



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, September 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Absent: Trustee *Sloan*

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

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

Carried

MINUTES

Trustee *Snell* moved the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 25, 2008 as circulated.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

Amy Williams, Principal at Bready School presented the Primary IB Program to the Board, highlighting the various components and answered questions about the program.

BOARD ITEMS

1. Board School Liaison –Board members should be open to invitations from the school and attend functions when convenient but there is no requirement to be active at the school.
2. GST Recommendation – The School Division does not recover about \$300,000 per year in GST rebate and a letter is to be drafted in support of the campaign for a 100% GST rebate.
3. National School Board Conference Halifax 2009 – this item was carried forward so that additional information could be obtained.
4. Meeting Review Questions – none
5. It was noted that the CUPE Local did make presentations and awards to graduating students.
6. Request was made that our Organizational Chart with names and duties be distributed to the Board.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT

Director of Education, *Ron Ford* presented his report as filed.

REPORTS

Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*, presented the non-confidential items from the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

Trustee *Gartner* moved the Board move to in-camera session to discuss the confidential items in the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

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

ACCOUNTS

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

1. June 25/08	#DD033161 (Direct Deposit)	\$ 1,070.00
2. June 25/08	#022477-022484	1,425,122.76
3. June 25/08	#022485	4,536.00
4. June 27/08	#022486-022694	408,766.73
5. June 27/08	#00299-00301 (US Acct)	4,547.63
6. July 2/08	#DD033162-DD033187 (Direct Deposit)	8,559.46
7. July 10/08	#DD033188-DD033211 (Direct Deposit)	14,362.98
8. July 10/08	#022695-022887	299,626.75
9. July 10/08	#00302-00306 (US Acct)	1,111.65
10. July 14/08	#022888-022894	37,083.34
11. July 18/08	#00307 (US Acct)	610.00
12. July 18/08	#DD033212-DD033217 (Direct Deposit)	5,266.97
13. July 18/08	#022895-023017	511,583.82
14. July 18/08	#023018-023022	5,064.28
15. Aug. 5/08	#DD033218-DD033219 (Direct Deposit)	1,748.99
16. Aug. 5/08	#DD033220-DD033227 (Direct Deposit)	2,217.26
17. Aug. 5/08	#023023-023029	850,324.57
18. Aug. 12/08	#00308-00311 (US Acct)	1,567.39
19. Aug. 12/08	#DD033228-DD033233 (Direct Deposit)	7,344.52
20. Aug. 12/08	#23030-23031	VOIDED
21. Aug. 12/08	#023033-23133	245,238.53
22. Aug. 15/08	#023134	2,483.00
23. Aug. 20/08	#DD033234-DD033236	1,030.16
24. Aug. 20/08	#023135-023249	164,427.34
25. Aug. 20/08	#00312-00313 (US Acct)	1,956.99
26. Aug. 21/08	#023032	234.45
27. Aug. 25/08	#DD033237	1,070.00
28. Aug. 29/08	#00314-00316 (US Acct)	271.05
29. Aug. 29/08	#DD033238-DD033255	5,481.58
30. Aug. 29/08	#023250-023483	1,329,591.75
31. Sept. 3/08	#023484	302.40
		<u>\$ 5,342,602.35</u>

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

1. Letter to the Minister of Education re: 2009 Property Tax Reassessment – July 17, 2008
2. Reply letter from the Minister of Education re: 2009 Property Tax Reassessment – Aug. 25, 2008
3. Ministry of Education Release re: School Review Handbook – Sept. 5, 2008
4. SSBA Letter and Release re: Education Property Tax Review – Sept. 5, 2008
5. SSBA Media Advisory re: Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Second Annual Walk to Breakfast – Sept. 5, 2008
6. STF “Bulletin” – Aug. 27, 2008
7. SSBA Media Release Nutrition Awards given for schools – Sept. 10/08

RESOLUTIONS

- 001-08/09/10 Trustee *Kowalchuk* moved the Board send a letter of recognition and appreciation to the CUPE Local for the awards and presentations that were made to graduating students.
Carried
- 002-08/09/10 Trustee *Love* moved the Board approve policy 1020 Vision with no revisions.
Carried
- 003-08/09/10 Trustee *Hiebert* moved the Board approve policy 1030 Mission as revised.
Carried
- 004-08/09/10 Trustee *Gartner* moved the Board approve Policy 1040 Guiding Principles and Beliefs as revised.
Carried
- 005-08/09/10 Trustee *Foreman* moved the Board approve Policy 1050 Board Goals with no revisions.
Carried
- 006-08/09/10 Trustee *Challis* moved the Board approve Policy 1060 System Goals – Operational Plan as revised.
Carried
- 007-08/09/10 Trustee *Arsenault* moved the Board approve Policy 2030 Code of Conduct as revised.
Carried

008-08/09/10 Trustee *Pethick* moved the Board approve the design and costing of additional space at Central Office to house the transportation, IT and maintenance departments.

Carried

009-08/09/10 Trustee *Snell* moved the Board approve the following requests for tax cancellations:

1. Request from the Town of Kerrobert to write off \$1,674.51 in outstanding taxes on tax title property.
2. Request from the RM of Medstead to cancel two separate properties \$598.66 in outstanding taxes due to an exemption of residential improvements and \$703.21 in outstanding taxes due to the property being vacant
3. Request from the RM of Hillsdale to compromise \$835.03 due to improvements being vacant.
4. Request from the Village of Medstead to cancel \$83.65 in taxes due to the property being vacant.

Carried

010-08/09/10 Trustee *Kowalchuk* moved the Board designate the signing authorities for the Living Sky School Division trust accounts to be any two of the following: Board Chairman, Board Vice-Chairman, Chief Financial Officer or Superintendent of Business.

Carried

011-08/09/10 Trustee *Love* moved the Board approve the signing officers for the Stoik Family Trust account to be any two of the following: Chief Financial Officer, Superintendent of Business or a representative from the Stoik Family.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee *Challis* moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER