# Board Organizational and Special Public Meeting

Mon Nov 25, 2024 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM CST

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Ryan Bast, Vicky Bonnell, Rob Bresciani, Greg Fischer, Bob Kowalchuk, Shauna Weninger, Darren Wilcox

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Chase (Director), Josh Kramer (CFO), Stacey Gherasim, Jill Hrynkiw (Recorder)

**1.** S. Chase called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

**2.** Land Acknowledgement

S. Chase: We are blessed to serve, live and learn on Treaty 4 territory, traditional lands of the nêhiyawak (neh HEY o wuk), nahkawé (NUK ah way), Nakota, and homeland of the Métis, Lakota, and Dakota. Collectively, we are committed to seeking the Truth and taking intentional steps toward Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in our communities.

**3.** Opening Prayer

J. Kramer opened the meeting with a prayer.

**4.** 14062: Adoption of Organizational Meeting Agenda

S. CHASE: That the Organizational Meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

**5.** 2024 Election Results

S. Chase, Director of Education, read the 2024 Municipal/School Board Election Declaration of Results including unsuccessful candidates in the order of the number of votes received.

**6.** Conflict of Interest

Do any of the trustees have a conflict of interest based on the agenda they need to declare? No trustees responded.

**7.** Declaration of Office

**a.** Newly elected Trustees will sign the Declaration of Office

The seven newly elected Trustees signed the Declaration of Office form and S. Chase certified that they were elected as a member of the Board of Education for the Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81.

**i.** Endorsement Certificate by Commission for Oaths

Stacey Gherasim, Superintendent of Education Services and Commissioner for Oaths for Saskatchewan completed the Endorsement Certificate by Commission for Oaths for the seven elected Trustees.

**8.** 14063:  Election of Chair

S. Chase called for nominations for Chair.

S. Weninger nominated R. Bast.

Second Call and Third (Final Call) for nominations

R. BRESCIANI: That nominations for Board Chair cease.

There being no further nominations, R. Bast was elected as Board Chair by acclamation.

CARRIED

**9.** 14064:  Election of Deputy Chair

R. Bast called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

G. Fischer nominated V. Bonnell and B. Kowalchuk as Co-Deputy Chairs.

Second Call and Third (Final Call) for nominations.

B. KOWALCHUK: That nominations for Board Deputy Chair cease.

There being no further nominations. V. Bonnell and B. Kowalchuk were elected as Board Deputy Chairs.

CARRIED

**10.** 14065:  Signature Plate

V. BONNELL:  That the Chair and Chief Financial Officer be the signing officers for the Division and that in the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair be designated as signing officer and that in the absence of the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Education or the Comptroller be designated as signing officers.

CARRIED

**11.** 14066:  Signing Authorities for Bank Accounts

R. BRESCIANI:  That the signatories for the Operating Account, Payroll Account, Capital Reserve Account, US Dollar, School Based Funds Account, and Trust Accounts will be any two of the Board Chair, Deputy Chair, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Education or Comptroller.

CARRIED

**12.** 14067:  Operating Line of Credit Requirements

B. KOWALCHUK: That we authorize the borrowing of $10,000,000 at any time to meet current operating expenses and that the authorizing resolution be forwarded to TD Canada Trust.

CARRIED

**13.** Board Meeting Date and Time

**a.** 14068: Public Board Meetings
S. WENINGER: That the Board hold Public Board Meetings on the first Monday of the month commencing at 5:00 pm unless it is a statutory holiday. In that case the meeting will be held at the same time on the first Tuesday of the month.

CARRIED

**b.** 14069: Board Planning Meetings
G. FISCHER: That the Board hold Planning Meetings on the third Monday of the month commencing at 4:30 pm.

CARRIED

**14.** Board Committees and Board Representatives
R. Bast provided an overview of the Board Committees and Board Representatives. The Board committees and linkage meeting representatives will be as follows:

**a.** 14070: Saskatchewan Catholic School Board Association (SCSBA) Board Nomination
D. WILCOX: That the Board nominate Trustee Vicky Bonnell for the position of SCSBA President for the December 1, 2024 SCSBA Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

**b.** 14071: Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) Vice-President Nomination
G. FISCHER: That the Board support Trustee Shauna Weninger for the position of SSBA Vice-President for the December 3, 2024 SSBA Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

**c.** Circle of Voices Representative
Greg Fischer

**d.** Archdiocese Liaison Chair
Shauna Weninger

**e.** Board Policy Chair
Vicky Bonnell, Bob Kowalchuk, Darren Wilcox

**15.** Appoint an Auditor (Review the Term of Current Auditor)

The Board appointed Dudley & Company LLP as external auditor for a five year term commencing the 2020-21 fiscal year end.  2024-25 is the fifth and final year of this five year term.

An RFP will be completed to appoint an auditor for a new term beginning 2025-26.

Create an RFP to appoint an auditor for a new term beginning 2025-26.
Assigned to: Josh Kramer

**16.** Decision Items

**a.** 14072:  2023-24 Annual Report and 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements

V. BONNELL:  That the Board approve the 2023-24 Annual Report and 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements pending any minor changes by Dudley LLP and Company.

CARRIED

**17.** 14073:  Adjournment

R. BRESCIANI: That the Organizational and Special Public Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

**18.** Closing Prayer

S. Weninger closed the meeting with a prayer.

Ryan J. Bast

Ryan Bast, Board Chair

Josh Kramer, Chief Financial Officer