
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MYSTERY LAKE



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

Trustees

Cheryl Davies
David Gallant
Kelly Hause
Mamie Hendren
Guido Oliveira
Rob Pellizzaro
L. Valerie Wilson

Senior Administration Team

Hugh Fraser – Superintendent/CEO
Bruce Waldie – Assistant Superintendent
Christelle Waldie – Assistant Superintendent
Arnie Assoignon – Secretary-Treasurer
Keith Derksen – Facilities Manager
Cheryl Mulrooney – Executive Assistant

**Administration Office
408 Thompson Drive North, Thompson, MB
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Present:

Chairperson Davies
Vice-Chairperson Pellizzaro
Trustee Gallant
Trustee Hendren
Trustee Hause
Trustee Oliveira
Trustee Wilson
Superintendent/CEO Fraser
Assistant Superintendent B. Waldie
Assistant Superintendent C. Waldie
Secretary-Treasurer Assoignon
Executive Assistant Mulrooney

1. 2009/2010 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chairperson Davies presented a draft of the 2009/2010 budget. The final budget will be passed at the regular board meeting on March 10, 2009.

The biggest question that arose was whether or not to take the Tax Incentive Grant (T.I.G.) that the Province has offered. There are a lot of unknowns around the grant.

Members of the public who were at the meeting thought that taking the Tax Incentive Grant now may not be feasible to the District in coming years.

Chairperson Davies thanked the public for coming to the meeting and giving input into the budget process. Any further comments from the public should be directed to the trustees at the School Board Office before Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Davies at 7:45 p.m.

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – February 24, 2009

MOTION 29/09

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 10, 2009

MOTION 30/09

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Oliveira

That the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 10, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a) Burntwood Elementary School

Angele Bartlett, Principal of Burntwood School, Jolene Brown, Vice-Principal and two grade seven students, Erin Collins and Morgan Garner gave an excellent presentation on activities taking place in the school.

Some of the activities include an After School Program, Science Fair, Ice Sculptures, I Love to Read, Art Murals, Humanitarian Initiatives, and Rachel's Challenge. They also presented a video produced by their class with rap style accompaniment composed by students in their school.

Chairperson Davies thanked Erin and Morgan for their presentation and said that when the trustees see presentations from the schools it makes them realize even more that the decisions they make affect all students.

Trustee Wilson commented that some activities encouraged Citizenship among the students.

7. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

8. SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT

Information

1. Teacher Recognition

Ms. Darlene Yuskow, teacher at Westwood School, was recognized for coordinating the Student Vote program in her school.

Student Vote is a non-partisan parallel election program developing habits of citizenship within young Canadians. This fall over three thousand schools across the country took part.

Five hundred thousand students studied the democratic process, local candidates, party platforms and national issues before voting on the official candidates in their schools' ridings. Students themselves took on the roles of Returning Officers, Poll Clerks and Scrutineers on Student Vote day at their school.

Chairperson Davies presented Ms. Yuskow with a certificate from Taylor Gunn, Chief Executive Officer for Student Vote.

Action

a) Secondment of Employee #3413 to Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth

Mr. Darryl Gervais, Acting Director, for Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth has requested the secondment of employee #3413 commencing July 1, 2009, and continuing until June 30, 2011.

MOTION 31/09

Moved by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the secondment of employee #3413 to Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth from July 1st, 2009 and continuing until June 30, 2011 be approved.

Carried

b) Thompson Unlimited Annual General Meeting

Mr. Mark Matiasek, General Manager for Thompson Unlimited, invited the Board of Trustees to their Annual General Meeting on March 18th, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. in the Hub of the North Banquet Room.

MOTION 32/09

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the trustees acknowledge the invitation.

Carried

c) R.C.M.P. Requests

- I. During the first week of March, two Criminology students from the University of Manitoba would like to interview staff and students from the District regarding gang activity in Thompson.

MOTION 33/09

Moved by Trustee Oliveira, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the two Criminology students from the University of Manitoba be allowed to interview staff and students from the District regarding gang activity in Thompson.

Carried

- II. R.C.M.P. will be filming a television series from April 4th – 9th, 2009. Thompson has been selected as the centre for the youth portion of the series. All protocols around informed consent will be observed.

MOTION 34/09

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That R.C.M.P. be allowed to film the youth portion of the television series from April 4th – 9th, 2009, and that all protocols around informed consent be observed.

Carried

9. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- a) The Province has advised that the audit of the ineligible students has been completed. The District will have to pay an additional \$36,000.00 in the 2008/2009 fiscal year. A payment of \$70,000.00 has been made towards the \$350,000.00 liability. The \$244,000.00 left owing will be deleted as a liability.

10. BUSINESS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – #1175

- a) MAST Student Citizenship and AMM Young Community Leader Awards Nominations

The board reviewed the nominations and has endorsed one student and one group for those awards. The student nominated is Greg Monias and the group nominated is Westwood School for their School for Africa Project.

A judging panel from The Manitoba Association of School Trustees (MAST) will make their selection and one winner from each region will receive his or her award at the Celebration of Success which is held in conjunction with the MAST Convention of Thursday, March 19, at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Information

- a) MAST
 - i. Canadian School Board Association InfoPicks from schools and educators around Canada.
 - ii. Information on the Canadian School Board Association Congress 2009

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Finance Report – Approval of Expenditures for January 2009

- i. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 1,395,348.49
- ii. Teacher payroll in the amount of \$1,957,987.29
- iii. Non-teaching payroll in the amount of \$451,555.16

MOTION 35/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Wilson

That the above expenditures for January 2009 be approved.

Carried

13. TRUSTEE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Trustee Hendren gave a report on the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association “Trustee Summit” she attended on February 12, 2009.

The summit focus was to capture all questions, issues, and concerns regarding high school athletics so that the Manitoba High School Athletics Association can develop appropriate actions/strategies to ensure successful school sports initiatives for students, schools and communities at large.

Three topics discussed were:

- i. What is working well
- ii. Explanation was given on current structures and strengths of the Manitoba High School Athletics Association.
- iii. Explanation on current funding structure

Some points raised were the importance of sports being accessible and affordable for all students, travel concerns, and Government funding.

Trustee Hendren commented that the programs work in schools because of the dedication of the teachers.

14. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public are invited to seek clarification about items on the agenda.

Questions: a) Under the R.C.M.P. requests, what is the purpose of the students in #1?

The students will be working with the R.C.M.P. Community Policing in Winnipeg. The R.C.M.P. sponsors two University of Manitoba students and they in turn conduct a research project for the R.C.M.P. This year the research project is on gangs.

The interviews will entail a series of questions that have been approved by the University's R.C.M.P. ethics advisor and a letter will be drafted to ask permission from parents prior to speaking to the youth.

b) What kind of guarantee or security will be offered to students because of the gang relation?

Protocols will be set up by the R.C.M.P., a schedule will be set up and the research is discreet. Students are not required to be involved.

Assistant Superintendent Christelle Waldie stated that items #1 & 2 in the R.C.M.P. requests are two different programs and the gang interviews will not be on television.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 36/09

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

