

**MINUTES OF A MEETING:**

of the Board of Education of the Saskatchewan School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

April 20, 2021

**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: Mr. Pidwerbeski moved approval of the agenda.

Agenda

CARRIED (9)

Celebrating Excellence – Braille Boxes:

Ms. Trish Reeve, Superintendent of Education, introduced Ms. Laura Glass and Ms. Carla Giesbrecht, teachers of students with visual impairments. They described the unique learning needs and the teaching of specialized skills to compensate for low vision and shared how they support students and the importance of braille to students who are blind. Grade 8 wâhkôhtowin student, Xavier, and his father shared how the use of braille has impacted their lives.

Celebrating Excellence - Braille Boxes

Consent Items: Mr. Linklater moved that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented.

Consent Items

CARRIED (9)

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2021: Mr. Linklater moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Board meetings held March 16, 2021.

Approval of Minutes

CARRIED (9)

Financial Results for the Period September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021: Mr. Linklater moved that the Board receive the financial results for the period September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 for information.

Financial Results for the Period September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

CARRIED (9)

Reports From Administrative Staff:

Strategic Plan Update: French Immersion Programming:

Mr. Ken Okanee, Superintendent of Education, introduced Mr. Paul Bazin, Coordinator: French Immersion K-12, principals Jennifer Haywood and Jonelle Ulrich, who shared with the group highlights of French Immersion programming in Saskatoon Public Schools.

Strategic Plan Update:  
French Immersion Programming

Ms. Banks moved that the Board receive the Strategic Plan Update: French Immersion Programming.

CARRIED (9)

COVID-19 Update: Mr. Shane Skjerven, Director of Education, introduced

Mr. Brent Hills, Deputy Director of Education, who provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Update

Ms. Stranden moved that the Board receive the COVID-19 update.

CARRIED (9)

Delegation – City Centre Project:

Mr. Adam Pollock and Ms. Carmen Dell addressed the Board regarding the site selection for the City Centre Project.

Delegation - City Centre Project

Unfinished Business:

LINC Collective Agreement – 2021: Ms. Brannen moved that the

Board approve the one-year extension of the Teachers' Local Agreement (LINC).

LINC Collective Agreement – 2021

CARRIED (9)

Joint Use Agreement: Mr. Tait moved that the Board approve the

joint use agreement with the City of Saskatoon and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, pending minor legal revisions.

Joint Use Agreement

CARRIED (9)

AON Invoice – 2021-2022 Insurance Premiums: Dr. Zwarych

moved that the Board approve the payment of \$901,290, including taxes, to AON for 2021-2022 insurance premiums.

AON Invoice 2021-2022 Insurance Premiums

CARRIED (9)

Board Subcommittee Minutes: Ms. MacPherson moved that the

Board approve the minutes of Board Audit and Risk Committee held September 8, 2020.

Board Subcommittee Minutes

CARRIED (9)

Correspondence: Ms. MacPherson moved that the Board receive

the correspondence as listed:

a) Correspondence from Denis Downey regarding sponsorship.

Correspondence

CARRIED (9)

Reports of Committees and Trustees:

- Trustee Brannen reported on her attendance at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting and her participation in Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation meetings and events.
- Trustee Arneson reported on her attendance at Ward 10 school community council meetings, as well as virtual meetings with all school administrators in Ward 10. She also highlighted her involvement in a virtual parade for staff appreciation events at Centennial Collegiate.
- Trustee Banks reported on her participation in meetings with Board Chair response planning, the Board Audit and Risk Committee, and several meetings with the SSBA executive. She participated in the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting and professional development sessions hosted by the SSBA and the Public School Boards Association of Alberta. She also attended the school community council meetings at Fairhaven and wâhkôhtowin schools. Ms. Banks also acknowledged the passing of educator Victor Thunderchild, and extended her condolences to his colleagues, family, and friends.
- Trustee Linklater reported on his meeting with the president of the Pleasant Hill Community Association regarding the City Centre Project.
- Chair MacPherson highlighted the upcoming meeting of the school community councils general assembly.

New Business

2021-2022 Provincial Budget: Ms. MacPherson shared the Board's reaction to the 2021-2022 provincial budget.

2021-2022  
Provincial  
Budget

Approval of Directors for Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Corp:  
Ms. Arneson moved that the Board approve the appointment of Michael Linklater to the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors effective May 1, 2021.

Approval  
of Directors  
for Saskatoon  
Public Schools  
Foundation Corp.

CARRIED (9)

Tender for Aden Bowman Collegiate Renovations Project:  
Mr. Pidwerbeski moved that the Board award the tender for the Aden Bowman Collegiate Renovations Project in the total amount of \$1,067,101.00 plus applicable taxes to Quorex Construction Services Ltd.

Tender for  
Aden Bowman  
Collegiate  
Renovations  
Project

CARRIED (9)

Tender for Walter Murray Collegiate Renovations Project:  
Mr. Linklater moved that the Board award the tender for the Walter Murray Collegiate Renovations Project in the total amount of \$633,534.00 plus applicable taxes to Carmont Construction Ltd.

Tender for  
Walter Murray  
Collegiate  
Renovations  
Project

CARRIED (9)

Tender for Replacement of Rooftop Condensing Units at Lakeview, Roland Michener, Silverwood Heights, and wâhkôhtowin schools: Ms. Banks moved that the Board award the tender for the replacement of rooftop condenser units at Lakeview, Roland Michener, Silverwood Heights, and wâhkôhtowin schools in the total amount of \$370,835 plus applicable taxes to Ainsworth Inc.

Tender for  
Replacement  
Condensing  
Units at  
Lakeview,  
Roland Michener,  
Silverwood Heights  
and wâhkôhtowin  
schools

CARRIED (9)

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. Stranden moved that the Board adjourn to the call of the Chair or the Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

CARRIED (9)

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



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Secretary of the School Division



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Board Chair