

# MINUTES – PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

December 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Rose School Division was held at the Division Office in Carman on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:           Ward I           Trustee Donna Cox  
                  Ward II           Trustee Karen Tjaden  
                  Ward III           Trustee Jim Hay  
                  Ward III           Trustee Colleen Claggett Woods  
                  Ward IV           Trustee Elaine L. Owen  
                  Ward V           Trustee Jack Foote  
                  Ward VI           Trustee Rik Skelton  
                  Ward VII           Trustee Claude Lachance  
                  Ward VIII           Trustee Frank Bruce

Administration Bruce Wood, Superintendent  
                  Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer  
                  Wilma Ritzer, Interim Assistant Superintendent  
                  Richard Whitbread, Human Resources/Operations Manager

246/10 Foote/Owen: **THAT** the minutes of the November 15 regular meeting be approved as circulated.

-CARRIED-

247/10 Bruce/Skelton: **THAT**, with the addition of item 11.6 Minister of Education re: Bill 13 *Preparing Students for Success Act*, the agenda be approved for this meeting.

-CARRIED-

248/10 Foote/Skelton: **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:

- admin action report;
- Superintendent's Report;
- Student suspension report;
- Student program information;
- sale of former Elie board office;
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report;
- request for staffing;
- Superintendent Staffing Report.

249/10 Tjaden/Foote: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

-CARRIED-

*Presentation: Teenagers against Drinking and Driving (TADD).* S. Dutson, Principal, K. Mackey, Social Worker, and M. Peyson, student, from St. Paul's Collegiate presented information on this program that first started in the Collegiate in 1999.

## **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent's Report was presented as information.

Information on the provincial assessment policy was presented.

The provincial news release on "changes to modernize education" was presented.

The November enrolment report was presented.

**Finance**

250/10 Foote/Lachance: **THAT** the Operations/Finance Committee be designated to follow up on the sale of the former Elie board office, as per the recommendation of the committee of the whole board and the letter from Public Schools Finance Board. -CARRIED-

251/10 Owen/Bruce: **THAT** the October accounts showing total general expenditures of \$2,217,061.79 be approved as presented. -CARRIED-

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: An update on the business software conversion project was presented.

**Personnel**

252/10 Owen/Foote: **THAT** the Superintendent Staffing Report be approved as presented. -CARRIED-

**General**

MSBA Final Call for Nominations: Ballots have been sent out to all Region 2 trustees.  
MSBA Reminder – Call for Resolutions. Received as information.  
MSBA Convention Raffle Donations. Administration asked to follow up.  
MSBA First Call for Nominations. Received as information.  
MSBA e-bulletin. Received as information.  
MB Healthy Schools Conference. Referred to the next meeting.  
Trustee attendance at Parent Advisory Council meetings. Expectations and schedules were discussed.  
Report on Board Chair Workshop. Trustees Woods and Foote presented a report on this workshop.  
Report on New Trustee Orientation Workshop. Trustees Cox, Hay, Owen and Tjaden reported on this workshop.

253/10 Lachance/Tjaden: **THAT** attendance at the MASS/MSBA January 14, 2011 Workshop be approved for all interested trustees.

254/10 Owen/Tjaden: **THAT** the Board send a letter of support to the Country Kids Learning Centre regarding day care facilities in the community of St. François Xavier. -CARRIED-

**Correspondence**

CSBA President to CSBA Board re: Membership. Received as information.  
C. Blagden re: Thank you. Received as information.  
Red River Valley School Division re: property taxation. Received as information.  
Carman Collegiate PAC re: invitation. Received as information.  
C. Faux and L. Rutter re: thank you. Received as information.  
Minister of Education re: Bill 13 *Preparing Students for Success Act*. Received as information at this time.

A 10-minute recess was called at 9:30 p.m.

255/10 Hay/Bruce: **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:

- staffing request;
- personnel matter update;
- MSBA update;
- PRTA re: Liaison and Labour Management meetings.

256/10 Cox/Lachance: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

257/10 Lachance/Tjaden: **THAT** as per Board Procedural By-Law 23/06, the meeting continue past 11:00 p.m. -CARRIED-

258/10 Foote/Skelton: **THAT** 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:

- PRTA re: Liaison and Labour Management meetings;
- two requests for personal leaves;
- PRTA re: invitation;
- Trustee use of technology.

259/10 Lachance/Tjaden: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

260/10 Foote/Cox: **THAT** a Board/PRTA Liaison Committee be established with trustees Cox, Foote, Owen and Woods as members, with the mandate of the Committee as set by the Committee of the Whole Board. -CARRIED-

261/10 Cox/Skelton: **THAT** the request from employee #1235 for a five day personal leave of absence be approved as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. -CARRIED-

262/10 Foote/Tjaden: **THAT** the request from employee #594 for a personal leave of absence be approved as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. -CARRIED-

263/10 Lachance/Bruce: **THAT** the Notice of Motion regarding trustee in camera meetings be tabled. -CARRIED-

264/10 Tjaden/Foote: **THAT** we approve an additional .55 FTE teaching position for the grade 3-4 combined class at Miami School for the term January 6, 2011 to June 30, 2011. -CARRIED-

**MEETING REMINDERS**

Next regular Board meeting	Dec 20	7:00 p.m.
Trustee Information meeting	Dec 16-17	12:00 p.m.
Public Relations/Educational Programming Committee	Dec 20	6:00 p.m.
January board meetings	Jan 10	
	Jan 24	

The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colleen Claggett Woods, Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer