

MINUTES – PRAIRIE ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION

June 20, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Rose School Division was held at the Division Office in Carman on Monday, June 20, 2011. The meeting was called to order 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 VII	Trustee Claude Lachance
Ward VIII	Trustee Frank Bruce

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

Regrets: Ward VI Trustee Rik Skelton

Also present: Reporter Glenn Hallick from the Valley Leader.

232/11 Tjaden/Hay: **THAT** the minutes of the June 6th regular meeting be approved as circulated. -CARRIED-

233/11 Tjaden/Cox: **THAT** the circulated agenda be approved for this meeting. -CARRIED-

234/11 Bruce/Owen: **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;
- Student Suspension Report;
- sale of former Elie Elementary School;
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report;
- Superintendent Staffing Report;
- MSBA update;
- Collective agreement matter.

235/11 Foote/Bruce: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

Meeting with Local MLA Blaine Pedersen: Some of the items discussed were the effects of flooding, school boards taxation power, and provincial funding.

Presentation by Divisional French Coordinator Nanette Ingram: Mrs. Ingram was accompanied by École St. Eustache student Diezel Dupont who presented information on the outdoor classroom gazebo that he designed. Mrs. Ingram presented information on the African drum making project undertaken by the grades 5 and 6 students at École St. Eustache, and Oral French classes scheduled this fall for divisional staff. Financial support for these classes is from the provincial French Revitalization Grant.

Superintendent’s Report

Board Strategic Planning meeting dates: The Board agreed that October 13 and 14 would be set aside for this task.

Carman Elementary Balanced School Day schedule: A letter from the Minister of Education approving this schedule for the 2011-2012 school year was presented.

Career Internship Sponsorship Appreciation Program: Information about the Career Technology Studies (CTS) sponsorship appreciation events was provided to the Board. Sponsors are community mentors who provide internship opportunities for grade 11 and 12 students. 128 students participated in internship in the 2010-2011 school year. Internships are an important part of the CTS strategy which was developed in Prairie Rose School Division and is now in place in 7 divisions in rural Manitoba. CTS is aimed at providing grade 11 and 12 students with in-class and community based courses. The sponsors and classroom teachers work together to provide Senior Years Technology credits and to link the use of technology in industry to the learning that occurs in the classroom.

TVI grant: The Division will receive a \$10,000 grant for Professional Development Support under the Technical Vocational Provincial Initiative.

Finance

236/11 Owen/Foote: **THAT** we approve the sale of the former Elie Elementary School property described as Lot 3 SP Plan 2030 PLTO in NE ¼ 2-11-3 wpm, and Lots 2 and 3, Block 4 SS Plan 821 PLTO in 1, 2, 11 and 12-11-3 wpm. Certificate of Title No. 1932771, and Roll No. 1190300 in the Rural Municipality of Cartier, to the Elie Development Group for the sum of \$40,300. -CARRIED-

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: A proposal for revisions to the amounts of the gifts for staff retiring from the Division was discussed. The proposed Board meeting schedule was reviewed with one change to the dates proposed for the January, 2012 meetings.

237/11 Bruce/Cox: **THAT** we approve the revised amounts for retirement gifts according to the Secretary-Treasurer’s June 20, 2011 Report, and that the Board Policy Committee be directed to review Policy GBP – Employee and Trustee Service Recognition. -CARRIED-

238/11 Owen/Foote: **THAT** the 2011-2012 Board meeting schedule be approved as follows: September 12 and 19, October 3 and 24, November 7 and 21, December 5 and 19, January 16 and 23, February 6 and 21, March 5 and 19, April 9 and 23, May 7 and 22, June 4 and 18, July 9 and August 27. -CARRIED-

239/11 Foote/Cox: **THAT** the May accounts showing total general expenditures of \$1,950,545.63 be approved as presented. -CARRIED-

Trustee Indemnity By-Law: The Board directed the Operations/Finance Committee to review the Trustee Indemnity By-Law.

Personnel

240/11 Bruce/Cox: **THAT** the Superintendent Staffing Report be approved as presented. -CARRIED-

241/11 Cox/Lachance: **THAT** based upon mutual agreement, we approve the request from employee #1271 for late release from contract. -CARRIED-

A 10-minute recess was called at 9:15 p.m.

Board Policy

242/11 Tjaden/Owen: **THAT** Policies BD – Public Participation at Board Meetings, and BCA-R Board Meeting Procedures, be revised as recommended by the Board Policy Committee. -CARRIED-

243/11 Tjaden/Lachance: **THAT** Motion 17/03 which reads “*THAT due to threat of war and the resulting safety concerns regarding travel outside of Canada, the Board impose a ban on filed trips involving travel outside of Canada effective immediately and that this remain in force until further notice.*” be **RESCINDED** effective immediately. -CARRIED-

244/11 Tjaden/Bruce: **THAT** IGH – Extra-Curricular Trips, Field Trips and Extended Field Trips, be revised as recommended by the Board Policy Committee. -CARRIED-

General

Employee Recognition lunches: The schedule for these lunches was reviewed and trustee attendance was confirmed.

MSBA Executive Highlights: This was received as information.

245/11 Owen/Hay: **THAT** the MSBA Travel Accident Insurance Plan providing coverage for trustees, senior administrators and the Assistant Supervisor of Operations positions be renewed for 2011-2012. -CARRIED

Correspondence

Prairie Spirit School Division re: Thank you. Received as information.

Elm Creek School re: Provincial Track and Field competition and Board support. Support will be provided as per past practice.

246/11 Foote/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:

- St. François Xavier Country Kids Learning Centre request;
- Board/PRTA Liaison Committee meeting report and update on the joint PRSD/PRTA Literacy Initiative that will provide a complimentary book to every divisional Grade 6 student by this June 30th.

247/11 Tjaden/Foote: **THAT** the Committee of the Whole rise and report. -CARRIED-

MEETING REMINDERS

Next Regular Board meeting	July 4	7:00 p.m.
August Regular Board meeting	Aug 29	7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Colleen Claggett Woods, Chair

Agnes Gaultier, Secretary-Treasurer