

MINUTES – PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

September 21, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Rose School Division was held at the Division Office in Carman on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Ward I	Trustee Hugh Greaves
	Ward II	Trustee Colleen Claggett Woods
	Ward III	Trustee Robin Cox
	Ward III	Trustee Dennis Rinn
	Ward IV	Trustee Larry Jeffers
	Ward V	Trustee Jack Foote
	Ward VI	Trustee Rik Skelton
	Ward VII	Trustee Virginia Beckwith
	Ward VIII	Trustee Frank Bruce

Administration Fred Colvin, Superintendent
Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer
Richard Whitbread, Human Resource Manager
Wilma Ritzer, Student Services Administrator

220/09 Jeffers/Cox: **THAT** the minutes of the September 14, 2009 regular meeting be approved as circulated. -CARRIED-

221/09 Rinn/Skelton: **THAT**, with the addition of items 4.8 – WAN technician support, 7.2 – Personnel matter, 8.1 – Request to attend professional development workshop, 10.5 – MSBA regional meetings, 10.6 – Public Schools Act amendment, and 10.7 – Request for religious exercises, the circulated agenda be approved for this meeting. -CARRIED-

222/09 Bruce/Beckwith: **THAT** the Board do now resolve itself into a closed session, Committee of the Whole Board, for discussion of matters covered under Policy BD. -CARRIED-

The following items were discussed:

- Admin Action Report;
- Superintendent’s Report;
- Safety Officer position;
- Board and Divisional planning;
- WAN technician support.

223/09 Skelton/Bruce: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

Superintendent’s Report

An update on initial enrolments was provided.
The September 25th divisional in-service program was presented.
The *School Attendance in Manitoba Report* was presented.

Presentation - Carman Elementary Library: School Principal D. Saunders and Librarian B. McCutcheon presented information on a request to upgrade the library at the School.

Operations

A report on the summer maintenance projects was presented.

Finance

BY-LAW 33/09: St. Paul's Collegiate project borrowing

- 224/09 Woods/Jeffers: **THAT** By-Law 33/09 be given second reading. -CARRIED-
- 225/09 Woods/Beckwith: **THAT** By-Law 33/09, being a By-Law to approve borrowing upon the credit of the Division, the sum of \$650,000 to fund the St. Paul's Collegiate renovations project, and as attached hereto in full, be given third reading and finally passed. -CARRIED-

BY-LAW 34/09: General Account Borrowing

- 226/09 Jeffers/Skelton: **THAT** By-Law 34/09 be given second reading. -CARRIED-
- 227/09 Jeffers/Cox: **THAT** By-Law 34/09, being a By-Law to authorize borrowing by way of overdraft for the purpose of meeting general account expenses, and as attached hereto in full upon completion, be given third reading and finally passed. -CARRIED-
- 228/09 Beckwith/Bruce: **THAT** the August accounts, showing total general expenditures of \$830,055.75 be approved as presented. -CARRIED-

Carman Elementary Library renovations: Referred to the Operations/Finance Committee for study and recommendation.

Board Policy

- 229/09 Beckwith/Rinn: **THAT** the request from R. Sarrazin to attend the *Teachers' Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy* in Ottawa from November 1-6, 2009 be approved. -CARRIED-

General

CSBA Conference Report: provided by Trustee Beckwith.
MSBA Executive Meeting Highlights: Received as information.
MSBA "School Boards Work": Received as information.
MSBA Regional meetings: Received as information.
Amendment to Public Schools Act: Received as information.

- 230/09 Bruce/Skelton: **THAT** based on a petition signed by the parents or guardians of at least 75% of the pupils in Rosebank Colony School, we approve the conduct of religious exercises in Rosebank Colony School for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year. -CARRIED-

A 10-minute recess was called at 8:55 p.m.

- 231/09 Cox/Jeffers: **THAT** the Board do now resolve itself into a closed session, Committee of the Whole Board, for discussion of matters covered under Policy BD. -CARRIED-

The following matters were discussed:

- WAN technician support;
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report;
- Superintendent Staffing Report;
- Personnel matter.

- 232/09 Woods/Bruce: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

233/09 Rinn/Skelton: **THAT** the term computer desktop technician position be extended to June 30, 2010. -CARRIED-

234/09 Woods/Cox: **THAT** \$37,000 be transferred to the Wide-Area Network Reserve to fund additional costs for equipment, and that this be part of the 2008-2009 Financial Statement. -CARRIED-

235/09 Bruce/Jeffers: **THAT** the Superintendent Staffing Report be approved. -CARRIED-

MEETING REMINDERS

Next regular meetings Oct 5 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Hugh Greaves, Board Chair

Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer