ∀vice-c€hair to take office immediately following the election and serve for six months. One

- other trustee shallwill be elected to serve for the subsequent six months or until the next linaugural Meetingmeeting.
- 1.6 The <u>Bb</u>oard shall then proceed with the agenda as prepared by the <u>d</u>□irector of eEducation.
- 1.7 At its <u>Inaugural inaugural Mm</u>eeting each year, the <u>Boardboard shallwill</u> appoint such professional service providers as are deemed necessary to safeguard the long-term interests of the <u>Bb</u>oard. Service providers considered in this context may include insurance brokers, auditors, architects, solicitor, etc.
- 1.8 At its Inaugural Mmeeting each year, the Bboard shall will namewill name representatives to internal committees and external committees. The process for selecting candidates will be by nomination. If the number of candidates who accept nominations is greater than positions available, then the process for selecting will be determined by the Cchair and Vyice Cchair. will be determined by the board.
  - 1.8.1 Decisions will be based on involving as many trustees as possible, keeping in mind which trustees have held these positions and which trustees have not yet held positions.
  - 1.8.2 The <u>c</u>Chair and <u>Vvice</u> Chair may suggest voting by ballot if more trustees are interested in a position than tean be accommodated for the year.
- 1.9 Trustees shall report on meetings or events where trustees have been assigned by the Bboard or Cchair of the Bboard to attend as a representative of the Board.
  - O Includes membership on external committees, and/or special community meetings.
  - O Representatives for special committees are determined at the annual <a href="Inaugural">Inaugural</a> inaugural meeting of the board (ex. Board Audit and Risk Committee, <a href="Board">Board</a> Discipline Committee, Board Governance Committee, Board Human Resources Committee, <a href="representatives to the">representatives</a> to the Board of Pension Committee Trustees, Saskatchewan School Boards Association Public Section representatives, Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association representative, Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation representatives).
  - O Any appointment not determined at the <u>Inaugural inaugural meeting willshall</u> be identified by <u>Bb</u>oard motion.

#### 2. Meetings of the Board

2.1 Unless otherwise arranged by appropriate <u>Bb</u>oard action, the <u>Bb</u>oard <u>shall will</u> meet as often as necessary in open session in the <u>W.B. Doyle</u> Board Room of the Saskatoon Board of Education on whatever day and at such times as the <u>Bb</u>oard may determine. Notwithstanding, in the public interest, the <u>Bb</u>oard establishes an annual calendar. The <u>Bb</u>oard is committed to conducting as much of its business as possible in open session, whether in regular or in special meeting.

- In preparation for each regular <u>Bb</u>oard meeting, the <u>d</u>Director of <u>e</u>Education in consultation with the <u>Bb</u>oard\_<u>Cc</u>hair and <u>Vivi</u>ce <u>Cc</u>hair shall prepare and post <u>an</u> agenda and a file of related materials at least three business days in advance of the <u>meeting</u>. to <u>Bboard members at least three business-days in advance of the meeting an agenda and a file of related materials which will be used in the meeting. If in exceptional circumstances, information for the <u>Bboard</u>-meeting is unavailable, material will be forwarded to <u>Bb</u>oard members as soon as possible.</u>
- 2.3 Special meetings of the <u>Bb</u>oard shall be called by <u>the Cchairthe chair</u> at any time on <u>his/hertheirtheir</u> own initiative or at the request of the <u>dD</u>irector of <u>eE</u>ducation, or upon receipt of a written request signed by any three members of the <u>Bb</u>oard who shall state explicitly the reason <u>therefore for the meeting</u> in accordance with <u>Section 73(1) of the Education Act Part 4, section 16 (1) of The School Division Administration Regulations</u>. <u>Subject to 2.4 below, if a special meeting of the Bboard is to be held, the Director of Education shall give members notice</u>



c) written notice left leave the notice with an adult person at each member's place of residence at least three business days before the meeting; or

d) .written notice in an electronic form that complies with section 9 of *The Electronic*Information and Documents Act, 2000 at least three business days before the meeting.

The notice shall set forth the business to be transacted or to be considered and no other business shall be considered unless all the members of the Bboard are present and unless there is unanimous agreement that the agenda previously arranged shall be changed.

In emergency or extenuating circumstances, the board may conduct a special meeting electronically in the manner outlined in *The Electronic Meeting Procedures Regulations*, Chapter E 0.2 Reg. 6 of The Education Act.

- —2.4 The <u>Bb</u>oard may, by unanimous consent, in accordance with section 16 (3) of *The School Division Administration Regulations*, waive notice of meeting and hold a meeting at any time and that consent shall be subscribed to in writing by each member of the <u>Board-board</u> prior to the commencement of the meeting and <u>shalwill</u> be recorded in the minutes of the meeting in the form required by that section.
  - 2.5 No act, proceeding, or policy of the <u>Bb</u>oard <u>shawill</u> be deemed valid unless adopted by a regular or special meeting at which a quorum of the <u>Bb</u>oard is present. A "quorum of the <u>Board board</u>" <u>shall beis</u> defined as a majority of the members of the <u>Board board</u> of <u>Education education</u> as referenced in section 17(1) of <u>The School Division</u>
    Administration Regulations.
  - 2.6 All regular and special meetings of the **B**board shall beareare open to the public.

#### 3. Committee of the Whole Board (In Camera) Sessions

- The Bboard believes that its fundamental obligation is to preserve and enhance the public trust in education generally and in the affairs of its operations. The Bboard believes this trust is preserved through the conduct of Bboard meetings which are open to the public, but at the same time recognizes that occasions may arise when it is in the best public interest to discuss sensitive matters in closed meetings.
- As a general practice <u>Committee</u> of the <u>Ww</u>hole sessions <u>shalwill</u> be held on the day of each <u>Regular regular</u> <u>Bb</u>oard meeting. The <u>Bb</u>oard may meet at any time in <u>Committee</u> of the <u>Ww</u>hole for any of the reasons outlined in 3.87 below.
- 3.3 Whenever the <u>Bb</u>oard goes into <u>Ccommittee</u> of the <u>Ww</u>hole, the <u>Chair of the Board board chair</u> shall leave the chair and the <u>Vyice-cC</u>hair shall take <u>his/hetheir</u> place. If the <u>Vyice-Cchair</u> is absent, the <u>Cchair or other <u>Vyice Chair chair</u> for that year <u>shallwill take will take</u> their place.</u>
- 3.4 The usual rules of procedure shall be observed in meetings of €committee of the ₩whole. Nonetheless:
  - 3.4.1 Board members and administration shall be on a first-name basis.
  - 3.4.2 Meetings shall be characterized by a relaxed atmosphere, which allows free and open dialogue.
  - 3.4.3 Trustees shall enjoy much greater latitude in terms of breadth of issues and their comments as well as greater latitude in terms of direct response and number of times an individual may speak to an issue.
  - 3.4.4 Trustees shall will be allowed to respond to other's comments at the discretion of the <u>Vvice Cc</u>hair although all comments shall be addressed to the Chair.
  - 3.4.5 The <u>Vvice Cchair shall will</u> be empowered to enforce the same rules as apply to <u>public Bboard public board</u> meetings if <u>he or shethey</u> deems it is in the best interest of the meeting being conducted.
- 3.5 The <u>Chief Ffinancial Oofficer</u>, or designate, <u>shallwill</u> keep a record of directions to administration and items which the <u>Committee</u> has agreed should be placed on the next or subsequent <u>Bo</u>oard meeting agendas.
- 3.6 At the conclusion of a session of the <u>Committee</u> of the <u>Ww</u>hole, a member <u>shallwill</u> move that the <u>Committee</u> rise and report to the open <u>Bb</u>oard meeting and subsequently, that the session adjourns.
- 3.7 During any meeting of the <u>Bb</u>oard, the <u>Boardboard shallwill</u> go into a <u>Ccommittee</u> of the <u>Ww</u>hole session at the request of a trustee to discuss a matter that is normally reserved for closed session as outlined in point 3.8. Immediately following such a <u>Ccommittee</u> of the <u>Ww</u>hole session, a trustee <u>shall-will</u> move that the <u>Bb</u>oard rise from <u>Ccommittee</u> and report to the open meeting of the <u>Bb</u>oard. Any action taken by <u>the Bboard</u> the board <u>shalwill</u> be voted upon in a meeting open to the public.

- 3.8 The following matters shallare normally be reserved for closed sessions of the Committee of the Wwhole:
  - 3.8.1 Personal or confidential matters relating to staff, students or finances;
  - 3.8.2 Legal opinions respecting the <u>Bb</u>oard and its <u>activities; activities.</u>
  - 3.8.3 The purchase, <u>lease\_lease</u>, or sale of property prior to discussion in open <u>session;</u>session.
  - 3.8.4 Items of a sensitive or exploratory nature which either the <u>Ddirector</u> or the <u>Bb</u>oard wish to discuss with each other, with the ultimate view to providing guidance or information on issues which may or may not become public later.
- 3.9 Board members and other persons attending <u>cCommittee committee</u> of the <u>ww</u>hole sessions are honour bound not to disclose the details of discussion at such sessions.

#### 4. Planning and Development Meetings

- The Board believes that its fundamental obligation is to preserve and enhance the public trust in education generally and in the affairs of its operations. The Board believes this trust is preserved through the conduct of Board meetings which are open to the public, but at the same time recognizes that occasions may arise when it is in the best public interest to discuss sensitive and exploratory matters in closed meetings.
- 4.2 As a general practice Pplanning and Ddevelopment sessions shall be held as required.
- 4.3 At Pplanning At planning and dDevelopmentdevelopment meetings, the Chair of the Board shallwill leave the chair and the Vice-Cchair shallwill take his/hertheir place. If the Vice Cchair is absent, the members present shall elect one of their number to act as Cchair of the meeting.
- 4.4 The usual rules of procedure for committee of the whole shall be observed in Plplanning and Pdevelopment meetings. Nonetheless:
  - 4.4.1 Board members and administration shall will be on a first-name basis.
  - 4.4.2 Meetings shall be characterized by a relaxed atmosphere, which allows free and open dialogue.
  - 4.4.3 Board members shall enjoy much greater latitude in terms of breadth of issues and their comments as well as greater latitude in terms of direct response and number of times an individual may speak to an issue.
  - 4.4.4 Board members shallwill be allowed to respond to other's comments at the discretion of the <u>Vvice cC</u>hair although all comments shall be addressed to the <u>Vice Chair</u>.
  - 4.4.5 The <u>Vvice Cchair shall will</u> be empowered to enforce the same rules as apply to public <u>Bb</u>oard meetings if <u>he or she they</u> deems it is in the best interest of the meeting being conducted.

4.5 Board members and other persons attending Pplanning and <a href="mailto:dDevelopment\_development\_development">dDevelopment\_development\_development\_development</a> sessions are honour bound not to disclose the details of discussion at such sessions.

#### 5. Agenda for Public Meetings

- 5.1 The agenda shallwill be prepared by the Ddirector of eEducation in consultation with the Bboard Cchair and Vvice Cchair and shall be posted to Bboard members at least three full business days in advance of regular Bboard meetings, together with such letters, reports, and information as Bboard members may require in dealing effectively with items therein.
- \_5.2 A Bboard member may have an item placed on the agenda by:
  - -5.2.1 Making direct request to the Directordirector of Eeducation before the agenda is sent to the Booard members;
  - 5.2.21 Presenting a notice of motion, which will place the item on the agenda for the next Board meeting;
  - 5.2.32 Securing Bboard approval at the beginning of any Bboard meeting for the inclusion of the item on the agenda of that meeting.

- 5.3 The order of business at regular meetings shall normally be as follows:
  - Roll Call
  - Land Acknowledgement
  - Playing of O Canada
  - Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflict of Interest
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  - Consent Items (The €chair will ask for a motion to receive the items, which are starred, and to approve all recommendations contained therein. Prior to approving the motion, any trustee may request a star(s)that a consent item be removed).
  - ———Reports from Administrative Staff

  - Delegations
  - Business Arising from the Minutes
  - Unfinished Business
  - Correspondence
  - Reports of Committees and Trustees
  - New Business
  - ———Comments/Concerns/Questions from the Public (must be related to a specific agenda item)
  - Notices of Motion
  - Questions by Trustees
  - 5.3.1 During Comments/Concerns from the Public, trustees should not engage in a discussion as the matter referred to will be dealt with at the appropriate time in the agenda.
  - 5.3.2\_\_Trustees may provide a verbal report of recent activities at each regular meeting.
  - 5.4 The list of agenda items shallwill be posted in the Board office, in a place readily accessible to the public and on the school division's main website. Any elector may inspect the agenda and request a copy.
- 6. Minutes
  - 6.1 The Mminutes shall record:
    - 6.1.1 A summary of the circumstances which gave rise to the matter being placed before the Board; and
    - 6.1.2 All resolutions, including the <u>Bb</u>oard's disposition of same, placed before the <u>Bb</u>oard.
  - 6.2 The Mminutes The minutes shall:

- 6.2.1 Be recorded by the <u>Cchief <u>Ffinancial Oofficerfinancial officer</u> or designate in a minute book and in a form approved by the <u>B</u>board; and</u>
- 6.2.2 Be reviewed by the <u>Ddirector</u> prior to submission to the <u>Bb</u>oard for approval; and
- 6.2.3 Be considered an unofficial record of proceedings until adopted by resolution of the Board; and
- 6.2.4 Upon adoption by the <u>Bb</u>oard, be deemed to be the official and sole record of the <u>Bb</u>oard's business.
- 6.3 The Cchief Ffinancial Officer shall:
  - 6.3.1 Present the minutes for approval at the next **B**board meeting.

#### 7. Motions

Motions do not require a seconder.

7.1 Notice of Motion

The notice of motion serves the purpose of officially putting an item on the agenda of the next or future regular meeting and gives notice to all trustees of the item to be discussed. A notice of motion is not debatable and may not be voted on.

- 7.1.1 A member of the <u>Bb</u>oard may present in <u>writing</u> a notice of motion <u>at in writing</u> at any regular or special meeting of the <u>Bb</u>oard.
- 7.1.2 At the next regular meeting of the <u>Bb</u>oard, this member shall present the motion and speak in support of it.
- 7.2 Discussion on Motions

A motion or recommendation <u>from Aadministration from administration</u> must be placed before the <u>Bb</u>oard prior to any discussion taking place on an issue. When a motion originates from the floor, the mover of the motion <u>shallwill</u> provide a written copy of the motion to the <u>Bb</u>oard <u>Chair</u>. Once a motion is before the <u>Bb</u>oard and until it is passed or defeated, all speakers <u>shall will</u> confine their remarks to the motion or to the information pertinent to the motion.

7.3 Speaking to the Motion

Every speaker must first be recognized by the Cchair and shall speak to the Cchair.

A trustee may speak to a motion only once, without permission of the <u>Cc</u>hair, unless replying to a question, in which case the trustee may speak a second time, except that the mover of a motion may speak a second time and thereby close the debate on the question. This limitation shall not apply in committee meetings.

Trustees shall refer to <u>Bb</u>oard members as "Trustee \_\_\_\_\_" and shall refer to administrators by title.

Trustees may interrupt other <u>Bb</u>oard members only by proper use of a "Point of Order" or "Question of Privilege."

#### 7.3.1 A "Point Off Order"

A member may interrupt the speaker on a "point of order" if the member feels improper language has been used; if the member feels irrelevant argument is being used; or if the member feels a rule of procedure has been broken.

The "point of order" must be stated definitely and conclusively.

The <u>Chch</u>air of <u>the Bboard</u> the <u>board</u> decides, without debate, whether the "point is well taken" although he or she may ask for opinions first.

#### 7.3.2 A "Question of Privilege"

A member may interrupt the speaker on "a question of privilege" if <a href="he/she-they">he/she-they</a> feels the member's reputation, or that of <a href="his/hertheir">his/hertheir</a> organization, is endangered.

The procedure is the same as for a "point of order".

#### 7.4 Reading of the Motion

A trustee may require the motion under discussion to be read at any time during the debate, except when a trustee is speaking.

#### 7.5 Recorded Vote

All votes shall be by a recorded show of hands.

A tie vote shall be declared lost.

#### 7.6 Entitled Votes

All members, including the <u>Cc</u>hair, are entitled to vote on all questions and motions, except in the case of a conflict of interest, as defined by Section <u>69-20</u> of <u>the Education</u> <u>Act. The School Division Administration Regulations</u>.

While all members are encouraged to vote on all questions and motions, except in the case of a conflict of interest, a member has the right to abstain from voting. An abstention shall not be considered a vote.

#### 7.7 Debate

Board meetings shall be conducted according to the parliamentary procedures found in Robert's Rules of Order Revised (the New Robert's Rules of Order 2nd Edition) with *The Education Act, 1995* and *The School Division Administration Regulations*, taking precedence. Meeting procedures shall also be governed by special rules of order set out by the Board in the Board Policy Handbook.

Rules shall encourage open and free debate on issues and discourage wandering from issues, personal attacks, and/or reference to personalities. Trustees will strive to respect the opinions of other <u>Bb</u>oard members. The <u>Cc</u>hair must guard against any <u>Bb</u>oard member(s) monopolizing the debate on any issue.

A motion to lay a question on the table (e.g. tabling motion) shall not be subject to debate, but the question may be debated when it is lifted from the table.

Unless authorized by a majority of members present, the  $\underbrace{\mathsf{Cc}}_{\mathsf{chair}}$  had will not keep the  $\underbrace{\mathsf{Bb}}_{\mathsf{cond}}$  or more than three continuous hours  $\underbrace{\mathsf{(e.g.\ 10:00\ p.m.)}_{\mathsf{c.}}}$ .

#### 8. Delegations

- 8.1 The <u>Bb</u>oard believes it has the responsibility to encourage residents of the <u>Dd</u>ivision to bring matters of concern regarding the education of students and the operation of the <u>Dd</u>ivision to regular meetings of the <u>Bb</u>oard. Representation and delegations from any individual or group may be received on any subject pertinent to the business of the <u>Bb</u>oard not including personnel matters and other criteria for refusal. The <u>Bb</u>oard reserves the right to refuse a request from a representative or delegation.
- 8.2 All delegations wishing to appear before the <u>Bb</u>oard shall be required to give notice thereof, in writing, to the <u>Pd</u>irector of <u>Ee</u>ducation at least seven full <u>business</u> days before the meeting at which they are to be heard; and further, in giving such notice, the delegations <u>shall will</u> state the nature of the subject matter they intend to bring before the <u>Bb</u>oard.
- 8.3 Matters deemed to be of a sensitive and/or confidential nature shall be heard at a closed session of the <u>Bb</u>oard.
- 8.4 All delegations are required to submit their presentation in writing for inclusion in the Bboard the board agenda package. As the submission will be read by Bboard members, delegations are to provide an overview of the key points in their written submission during their verbal presentation as there is only 15 minutes allocated for the presentation and trustee questions for clarification.
- 8.5 Trustees may ask questions for clarification of the delegation if there is time remaining in the 15 minutes allocated to the delegation. The Cchair of the Bboard shallwill ensure that the delegation's presentation and trustee questions for clarification cease at the 15-minute limit; any unfinished business shall be submitted in writing to the appropriate party.
- 8.6 Should follow-up be required because of the delegation's presentation; the <u>Bboard</u> the <u>board</u> will provide direction to the appropriate party.
- 8.7 In an emergency, the <u>Dd</u>irector of <u>eEducationeducation</u>, with the approval of the <u>c</u>Chair of the <u>Bb</u>oard, <u>shall</u> have authority to waive the requirement of seven days' notice, provided there is time before the meeting to acquaint the <u>Bb</u>oard members with the purpose of the delegation.

#### 9. Trustee Remuneration

#### 9.1 Honoraria

The total  $\mp \underline{t}$  rustee remuneration package should recognize the role and responsibilities undertaken by the collective  $\underline{B}\underline{b}$  oard, individual  $\mp \underline{t}$  rustees and the time required in fulfilling those responsibilities.

Prior to changes to remuneration, Aadministration will conduct and present to the Bboard remuneration surveys that compare the Ttrustees' total remuneration package to remuneration packages provided to other publicly elected school division trustees in Saskatchewan.

#### 9.1.1 Remuneration Guidelines

- All remuneration amounts are established by the <u>Bb</u>oard. Per annum honorarium adjustments at the start of the new budget year shall be tied to the lesser of the provincially negotiated increase to teacher salaries or Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and are listed in the Schedule of Remuneration, Allowances and Expenses. es.
- The COLA shall be determined by the Statistics Canada publication specific to Saskatoon, which is released annually in January for the preceding year. —

#### 9.1.2 Per Annum

The per annum honoraria provides remuneration for the duties and activities required of ‡trustees as per Policy 2: Role of the Board Member and as per Policy 6.1.8 which deals with ‡trustee representation on internal and external committees: These include:

- Attendance at regularly scheduled meetings of the Bboard but not limited to public meetings, committee of the whole meetings, planning and development meetings, director and board self-evaluation meetings and other working sessions;
- Attendance at meetings of <u>Bb</u>oard committees and where <u>a <u>Ttrusteea</u> trustee
   represents the Board on an external committee;
  </u>
- Attendance at other meetings as appointed, <u>directed directed</u>, or agreed to by the <u>Bb</u>oard such as <u>Ss</u>chool <u>Community Council assemblies</u>, meetings with other school boards, MLAs, <u>Citycity Councillors</u> city councillors, <u>Bb</u>oard-hosted functions, social events, etc.; and
- Ward-related activities including school events, <u>School Sschool Ccommunity</u>
   <u>Ccouncil Ccouncil meetings and important community functions.</u>

The per annum honoraria includes:

- A monthly in-division travel allowance;
- A monthly cell phone allowance;

• Enrolment in the <u>Bb</u>oard's benefit plans, including the Employee Family Assistance Plan.

Trustees'Trustees per annum honoraria is paid in 12 monthly installments by direct deposit and a pay advisory is forwarded to ‡trustees by email. The \$\frac{B}{D}\$ oard \$\frac{C}{C}\$ hair will receive an additional 30 percent remuneration, the \$\frac{B}{D}\$ oard \$\frac{V}{V}\$ ice \$\frac{C}{C}\$ hair \$\frac{S}{D}\$ hair shalwill receive an additional 10 percent remuneration \$\frac{D}{D}\$ during the term that they fulfill these duties.

#### 9.1.3 Additional Remuneration

Each year, the <u>Bb</u>oard <u>shall-will</u> determine the availability of, and rates for, all additional remuneration.

Trustees may claim additional remuneration for expenses related to activities of a nonpartisan nature over and above those detailed in 9.1.2., where no other remuneration is provided, that enable them to keep abreast of developments in education and further their work as ‡trustees. These include attendance at conventions, seminars, conferences, workshops, and professional development activities, community or \$\mathbb{B}\mathbb{O}\mathbb{O}\mathbb{O}\mathbb{O}\mathbb{O}\mathbb{C}\mathbb{O}\ma

#### 9.1.3.1. Per Diem Honoraria

\_— Daily per diem honoraria may be claimed at the discretion of individual Ttrustees. The rate for, and availability of, daily per diem honoraria is decided by the Boardboard and is at a capped amount...

-Events for which a per diem honoraria may be claimed include:

- <u>Participation in panels or committees as appointed Bboard</u>
   <u>representatives such as for Attendance on committees and at meetings</u>
   <del>where Trustee participation is required but is voluntary such as selection panels for in-school administrators;</del>
- Attendance at annual conferences and meetings of associations of which the Bboard is a member such as the SSBA and CSBA;
- Attendance at meetings as appointed <u>Bb</u>oard representatives, <u>such as for on, for example</u>, <u>external organizations or task forces</u>.
- Attendance at professional development events consisting with a duration of ½ day or greater.

#### 9.1.3.2 Expense Reimbursement

Trustees participating in out-of-division <u>Bb</u>oard-related activities may be reimbursed for expenses incurred.

Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement for:

- registration fees
- airfare
- ground transportation including taxis and shuttles
- accommodation

Meal allowances and out-of-division travel when using a personal vehicle will be reimbursed at <a href="mailto:provincial government-Ddivision">provincial government-Ddivision</a> rates.

#### 9.1.4 Corporate Purchasing/Credit Card

Trustees may obtain a corporate purchasing/credit card to use for <u>Bb</u>oard-related expenses. Trustees must follow division procedures for the use of the corporate credit card. All charges to corporate credit cards issued by the <u>Bd</u>ivision must be supported by a detailed receipt that identifies the purpose of the expenditure. Please refer to Administrative Procedure 571: Purchasing Card – Commercial Credit Card Program.

#### 9.1.5 Travel, Vehicle and Parking Expense

Kilometer rates and meal allowances for out-of-city travel shall be at provincial Polivision rates as listed in the Schedule of Remuneration, Allowances and Expenses.

Annual adjustments to in-city travel allowance shall be at the start of the new budget year and tied to the lesser of the provincially negotiated increase to teacher salaries or Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) as defined in 9.1.1.

#### 9.1.6 Standard Computer Equipment

Trustees will be equipped with computer equipment during their four-year term of office to assist in division communications and to enable trustees to fulfill their duties.

Computer equipment will be provided to trustees during their term of office at Board expense.

Computer equipment shall be capped at a budgeted amount within the Board's term.

Installing or maintaining any hardware or executable software not owned or licensed by the Division<u>division</u> requires authorization by the <u>Bb</u>oard. Any modifications to <u>Bb</u>oard provided office equipment must be removable without damaging the integrity of the equipment. Costs for repairs due to such modifications may be assessed. The use of all computer hardware and software shall comply with the <u>Division's acceptable use policy</u>. Administrative Procedure 140: Computer Online Services Acceptable Use.

Trustees experiencing problems with their school division computers may access Information Systems technical support.

-Trustees may purchase <u>Bboard</u>-provided computer equipment <u>for the</u> depreciated value at the end of their term of office.

An outgoing trustee <u>shall-will</u> return the <u>Bb</u>oard\_provided computer equipment within seven days following an election or for a re-elected trustee, on replacement of the equipment.

The Boardexecutive assistant to the board Secretary will keep a record on file of equipment loaned or leased to a trustee.

#### 9.1.7 Trustee Office Expenses

The following other Office and Office and parking expenses will be paid for trustees during their term.: a portion or all of the cost of internet access and cellular telephone charges, parking swipe card, business cards, office supplies, promotional items (for the School Division and its entities), good and welfare of students, cards (greeting, sympathy etc.), Dday timer, and associated Board related long distance charges.

Trustee Office Eexpense allowances are capped at a predetermined amount. Annual adjustments shall be at the start of the new budget year and tied to the lesser of the provincially negotiated increase to teacher salaries or Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The Bboard Cchair will be allocated an additional predetermined amount for

oOfficeoffice eExpenses as listed in the Schedule of Remuneration, Allowances and Expenses

The Board board will reimburse expenses with the submission of original receipts only.

The annual adjustment to this account is to be tied to Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) at the start of the new budget year.

- 10. Recognition of Trustee Service
  - Less than one term:—\_certificate and letter
  - One or more terms (in whole or in part): certificate, letter and memento of appreciation approved by the Board

Trustees shall be given the option of redirecting a cash equivalent gift.

- The Board will recognize trustees who die while still in office as follows:
  - Memorial announcement in local paper (two issues).
  - Board one-time contribution to an educational scholarship made in consultation with the trustee's family (\$1,000 per term or portion thereof).
- The Bboard will recognize former trustees on the occasion of their death as follows:
  - Board contribution to an educational scholarship made in consultation with the trustee's family (\$100 per term or portion thereof).

#### 11. Board Member Conflict of Interest

11.1 Members of the <u>Bb</u>oard are governed by the provisions of *The School Division Administration Regulations* concerning matters of conflict of interest.

#### 12. Board Self-Evaluation

<u>The Board will conduct an annual self evaluation as determined by the Board Governance</u> Committee.

- 12.1 The purpose of the Bboard self evaluation is to answer questions such as:
  - 12.1.1 How well have we fulfilled each of our defined roles as a Bboard this past year?
  - 12.1.2 How do we perceive our interpersonal working relationships?
  - 12.1.3 How well do we receive input and how well do we communicate?
  - 12.1.4 How well have we adhered to our annual work plan?
  - 12.1.5 How would we rate our Bboard-Ddirector relations?
  - 12.1.6 How well have we adhered to our governance policies?
  - 12.1.7 What have we accomplished this past year? How do we know?
- 12.2 The principles upon which the Bboard self-evaluation is based are as follows:

- 12.2.1 A learning organization or a professional learning community is focused on the improvement of practice.
- 12.2.2 A pre-determined process for evaluation strengthens the governance functions and builds credibility for the Bboard.
- 12.2.3 An evidence-based approach provides objectivity.
- 12.3 The components of the Bboard self-evaluation are:
  - 12.3.1 Review of Bboard Rrole pPerformanceperformance
  - 12.3.2 Monitoring Interpersonalinterpersonal Wworking Rrelationships
  - 12.3.3 Monitoring Bboard Rrepresentation/Ccommunication
  - 12.3.4 Review of a Annual annual Wwork Pplan Ccompletion
  - 12.3.5 Monitoring Bboard-Ssuperintendent rRelations
  - 12.3.6 Review of Bboard Mmotionsotions
  - 12.3.7 Review of Boardboard Ggovernance pPoliciespolicies
  - 12.3.8 Creating a Ppositive Ppath Forwardforward
- 13. Signing Authority
  - The <u>Bb</u>oard <u>Cchair</u>, <u>Vvice Cchair</u> and <u>Cchief Ffinancial Officer officer</u> have legal signing authority for the Board of Education of the Saskatoon School Division Number 13 of Saskatchewan.
    - 13.1.1 The Boarboard Cchairboard chair or Vvice Cchair and the Cchief

      <u>fFinancialfinancial Officer's officer's signatures are required on all agreements and contracts that are valued at \$250,000 or more.</u>
    - 13.1.2 The <u>cChiefchief Financial financial Oofficer</u> or designates' signature will be required on agreements and contracts under the value of \$250,000, unless otherwise requested by third parties, in which case, the <u>Bboard Cchair board chair</u> or <u>Vvice Cchair and the Cchief Ffinancial Oofficer's signature will be required.</u>

Legal Reference:

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## **POLICY 7- COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

The <u>Bb</u>oard may, from time to time, create committees <u>in order toto</u> expedite the conduct of its business. Committees may be standing or ad hoc in nature.

- 1. Standing Committees and Representation
  - 1.1 At its <u>linaugural Mmeeting</u> each year, the <u>Bb</u>oard shall name such standing committees and representation, as it deems necessary for the effective discharge of <u>Bb</u>oard business.
  - 1.2 Unless otherwise provided by <u>Bb</u>oard motion at the <u>li</u>naugural <u>Mm</u>eeting, the standing committees of the <u>Board</u>board shall be the following:
    - 1.2.1 Board Audit and Risk Committee
    - 1.2.3 Board Governance Committee
    - 1.2.4 Board Human Resources Committee
  - 1.3 Unless otherwise decreed by the <u>Bb</u>oard, a standing committee <u>shall-will</u> be comprised of no fewer than three and no more than five <u>Bb</u>oard members, one of whom <u>shall-will</u> be named <u>Cchair</u> by the committee members, but any or all <u>Board-board</u> members not named to a committee may attend meetings of that committee without the privilege of voting. The <u>Bb</u>oard <u>Cchair</u>, as <u>Eex-Oofficio</u>, shall have voting rights in standing committees. Quorum of subcommittee is defined as a majority of the members as referenced in section 17(1) of *The School Division Administration Regulations*.
  - 1.4 Each committee shall have a €chair, but no ₽board member shall be €chair of more than one standing committee.
  - 1.5 Standing committees shallwill meet only when they are required to deal with matters specifically referred to them by the Bboard or Ddirector. These meetings shall be held in camera. Occasionally committee meetings may be opened to the public and advertised appropriately at the discretion of the committee Cchair. Following the study of any question, the committee shall draft a written report of its findings and submit it to the Bboard. These reports shall be reviewed in Ccommittee of the Wwhole. No report, order or decision of a Bboard committee comes into force until the Bboard at a regular or special meeting adopts it.
  - 1.6 The general areas of <u>Bb</u>oard business to be dealt with by the standing committees, under direction from the Board, <u>shallwill</u> be as follows:
    - 1.6.1 Board Audit and Risk Committee

Assists the <u>Bb</u>oard in performing its financial responsibilities considering enterprise <u>wide</u>-risks <u>management</u> in the establishment of <u>the</u> strategic

direction plan for Saskatoon Public Schools and investigating any activity of Saskatoon Public Schools if so authorized by the Boardboard.

#### 1.6.2 Board Governance Committee

Assists the Board by providing guidance-advice on the process and structure used to govern the affairs of Saskatoon Public Schools for sound performance, accountability and integrity; preparing draft board policies for review, discussion and approval; reviewing and updating existing polices; developing board performance evaluations tools to guide the board in evaluating its governance practice and processes against established measures of good governance; and responding to other governance matters as requested by the Board.-

#### 1.6.3 Board Human Resources Committee

Assists the <u>Bb</u>oard on matters pertaining to the selection, evaluation process and development of the director within the parameters described by <u>Bb</u>oard policy <u>and assisting administration in establishing collective bargaining</u> <u>mandates for all collective bargaining within the school division.</u>

- 1.7 The Delirector of Eeducation or designate, shallwill attend all committee meetings.
- 1.8 The Bboard will meet in Ccommittee of the Wwhole in accordance with a schedule approved by the Bboard and on an "as needed" basis.
- 1.9 Trustee attendance at the Sschool Ccommunity Ccouncil Aassembly meetings is encouraged. There are three meetings held each year.
- 1.10 At its Inaugural meeting each year, the Board shall name such other representatives, as it deems necessary for the effective discharge of Board business.
  - Unless otherwise provided by Board motion at the Inaugural Meeting, Board representation on committees shall be the following:
  - 1.10.1 Public Boards Caucus, Saskatchewan School Boards Association
  - 1.10.2 Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association
- 1.10.3 Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Corp.

#### 1.10.4 Board Pension Committee

#### 2. Special Committees

- 2.1 As need arises, the <u>Bb</u>oard may appoint special committees for such purposes as it may deem necessary and shall designate one of the members <u>as Cehairas chair</u>.
- 2.2 Special committees will include administrative officials and other non-<u>Bb</u>oard members, as well as <u>Bb</u>oard members.

- 2.3 Each special committee at the conclusion of its work shall present a written report to the **Bb**oard.
- 2.4 Unless otherwise directed by the <u>Bb</u>oard, special committees are dissolved as soon as they have reported to the <u>Bb</u>oard.

Legal Reference: The Education Act, 1995, Section 85(1)a, The School Division Administration

Regulations, Sections 38, 41

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## **POLICY 8- BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

In response to requests from external organizations or agencies, the <u>Bb</u>oard will give consideration to naming representatives to various external boards or committees. Such representation is established at the discretion of the <u>Bb</u>oard to facilitate the exchange of information on matters of mutual concern and/or to discuss possible agreements between the <u>Bb</u>oard and other organizations.

If such an external organization/agency request came to the <u>Bb</u>oard at some point between <u>Inauguralinaugural</u> meetings, the <u>Bb</u>oard would follow a similar selection process as specified in Policy 6.1.8. This appointment would be made official by <u>Bb</u>oard motion.

Cooperative committees shall will function within the terms of reference determined by the committee and approved by both parties. The <u>Pd</u>irector of <u>Ee</u>ducation may appoint resource personnel to work with representatives and <u>shall will</u> determine roles, responsibilities and reporting requirements of resource personnel.

The following committees will have a <u>Bb</u>oard representative as identified at <u>the linaugural the inaugural Mm</u>eeting:

#### 1. Public Boards Section, Saskatchewan School Boards Association

- 1.1. Purpose
  - 1.1.1. Represent the **B**board at meetings of Saskatchewan School Boards Association Public Boards Section
- 1.2. Powers and Duties
  - 1.2.1. Attend Saskatchewan School Boards Association Public Boards Section meetings
  - 1.2.2. Represent the \*Board's positions and interests at the regional level
  - 1.2.3. Communicate to the Bboard the work of Saskatchewan School Boards Association Public Boards Section
- 1.3. Membership
  - 1.3.1. One Two trustees
- 1.4. Meetings
  - 1.4.1. As called by Saskatchewan School Boards Association Public Boards Section

#### 2. Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association

#### 2.1. Purpose

2.1.1. To plan, supervise, promote and administer inter-school athletic activities in Saskatchewan including provincial level championships.

#### 2.2. Powers and Duties

2.2.1. Encourage, plan, supervise, promote and administer inter-school athletic activities.

#### 2.3. Membership

2.3.1. One ∓trustee from the Saskatoon SHSAA district (rotates between Saskatoon Public Schools and Saskatoon Catholic Schools).

#### 2.4. Meetings

2.4.1. Annual meeting held in June each year

#### 3. Representatives to the Board of Pension Committee Trustees

#### 3.1. Purpose

Matters pertaining to the Pension Plan for the Non-Teaching Employees of the Saskatoon Board of Education

Legal Reference: The Education Act, 1995, Section 85(1) a, 106

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## **POLICY 9- POLICY MAKING**

The <u>Bb</u>oard is responsible for the development of policies in keeping with the requirements of government legislation and the values of the electorate. In order to meet its responsibility, the <u>Bb</u>oard <u>shall will</u> establish and maintain written policies which express its philosophical beliefs in support of public education and provide effective direction and guidelines for the action of the <u>Bb</u>oard, the <u>Dd</u>irector, staff, students, electors and other agencies. Board policies constitute the will of the <u>Bb</u>oard in determining how the <u>Dd</u>ivision will be operated.

The\_Bboard shall will be guided in its approach to policy making by ensuring adherence to the requirements necessary to provide public education and compliance with the Education Act The Education Act and Regulations and other provincial legislation.

Board policies  $\frac{\text{shall-will}}{\text{provide}}$  provide an appropriate balance between the responsibility of the  $\frac{\text{Bb}}{\text{D}}$  oard to develop the broad guidelines to guide the  $\frac{\text{Dd}}{\text{Dd}}$  ivision and to provide the opportunity for the  $\frac{\text{Dd}}{\text{Dd}}$  irector to exercise professional training and experience in the administration of the  $\frac{\text{Dd}}{\text{Dd}}$  ivision.

The **Bb**oard shall adhere to the following stages in its approach to policy making:

#### **Planning**

The <u>Bb</u>oard, in cooperation with the <u>Director director</u>, <u>shall will</u> assess the need for a policy, as a result of its own monitoring activities or on the suggestion of <u>others</u>, <u>and others and</u> identify the critical attributes of each policy to be developed.

#### **Development**

The <u>Bb</u>oard may develop the policy itself or could delegate the responsibility for development to the <u>Bd</u>irector.

#### **Implementation**

The <u>Bb</u>oard is responsible for the implementation of policies governing its own processes. The <u>Bb</u>oard and <u>Bd</u>irector share the responsibility for implementation of policies relating to the <u>Bb</u>oard-<u>Dd</u>irector relationship. The <u>Bd</u>irector is responsible for the implementation of all other policies.

#### **Evaluation**

The <u>Bb</u>oard, in cooperation with the <u>Dd</u>irector, <u>shall-will</u> evaluate each policy in a timely manner in order to determine whether or not it is meeting its intended purpose.

#### Specifically,

1. Parent groups, teachers, administrators, school community councils, student councils, trustees and others interested in the educational system, are invited to submit suggestions or

- recommendations in regard to new or existing policy at any time. Such suggestions or recommendations shall be submitted in writing to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  director and include a brief statement of purpose or rationale.
- 2. Normally, requests for new policy or amendments to existing policy originating from schools will be directed through the Pprincipal to the Pdirector.
- 3. Policy development or revision may also be initiated by the results of a public consultation, survey, needs assessment, or policy evaluation.
- 4. The <u>Bd</u>irector, or designate, shall be responsible to assign a member of the administrative staff to prepare a proposal.
- 5. The <u>Pdirector shall present the proposal to the <u>Bb</u>oard <u>or the appropriate committee given its terms of reference</u> for initial consideration. Should the <u>Bb</u>oard determine the need for policy development or revision, the <u>Bb</u>oard will direct the <u>Pdirector to initiate the development process. Once a final draft has been completed, feedback will be sought with stakeholders impacted by the change. Timeline for stakeholder feedback is recommended to be 30 days.</u></u>
- 6. The <u>Bb</u>oard may also request the <u>Dd</u>irector to change an administrative procedure to a draft <u>Bb</u>oard policy. In so doing, the <u>Bb</u>oard will provide rationale.
- 7. The final draft of the policy or amendments shall be presented to the <u>Bb</u>oard for its consideration and approval.
- 8. Only those policies which are adopted and recorded in the minutes constitute the official policies of the **Bb**oard.
- <u>911.</u> In approving policy, the <u>Bb</u>oard will always work from the broadest, most general statement of policy, and will proceed to develop progressively more specific policies until it is satisfied that it has achieved the degrees of definition necessary in the policy area under consideration.
- 102. The <u>Bd</u>irector is responsible for communicating <u>Bb</u>oard policies and administrative procedures within the <u>Bd</u>ivision; for monitoring policies and procedures on an ongoing basis; for reporting the outcomes of policy decisions to the <u>Bb</u>oard; and for making recommendations to the <u>Bb</u>oard for revision.
- 113. The Ddirector must develop administrative procedures as specified in Policy 11 and may develop such other procedures as deemed necessary for the effective operation of the Ddivision; these must be in accordance with Doard policies.
- 124. The <u>Bb</u>oard may direct the <u>Dd</u>irector to change a <u>Bb</u>oard policy to an administrative procedure. As with other administrative procedures, these procedures may then be modified at the <u>Director's director's</u> discretion.
- 1<u>35</u>. The <u>Board board</u> shall review each policy during its term as part of its self-evaluation.

