MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD, held in the Administration Office, 181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on -

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 FOLLOWING THE INAUGURAL MEETING

PRESENT:  Trustees:

D. Johnson, Chair, L. Goodridge, J. Field, J. Fisher,

Administration:
L. Lussier, Superintendent of Education,
G. Bruce, Assistant Superintendent, Program,
J. Karras, Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services,
S. Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services,
T. Fransen, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy,
P. Antoniak, Associate Secretary-Treasurer,
C.M. Stahlke, Secretary-Treasurer.

REGRETS:  S. Clayton

AGENDA APPROVAL:

1. Moved by J. Field, seconded by T. Johnson,

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED 9/209/13

MINUTES:

1. Moved by G. Melnyk, seconded by J. Fisher,

THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Board
held on September 12, 2013, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED 9/210/13

1. Moved by G. Watson, seconded by J. Fisher,

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
held on September 12, 2013, be approved as corrected.

CARRIED 9/211/13

Correction:  Page 8, item 8, first sentence corrected to include “English Language”.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE OCTOBER 10, 2013 BOARD MEETING.
INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1. **Standing Committee Reports:**
   a) Report of the Committee Meeting of the Whole held on June 27, 2013;
   b) Report of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole held on September 12, 2013.
   c) Committee Report of the Education Committee Meeting held on June 25, 2013;
   d) Report of the Finance and Planning Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2013.

2. **Special Committee Reports:**
   a) Minutes of the Pembina Trails School Division Educational Support Fund Corporate Board Meeting held on September 12, 2013.

3. **Other Reports:**
   a) Teacher contracts (Term) as listed in the Teacher Contracts Report dated September 26, 2013;
   b) Teacher contract alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated September 26, 2013;
   c) Substitute teacher contracts as listed in the 2013-14 Substitute Teachers Contracts Report dated September 26, 2013;
   d) Disbursements Report dated June 30, 2013;
   e) Disbursements Report dated July 31, 2013;

Moved by T. Johnson, seconded by D. Zuk,

THAT the Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Reports, and Other Reports be received as information and,

THAT teacher contracts (Term) as listed in the Teacher Contracts Report dated September 26, 2013, be ratified and,

THAT teacher contract alterations, as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated September 26, 2013 be approved and,

THAT substitute teacher contracts as listed in the 2012-13 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated September 26, 2013, be ratified, and,

THAT the Disbursements List for the period June 1 to June 30, 2013, in the amount of $3,495,740.86 be approved, and,

THAT the Disbursements List for the period July 1 to July 31, 2013, in the amount of $4,224,622.55 be approved, and,

THAT the Disbursements List for the period August 1 to August 31, 2013, in the amount of $5,409,430.66 be approved.

CARRIED 9/212/13
DELEGATIONS:

1. J. Wilson re, Henry G. Izatt School recess for Grades 5 and 6

J. Wilson appeared before the Board. She said that this issue could apply Division-wide but her focus is on Henry G. Izatt School.

J. Wilson read her presentation including a submission read by her son who is a student at Henry G. Izatt School. She said that Henry G. Izatt School does not offer outdoor recess break for grades 5 and 6. The Public Schools Act leaves the decision to have recess for grades above 4 to the discretion of the School Board.

J. Wilson outlined the benefits of outdoor recess for the students. She is concerned that recess today does not always mean outdoor active recess. She believes that recess is a right and not a privilege. She described the learning processes that occur during recess.

J. Wilson presented a video concerning the benefits of play. She stated that play and recess promote healthy children and a healthy society. She said physically active children show better academic achievement. She shared the Manitoba Healthy Schools views on value of physical play. She pointed out École Viscount Alexander provides outdoor recess for grades 5 and 6. She said she hopes to have a conversation on recess for grades 5 and 6 with the Principal at Henry G. Izatt School.

The Chair said the Board will consider her request and respond.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

1. Winnipeg Technical College Minimum Funding

Moved by T. Johnson, seconded by J. Field,

THAT the minimum funding to Winnipeg Technical College for 2014-15 from Pembina Trails School Division be set as follows:

Regular Program Seats ............................................. $956,843

CARRIED 9/213/13

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

1. Budget Development Timeline

Moved by G. Melnyk, seconded by T. Johnson,

THAT the Budget Development Timeline for the 2014-15 Budget be received as information.

CARRIED 9/214/13
BY-LAWS AND/OR POLICIES:

1. By-Law No. 81 (Debenture No. 3910)

Moved by G. Melnyk, seconded by J. Field,

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of 869,400.00 dollars on the credit of the said school division for the purpose of: Shaftesbury Library Addition, Bairdmore Phase 2 Envelope Replacement, Dalhousie Emergency Roof Replacement, Oak Park Elevator Addition, Van Walleghem Portable Classroom, Vincent Massey Science Classroom Renovation, Fort Richmond Science Classroom Renovation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 81, being a by-law of the Board of Trustees of the Pembina Trails School Division, for the purpose of borrowing the sum of 869,400.00 dollars and of issuing debentures therefor be given second and third reading and passed.

CARRIED 9/215/13

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1. Roblin Office Lease Agreement

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed his report explaining why the Lease needed to be amended.

Moved by J. Fisher, seconded by D. Zuk,

THAT the amended Lease Agreement between the Pembina Trails School Division and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority with respect to the office building located at 3401 Roblin Boulevard for the period November 1, 2013, to October 31, 2015, be ratified.

CARRIED 9/216/13

2. Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that an issue was raised at the last Board Meeting about the amount of paper that is circulated. He reviewed the plan for distribution for 2014-15. The plan is to move towards a fully electronic distribution. Paper copies of the forms and information letter will be available to those families who require them.

Moved by G. Watson, seconded by J. Field,

THAT the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance plan be implemented with amendments as suggested.

CARRIED 9/217/13
QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES:

1. CAA Manitoba, Distracted Driving

   In response to a question from a Trustee regarding the CAA Manitoba program designed to reduce distracted driving caused by texting, the Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said the Division does not currently take part in a program such as this. He said this is a fairly new program for the CAA. He will check to see if this is an ongoing program and report back to the Board.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

1. In response to a question from a member of the public, the Superintendent stated that there have been studies conducted in the past with respect to availability of space to accommodate Grade 9 students at Oak Park High School. It is possible that another study will be conducted in the future.

2. In response to a question from a member of the public, the Chair said the Board would consider the request to put select Correspondence for Information documents on the Division’s web page.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST:

1. Moved by J. Field, seconded by G. Melnyk,

   THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated September 20, 2013, be received as information.

   CARRIED 9/218/13

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE:

Moved by T. Johnson, seconded by D. Zuk,

   THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

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