MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Living Sky School Division No. 202
In the Board Room at North Battleford Office
On
Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Trustees: *Arsenault, Gartner, Challis, Foreman, Hiebert, Kowalchuk, Love, Pethick, Sloan and Snell.* Also in attendance were: Director of Education, *Ron Ford*; Assistant Director of Education, *Randy Fox;* Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman *Arsenault* called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Trustee *Sloan* moved the agenda be approved as presented with additions.

Carried

MINUTES

Trustee *Pethick* moved the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2009 as circulated.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

Darren McKee, Assistant Deputy Minister; *Ted Amendt*, Director of First Nations & Metis Education; and *Patricia Kovacs*, Provincial Superintendent provided information to the Board regarding enhancing partnerships involving First Nations.

Brian Quinn, Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, presented information regarding Critical Incident Planning and Procedures.

BOARD ITEMS

1. **Continuous Agenda** – approved with no changes
2. **Meeting Review Report (January 14, 2009)** - distributed
3. **Public Boards Caucus Discussion** – Chairman *Arsenault,* Trustees *Pethick* and *Love* will be attending the February 5th meeting.
4. **Budget Process** – A timeline and options for the budget process were presented. The Board felt that rather than reporting deficits, percentage increases for spending and taxes would be more appropriate with a balanced budget. The Board also felt they should lobby government to provide information one-year in advance to school divisions for budgeting purposes.

5. **AGM Date and Location** – The location of the May 5, 2009 AGM will remain at Spiritwood High School.
6. **SSBA E-News – January 16, 2009 re: Invitation to let your name stand for consideration for one of three Working Advisory Groups -** It was noted that Trustees *Hiebert* and *Love* had indicated interest in the Student Learning Committee and that Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*, had indicated interest in the Capital Funding Committee.
7. **Staff Appreciation Week Lunches** (February 9-13, 2009) **–** will remain as in previous years.
8. **Bruce Power Initiative to Establish a Committee –** The Board discussed the initiative and felt they needed more time and information before deciding to designate a representative for a committee.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT

Director of Education, *Ron Ford* presented the non-confidential items from the Director of Education's Report.

Trustee *Foreman* moved the Board move to in-camera session to discuss the confidential items from the Director of Education's Report.

Trustee *Challis* moved the Board rise and report from in-camera session.

REPORTS

Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*, presented his report as filed.

ACCOUNTS

Trustee *Gartner* moved the Board approve payment of accounts as follows:

1.	**Jan. 9/09**	#00396-00401 (US Acct)	$ 2,438.77
2.	**Jan. 20/09**	#00402-00405 (US Acct)	1,373.35
3.	**Jan. 20/09**	#DD033510-DD033515 (Direct Deposit)	6,520.37
4.	**Jan. 20/09**	#027167-027391	609,733.69
5.	**Jan. 26/09**	027392-027393	394.60
			$ 620,460.78

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Correspondence

1. **STF Bulletin** – January 21, 2009 - distributed
2. **SSBA E-News** re: Regional Meetings (note: North Battleford Meeting date change from February 5 to May 14, 2009)

RESOLUTIONS

039-09/01/28 Trustee *Snell* moved the Board accept the informal monitoring report presented by Brian Quinn, Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, regarding Critical Incident Planning and Procedures.

Carried

040-09/01/28 Trustee *Love* moved the Board contract with SELU to provide a facilitator to work with the two School Review Committees and handle the school review process as recommended.

Carried

041-09/01/28 Trustee *Kowalchuk* moved that Section 9 Procedures: Faciliteis and Grounds move from Draft to Approved status.

Carried

042-09/01/28 Trustee *Kowalchuk* moved the Board submit a B1 Block Funding Project for the Meota School roof.

Carried

043-09/01/28 Trustee *Hiebert* moved the Board approve the Public Accounts for the period ending August 31, 2008 as presented.

Carried

044-09/01/28 Trustee *Kowalchuk* moved the Board approve submitting a B1 for the Hafford School Washroom renovation.

Carried

045-09/01/28 Trustee *Arsenault* moved the board approve the Confidential Human Resources Staffing Report for January 28, 2009 as presented.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee *Sloan* moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**