Legal Reference: The School Division Administration Regulations. Section 45

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## **POLICY 10 - DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

The <u>Bb</u>oard authorizes the <u>-Dd</u>irector to do any act or thing or exercise any power that the <u>Bb</u>oard may or <u>is required to must</u> do or exercise except those matters which, in accordance with provincial legislation, cannot be delegated.

Notwithstanding the above, the <u>Bb</u>oard also reserves to itself the authority to make decisions on matters requiring <u>Bb</u>oard approval in accordance with specific <u>Bb</u>oard policies, and further, the <u>Bb</u>oard requires that any new <u>provincial</u>, <u>regional or local significant public-facing</u> initiatives must be initially brought to the <u>Bb</u>oard for discussion, and determination of decision-making authority.

Legal Reference: The Education Act, 1995, Section 85(1) (a)(b)

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## **POLICY 14 - CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

The <u>Bb</u>oard is committed to and supports the settlement of conflict over matters under its jurisdiction in a manner consistent with its purpose, vision, goals, principles and belief statements.

A complaint brought by a parent or other member of the community against a staff member, administration, a school, or the <u>Ddivision</u> will be dealt with in a just, timely manner that respects the dignity and rights of all parties involved.

- 1. Members of Board and administrative staff will make every reasonable effort to encourage and support resolution of any complaints at the local level by the parties most directly involved in the matter.
- 2. Responding to a complaint will be governed by the following principles and practices:
  - 2.1 Complainants have a right to have their complaint (i.e., i.e., expression of dissatisfaction or allegation) dealt with in an appropriate and timely manner.
  - 2.2 Where there is more than one concern being addressed or where the issue is complex, the complainant will be asked to set out the concerns in writing and the discussions shall focus on the contents of the written submission.
  - 2.3 Anonymous complaints shall not be acted upon unless there is relevant, compelling and/or credible information to indicate that there may be some substance to the complaint.
  - 2.4 A staff member will be informed, as soon as practical (usually within five working days), of the nature and the specifics of a complaint.
  - 2.5 Where the complainant has dealt directly with the staff member and is not satisfied with the response or the manner in which the matter was addressed, the complainant or the staff member may ask the supervisor to assist with the resolution process.
  - 2.6 If at any point in the process it becomes apparent that the complaint relates to a matter that may involve possible disciplinary action against an employee the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with the applicable provisions of policies, <u>procedures</u>, legislation and collective agreements.
- 3. Approaches to the resolution of conflict should:
  - 3.1 foster a climate of openness, tolerance and trust;
  - encourage a resolution which is early, informal and as close to the source of conflict as possible;
  - 3.3 offer the services of a trained facilitator from an established division pool, <u>i.e.i.e.</u>, third person assistance, if and when requested by the disputants; and

- 3.4 Provide a formal mechanism for the resolution of cases which have reached an impasse at the local level.
- 4. There is an obligation on all persons involved in conflict resolution to maintain confidentiality, subject to disputants and others being able to share enough information to attempt to resolve the conflict.
- 5. If the complaint cannot be resolved by a conflict resolution <a href="mailto:process.">process.</a>, then further efforts to address the complaint shall be consistent with applicable provisions of policies, legislation and collective agreements.
- 6. Board employees shall document the complaint and all processes followed and steps taken to address the complaint. Such records shall form part of the record of the employee and shall be retainedkept for such period of time as required by board policy or applicable collective agreements.
- 7. As with any written record generated within the <u>Dd</u>ivision, the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act governs the creation, retention, disclosure, alteration, and destruction of any written material.

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## POLICY 16 – ASSOCIATE AND / ALLIANCE AND DESIGNATED SCHOOLS

The <u>Bb</u>oard recognizes that individual behaviours are motivated by personal faith and cultural experiences and can be enhanced in settings that are more directly related to that environment. The vision of Saskatoon Public Schools is that every student is known, valued, and believed in. The division is committed to create learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential.

The <u>Bb</u>oard has the authority to enter into agreements for <u>Aa</u>ssociate <u>Schools.</u> or <u>Ddesignated</u> <u>Sschools.</u> An <u>Aan aA</u>ssociate school <u>means a registered independent school that has an agreement with a board of education to operate in association with the board. An alliance school can be <u>designated</u> by the board to deliver educational and related serv-ices to compulsory aged students pursuant to an agreement with a third party.</u>

is a religiously based independent school that has an agreement to operate in association with a board of education. A Ddesignated school is a school designated by the Bboard to deliver educational and related services to compulsory aged students pursuant to an agreement with another party. The policy is in keeping with the following priorities:

- 1. empowering individual schools to provide programs to accommodate community vision and the needs of children.
- 2. increasing opportunities for parents and community members to be involved in schools.
- 3. providing for meaningful participation of parents and the community in the education of students and in Bboard governance.
- 4. continuing the development of relationships and joint structures with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.

#### **Procedures**

Upon receiving a request for associate school status or a proposal for the provision of services at <u>a</u>

<u>Ddesignated an alliance</u> school, the director of education will present the application to the <u>Bb</u>oard if the request is consistent with the priorities listed in this policy.

If the <u>Bb</u>oard provides "approval in principle" of an application for <u>Asas</u>sociate school status or the provision of educational and related services at a <u>Bd</u>esignated school, the director of education shall be authorized to negotiate a memorandum of agreement with the other party, which will subsequently be presented to the <u>Bb</u>oard for its approval.

Legal Reference: The Independent School Regulations, E-O.2, Reg 27

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