



Board Public Meeting

Mon Apr 8, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Shauna Weninger (Board Chair), Ryan Bast (Deputy Chair), Vicky Bonnell (MS Teams), Rob Bresciani (MS Teams), Bob Kowalchuk (MS Teams), Darren Wilcox

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Chase (Director), Josh Kramer (CFO), Kelley Ehman, Stacey Gherasim, Heidi Hildebrand, Joanna Landry, Dave Magnusson, Ryan Robinson, Twylla West, Jill Hrynkiw (Recorder)

S. Weninger opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

S. Weninger: 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.

2. S. Weninger: This meeting will be recorded.

3. Opening Prayer

R. Bresciani opened the meeting with a prayer.

4. S. Chase introduced RCSD's new Facilities Manager, Ryan Robinson.

5. Consent Items

The following consent items have been received as information. Do any of the trustees want to move a consent item to discussion? No Trustees responded.

i. RCSD Board of Trustees Update - April 2024

ii. Student Enrolment - March 31, 2024

iii. Staffing Report - February 28 - March 31 - 2024

iv. SSBA Student Assessment and Reporting Project Report and RCSD Response

v. Investments Update

vi. 2023-24 Governance Budget Summary and Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowances December 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024

vii. Student Services Newsletter - Spring 2024

viii. Holy Rosary 2024/25 Transition and Planning Update

ix. 2023-24 February Operating Funding Update

6. 14005: Adoption of Agenda

D. WILCOX: That the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

7. Conflict of Interest

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

8. 14006: Adoption of Minutes

B. KOWALCHUK: That the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Public Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

9. Presentation

a. Student Trustees (STRIVE)

i. Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School

S. Chase shared that due to ongoing STF job action we have had to postpone the attendance of Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School STRIVE students at the meeting. LeBoldus STRIVE will be invited to a future Board meeting.

10. Decision Items

a. 14007: 2023-24 Director of Education Evaluation

V. BONNELL: That the Board approve deferring the 2023-24 Director Evaluation due to the depth of the evaluation undertaken in 2022-23 as well as ongoing conversations with the Board and the Director.

CARRIED

b. 14008: 2023-24 Board Self-Evaluation

R. BRESCIANI: That the 2023-24 Board Self-Evaluation be approved and filed.

CARRIED

c. 14009: CEC 2.0 Phase 2 Tender

R. BAST: That the Board of the Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81 approve awarding Phase 2 construction tender for the new Catholic

Education Centre, on Sandra Schmirler Way, to Westridge Construction Services Ltd.

CARRIED

d. 14010: 2024 Education Property Tax Mill Rates

D. WILCOX: That the Board of Education for the Regina R.C.S.S.D. No. 81 exercise its constitutional right to levy education property tax and set its education property tax mill rates, and in so doing the Regina R.C.S.S.D. No. 81 hereby sets education property tax mill rates as follows: By adopting the provincial education property tax mill rates as set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the 2024 taxation year.

CARRIED

11. Discussion

a. Review 2023-24 Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule

The Board reviewed the Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule.

b. Rooted Connections (Previously Catholic Family Services - CFS)

S. Chase shared a meeting was held with Rooted Connections (previously Catholic Family Services) on March 20, 2024 to discuss their rebranding strategy. To receive more non-religious funding opportunities CFS rebranded to Rooted Connections with the objective to remove all religious affiliation. Because of this change Rooted Connections will no longer offer the relevant Catholic support RCSD supported them for. RCSD will reevaluate this partnership and try find a new Catholic support service provider within the community.

12. Governance

a. Board Governance - Quarter 2 - September 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

J. Kramer, CFO provided an overview of the 2023-24 Board Governance Quarter 2 Budget Summary including Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowances for September 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024.

13. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

a. Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Report - Health and Well-Being of Staff

H. Hildebrand presented the Regina Catholic Schools Health and Well-Being of Staff ERM Presentation. Highlights included HR's commitment to supporting strategic priorities and mental health and well-being, mitigation strategies, workplace culture and climate, well at work, Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP) and the services available to RCSD employees and their families through Compsych.

b. Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) - Indigenous Education

S. Gherasim, Superintendent of Education Services presented the Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) - Indigenous Education. The presentation included Action and/or Deliverables and Status for the following:

Indigenous Education for All; Supporting Indigenous Learners; and Truth and Reconciliation. The presentation concluded with Analysis and Next Steps.

S. Chase shared the division's appreciation for the strong relationships built by leadership with the Indigenous community and the support and opportunity these have created with our students.

S. Weninger thanked S. Gherasim for the presentation and acknowledged the work done throughout the Division in Indigenous Education.

c. 2023-24 Quarter 2 - Forecast (Quarterly Financial Report) - April 8, 2024

J. Kramer, CFO shared that the Ministry of Education requires the RCSD submit a forecast for the 2023-24 Quarter 2 by April 8, 2024. Key points of the 2023-24 Quarter 2 Forecast include:

- Revenues are expected to be \$6.123 million above budget.
- Expenses are forecasted to increase by \$3.422 million over budget.
- The Division is forecasting a surplus of \$1.036 million. Once adjusted for tangible capital assets and non-cash items, there is a projected deficit of \$8.680 million.

d. Transportation Report - December 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024

J. Kramer provided the transportation report for December 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024 which included performance indicator data, transportation chart and key risk and best practices observed.

e. 2024-25 Budget Summary

On March 20, 2024 the Government of Saskatchewan released the 2024-25 Provincial Budget Estimates. J. Kramer, CFO provided a summary of the budget and a breakdown of the school division's funding and corresponding appendices that were reviewed by the Board.

Saskatchewan schools will receive an increase of \$180 million increase or 8.8% over last year's budget day allocation. School boards have long been calling for predictability, sustainability, and investment in education. This budget includes plans for multi-year funding, which is welcome, and will support divisions in planning for the future. Overall, this increase in dollars can be put towards student supports.

Regina Catholic Schools will receive \$129.9 million in operational funding for the 2024-25 school year, an increase of \$7.38 million (5.8%) over the total operational funding for the previous year.

14. Reports

a. Chair's Report

S. Weninger provided a report of Board events during the month of March. Highlights included an appreciation to the government for the investment in capital for RCSD

through relocatables as well as the announcement of new school builds. Also noted were deliberations and discernment of the 2024-25 division budget, Board/Post-Secondary Partners Linkage meeting, innovative and learning taking place in schools, and the appreciation to families, students, and staff during the ongoing job action and the disruptions it has caused.

b. Trustee Reports / Committee Chair Reports

V. Bonnell shared SSBA will offer a time for the eight Catholic divisions to meet on April 11th, 2024 during the upcoming SSBA Spring Conference. As well SSBA will be releasing an Indigenous education video during Catholic education week.

c. Director's Report

S. Chase shared the upcoming Specialized Classroom tour with Minister Cockrill on April 29, 2024, 2024-25 Golden Ticket Sports Academies and the academies new staffing, and Provincial Education Plan (PEP) updates.

15. Community Linkage

a. Board/Post-Secondary Linkage - March 21, 2024

S. Weninger shared the Board/Post-Secondary Linkage meeting met on March 21, 2024. Minutes are attached.

16. Correspondence

The following correspondence items have been provided as information.

a. Relocatable Funding

b. Joint-Use High School Preliminary Planning

c. Budget Day - Capital Announcement

d. STF Job Action - Friday, April 5, 2024

17. 14011: Move in to Closed Session

R. BAST: That the Board move in to Closed Session.

CARRIED

18. 14012: Move out of Closed Session

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

19. Items for Future Agenda

None

20. 14013: Adjournment

V. BONNELL: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

21. Closing Prayer

B. Kowalchuk closed the meeting with a prayer.

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Shauna Weninger, Board Chair
Officer

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Josh Kramer, Chief Financial