

## Regular Meeting of the Board

### Minutes

Thursday, September 23, 2021  
Craig M. Stahlke Board Room  
Administration Office  
181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

Trustees:

K. McMillan, S. Billinghamurst (TEAMS), J. Fisher, J. Glenat, D. Johnson (TEAMS), T. Johnson, G. Melnyk (TEAMS), C. Nachtigall, D. Zuk

Administration:

T. Fransen, Superintendent  
L. Boles, Assistant Superintendent - Divisional Support Services  
E. Egan, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources  
J. Tomy, Assistant Superintendent - Curriculum and Learning Services  
N. Wood, Secretary-Treasurer

Regrets: Nil

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

#### 3. AGENDA APPROVAL

##### **Resolution # BD20210923.1001**

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By G. Melnyk

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

#### 4. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

**Correction:** September 9, 2021, Transportation Update - 14.8

Corrected to add the motion below:

THAT the board review the current public transportation options in Waverley West and Ridgewood West to determine if a seat sale bus is required for students in grades 7 and 8.

First: J. Fisher

Second: D. Zuk

Carried

**Correction:** G. Melnyk's attendance amended for inaugural meeting to show as absent.

**Resolution # BD20210923.1002**

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By J. Glenat

THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Board held on September 9, 2021, be approved as corrected and,

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on September 9, 2021, be approved as corrected.

**Carried**

**5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS**

**Resolution # BD20210923.1003**

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Report and Other Reports be received as information and,

THAT the Teacher Contracts (Permanent and Term) as listed in the Teacher Contracts Report dated September 23, 2021, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated September 23, 2021, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2021-22 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated September 23, 2021, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated September 23, 2021.

**Carried**

**8. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS**

**8.1 Response to Delegation - September 9, 2021**

The Superintendent reported that Manitoba Public Health had indicated at one of the COVID liaison meetings that school divisions should not adopt the practice of daily temperature readings of students and staff. It would, therefore, be appropriate to deny Mr. Grant's request.

**Resolution # BD20210923.1004**

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By J. Glenat

THAT the request from the delegation be denied.

**Carried**

**14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**14.1 COVID-19 Update**

The Superintendent provided an update to the Board with respect to COVID-19 measures in the Division.

The Superintendent advised there have been a number of COVID positive cases in the schools. Last year when this happened there was a dip in the attendance in schools with positive cases beyond those directed, by Public Health, to self-isolate. This year the attendance has remained steady without a dip. The Superintendent believes that the COVID vaccine has emboldened families to have more confidence in sending their children to school. There is also a greater recognition of the importance of social interaction for students (and adults).

G. Melnyk said that he has received enquiries about the availability of remote learning when students are at home sick.

The Superintendent advised that parents are following the COVID screening tool and keeping their children home when they have symptoms. If they are home for 1-3 days, the kids should be resting, and in extended absences schools are following usual practice, that work is available for siblings or parents/guardians to come by the school to pick up missed work.

The Superintendent advised that sometimes it feels like protocols from Public Health are changing daily. We will update our infographic as public health makes changes and continue to post it on the website.

**Resolution # BD20210923.1005**

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the update from the administration be received as information.

**Carried**

#### **14.2 Transportation Update**

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the status of student transportation. She said that we currently have 60 am/pm routes and 20 noon hour routes. She said that we have added two (2) extra buses, and reported that the bus driver shortage continues to be a challenge.

The Superintendent noted that we have made considerable progress with routing our students. He said that seat sales will commence once all eligible students have seats on the bus.

#### **Resolution # BD20210923.1006**

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the update from the administration be received as information.

**Carried**

#### **14.3 Ryerson Name Change Update**

The Superintendent advised the Board of the plan for Truth and Reconciliation Week, September 27 - October 1, 2021. There have been numerous programs and activities that have been created. He thanked the Curriculum and Learning Services team as well as the ISST (Indigenous Student Success Teachers) for providing excellent resources for our classroom teachers. He said he is anticipating a very successful launch of what is almost certain to become an annual week of recognition and reflection to close off September.

It was noted that there are almost 1,000 participants on the ThoughtExchange for the Ryerson School renaming. The committee will bring a recommendation to the Board after they have reviewed the ThoughtExchange.

#### **Resolution # BD20210923.1007**

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the report to the Board be received as information.

**Carried**

**16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST**

**Resolution # BD20210923.1008**

Moved By J. Glenat

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated September 23, 2021, be received as information.

**Carried**

**17. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES**

D. Zuk asked about the City of Winnipeg approving a number of pedestrian crosswalks in Lindenwoods and Lindenwoods Drive and what kind of impact it will have in the community.

T. Johnson advised that the Board was supportive of the safe passages and, that, in response to concerns raised previously by parents, efforts had been made to hire and place adult crossing guards at a busy McGillivray crossing. The Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Services, confirmed that recruiting adult crossing guards remains a challenge.

C. Nachtigall asked if there is an update on the new schools in Bison Run. The Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Services, said that the piles for the K-8 school are in the ground. She said that the K-8 school was awarded to Bird Construction. It was noted that the successful bidder for the high school will be named shortly.

We remain hopeful that the schools will open in 2023.

**18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

In response to a question from a member of the public, the Superintendent advised that the ThoughtExchange for renaming Ryerson School will be open for three (3) weeks and closes on October 6.

**19. REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

**Resolution # BD20210923.1009**

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By J. Glenat

THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

**Carried**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:43

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Chair of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer