

MINUTES OF A MEETING:

of the Board of Education of the Saskatchewan School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Colleen MacPherson (Board Chair), Ms. Angela Arneson, Ms. Donna Banks, Ms. Kathleen Brannen, Mr. Vernon Linklater, Mr. Michael Pidwerbeski, Ms. Kim Stranden, Mr. Ross Tait, Dr. Suzanne Zwarych

Ms. Colleen MacPherson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order, read the roll call into the minutes, and acknowledged the meeting was being held on Treaty Six territory and traditional homeland of the Métis people.

Agenda: Chair MacPherson asked for an amendment to the agenda, removing item #12.1 – New Business – Approval of Directors for Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Corp., as this motion was passed by the Board at their meeting of October 20, 2020.

Agenda

Ms. Banks moved that the Board approve the agenda, as amended.

CARRIED (9)

Celebrating Excellence – Virtual Remembrance Day Services:
Mr. Paul Janzen, Superintendent of Education, shared how many schools celebrated Remembrance Day virtually in creative ways. He introduced Mr. Ian Wilson, Principal of Hugh Cairns V.C. School, who shared how Hugh Cairns V.C. School honored Remembrance Day during a pandemic.

Celebrating Excellence - Virtual Remembrance Day Services

Consent Items: Ms. Stranden moved that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented.

Consent Items

CARRIED (9)

Approval of Minutes – November 23, 2020: Ms. Stranden moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Board meeting held November 23, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

CARRIED (9)

Reports From Administrative Staff:

Strategic Plan Update: First Nation, Inuit and Métis Education Update:
Mr. Brent Hills, Deputy Director of Education introduced Superintendent of Education, Mr. Ken Okanee and Mr. Darryl Isbister, Coordinator: FNIM. The group updated the Board on how the First Nation, Inuit and Métis Education Unit seek to strengthen our teachers' and leaders' cultural competencies through Academic Excellence, Character, Engagement and Well-Being.

Strategic Plan Update: First Nation, Inuit and Métis Education Update

Mr. Linklater moved that the Board receive the Strategic Plan Update: First Nation, Inuit and Métis Education Update.

CARRIED (9)

Human Resources Report: 2020-2021: Ms. Renee LaPlante, Superintendent of Human Resources, highlighted the Human Resources Report 2020-2021.

Human Resource Report 2020-2021

Ms. Brannen moved that the Board receive the Human Resources Report 2020-2021 for information.

CARRIED (9)

Facilities for Learning Update: Mr. Stan Laba, Superintendent of Facilities, highlighted the Facilities for Learning update.

Facilities for Learning Update

Dr. Zwarych moved that the Board receive the Facilities for Learning Update for information.

CARRIED (9)

COVID-19 Update: Mr. Shane Skjerven, Director of Education, provided an update on the on-going response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Update

Ms. Arneson moved that the Board receive the COVID-19 Update.

CARRIED (9)

Unfinished Business:

Maintenance Vehicle (Skid Steer) Proposal: Mr. Pidwerbeski moved that the Board approve the transfer of \$70,000 from the unrestricted accumulated surplus to the capital surplus. This will transfer the unspent facility operating funds to the capital surplus to fund the purchase of the skid steer, trailer and brush attachment.

Maintenance Vehicle (Skid Steer) Proposal

CARRIED (9)

Board Governance – Trustee Remuneration: Ms. MacPherson moved that the Board approve the revised Schedule of Remuneration Allowances and Expenses effective September 1, 2020.

Board Governance - Trustee Remuneration

CARRIED (8-0-1)

(Trustee Arneson voted against the motion)

Board Policy 6: Board Operations: Mr. Linklater moved that the Board approve housekeeping changes to Policy 6: Board Operations.

Board Policy 6: Operations

CARRIED (9)

Board Subcommittee Minutes: Mr. Tait moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Board Governance Committee meeting of September 8, 2020.

Board Subcommittee Minutes

CARRIED (9)

Reports of Committees and Trustees:

- Trustee Banks reported on her participation with the virtual Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting.
- Trustee Brannen also reported on her participation with the virtual Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting.
- Chair MacPherson reported on her involvement with the virtual Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting, numerous virtual meetings of the SSBA Public Section and Board Chairs Council. Ms. MacPherson also acknowledged the work of her fellow board members during the pandemic.

New Business

No New Business was reported.

Comments/Concerns/Questions From the Public:

There were no comments or questions from the Public.

Questions by Trustees:

There were no questions by Trustees.

Ms. Banks moved that the Board adjourn to the call of the Chair or the Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

CARRIED (9)

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Secretary of the School Division

Board Chair