

A BOARD MEETING of The River East Transcona School Division was duly called and held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:35 p.m., in the Allen Rouse Room, 589 Roch Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

C. Carswell	K. Morrison
R. Giesbrecht	S. Olynik
B. Goertzen	J. Sodomlak
P. Kotyk	M. West

**ABSENT:**

J. Toews

**ALSO PRESENT:**

K. Barkman, Superintendent/CEO  
E. Downey, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
G. Caithness, Recording Secretary

Also present via teleconference:

K. Boyd, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Programming  
M. Bruce, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
J. Drysdale, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services and Planning  
T. Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services

**SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR J. SODOMLAK IN THE CHAIR:**

**Treaty Acknowledgement**

The River East Transcona School Division acknowledges that we are in Treaty One Territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

**Adoption of Agenda**

181/20

MOVED by Trustee Olynik, (S) Trustee Goertzen THAT the Agenda dated September 15, 2020, be adopted as amended.

**In Favor**

Carswell  
Giesbrecht  
Goertzen  
Morrison  
Olynik  
Sodomlak

**Opposed**

Kotyk  
West

Carried



**Adoption of Minutes:**

Board Meeting No. 12, June 16, 2020

182/20

MOVED by Trustee Kotyk, (S) Trustee Olynik THAT the Minutes of Board Meeting No. 12 dated June 16, 2020 pages 54 to 59 inclusive be approved, confirmed and adopted as presented.

Unanimous

Annual Meeting September 1, 2020

183/20

MOVED by Trustee Giesbrecht, (S) Trustee Goertzen THAT the Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Board dated September 1, 2020, pages 60 to 65 inclusive be approved, confirmed and adopted as presented.

**In Favor**

Carswell  
Giesbrecht  
Goertzen  
Kotyk  
Morrison  
Olynik  
Sodomlak

**Opposed**

West

Carried

Board Meeting No. 13 September 2, 2020

184/20

MOVED by Trustee Olynik, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT the Minutes of Board Meeting No. 13 dated September 2, 2020 pages 66 to 67 inclusive be approved, confirmed and adopted as amended.

Unanimous

**Receiving of Minutes**

Minutes of the Finance, Facilities and  
Transportation Committee  
September 8, 2020

185/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Carswell THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee dated September 8, 2020 pages 17 to 19 inclusive be received.

Unanimous



Receiving of Minutes (continued)

Minutes of the Program, Policy  
Review and Personnel Committee  
September 9, 2020

186/20

MOVED by Trustee Olynik (S) Trustee Kotyk THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Program, Policy Review and Personnel Committee dated September 9, 2020 pages 9 to 11 inclusive be received.

Unanimous

**Business Arising out of Minutes**

Recommendations of the Finance,  
Facilities and Transportation  
Committee

Accounts Payable

187/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Carswell THAT the accounts payable be confirmed as presented:

- a) for the month of June 2020 in the amount of \$15,460,318.58 as listed;
- b) for the month of July 2020 in the amount of \$22,515,166.38 as listed;
- c) for the month of August 2020 in the amount of \$15,352,139.27 as listed.

Unanimous

Request for Use of School Transcona  
Collegiate

188/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT the request from Transcona Collegiate for use of Radisson School for the nursery school program be approved as presented.

Unanimous

Capital Projects 2020-2021

189/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Carswell THAT the capital projects for 2020-2021 as presented to a maximum budget allocation of \$300,000 be confirmed.

Unanimous



Business Arising Out of Minutes  
(continued)

Credit Card Proposal

190/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT the credit card proposal be approved as amended.

Unanimous

Appointment of Vice-Chair

191/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Carswell THAT Trustee Toews be appointed Vice-Chair of the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee for the 2020-2021 term.

Unanimous

Setting of Meeting Dates and Times

192/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee meetings be scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Unanimous

Recommendations of the Program,  
Policy Review and Personnel  
Committee

2019-2020 Retirement and Long  
Service Evening

193/20

MOVED by Trustee Olynik, (S) Trustee West THAT the 2019-2020 Retirement and Long Service Evening rescheduled for October 15, 2020 be cancelled;

AND FURTHER THAT retirement and long service packages be provided to the recipients together with a letter from the Board of Trustees.

Unanimous



Business Arising Out of Minutes  
(continued)

Policy Revision BCABE – Electronic Meetings of the Board of Trustees

194/20

MOVED by Trustee Olynik, (S) Trustee Giesbrecht THAT the following policy revision be approved:

- a) BCABE – Electronic Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

**In Favor**

Morrison  
Kotyk  
Olynik  
West

**Opposed**

Carswell  
Giesbrecht  
Goertzen  
Sodmlak

Defeated

195/20

MOVED by Trustee Carswell, (S) Trustee Goertzen THAT Policy BCABE – Electronic Meetings of the Board of Trustees, be referred to the Program, Policy Review and Personnel Committee for review.

**In Favor**

Carswell  
Giesbrecht  
Goertzen  
Morrison  
Olynik  
Sodmlak

**Opposed**

Kotyk  
West

Carried

Appointment of Vice-Chair

196/20

MOVED by Trustee Olynik, (S) Trustee Giesbrecht THAT Trustee Kotyk be appointed Vice-Chair of the Program, Policy Review and Personnel Committee for the 2020-2021 term.

Unanimous

Setting of Meeting Dates and Times

197/20

MOVED by Trustee Olynik, (S) Trustee Kotyk THAT the Program, Policy Review and Personnel Committee meetings be scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Unanimous



**Communications for Action**

Request for Religious Exercises

198/20

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, (S) Trustee Goertzen THAT the petition presented by parents of the following schools to hold Religious Exercises for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the Public Schools Action Section 84(8) be received and approved for implementation:

- a) Princess Margaret School.

Unanimous

**Introduction and Consideration of By-laws**

Borrowing By-law 2020-03 Amending By-law 2020-02

199/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT Borrowing By-Law 2020-03 amending By-Law 2020-02 in the amount of \$50,000,000.00 to meet current expenses for the period June 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and \$7,200,000.00 otherwise and \$5,000,000.00 for miscellaneous capital projects for the year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 be now introduced and read a first time.

Unanimous

**Reports for Information**

Superintendent's Report:

200/20

MOVED by Trustee Giesbrecht, (S) Trustee Carswell THAT the following superintendent's report be received for information:

- a) COVID-19 update report for the October 6, 2020 meeting.

**In Favor**

Carswell  
Giesbrecht  
Goertzen  
Kotyk  
Morrison  
Olynik  
Sodomlak

**Opposed**

West

Carried

**Communications for Information**

201/20

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT the following communications be received for information:

- a) **From Manitoba School Boards Association**
- 1) e-bulletin June 17, 2020;
  - 2) e-bulletin September 9, 2020;
  - 3) Letter to the Editor, Jan McIntyre, Chairperson, Prairie Spirit School Division Board of Trustees re: Friday May 29, 2020 Winnipeg Free Press article "Pandemic-proof pedagogical system: Lessons as usual for Hutterite colonies;
  - 4) Alan Campbell, President MSBA re: Pandemic amplifies school boards' value;
  - 5) Executive Highlights August 10, 2020;
  - 6) Call for Nominations and Resolutions 2021;
- b) News Release June 15, 2020 re: Manitoba Launches \$2.5 million home nutrition and learning pilot program;
- c) June 29, 2020 Red River Planning District Subdivision Application re: 2925 Henderson Highway S20-2855 Imperial Oil Ltd.;
- d) Our Winnipeg, Planning for our shared future: Winnipeg's priorities for sustainable growth;
- e) September 11, 2020 letter from Pembina Trails School Division to Minister of Education and Minister of Health re: Manitoba's first positive COVID-19 test by a student attending a public school.

Unanimous

**Board to Camera**

202/20

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, (S) Trustee Kotyk THAT we do now recess and move into a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board in Camera at 7:37 p.m.

Unanimous



**Camera to Board**

203/20

MOVED by Trustee Kotyk, (S) Trustee Goertzen THAT we do now reconvene into a meeting of the Board at 10:15 p.m.

Unanimous

**Motion to Adjourn**

204/20

MOVED by Trustee Kotyk, (S) Trustee Giesbrecht THAT we do now adjourn at 10:17 p.m.

Unanimous

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Board Chair (Jerry Sodomlak)

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Secretary-Treasurer (Elise Downey)