

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD MARCH 10, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:	J.J. Harrison (chair)	D. P. Hallick (vice-chair)	Y. J. Cuthbert
	A. F. Dell	M. G. Krawec	M. Lefebvre
	J. E. McCallister	C. W. Morrison	N. T. Corrigan
	D. F. Shindle	L. J. Taylor	

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: C.A. Chandler

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 7:30 – 8:00 P.M.

03:03:05 Motion:

A. Dell – M. Lefebvre
That the board resolve into committee of the whole, in camera.

Carried

03:04:05 Motion:

M. Lefebvre – C. Morrison
That the board rise without reporting.

Carried

COFFEE BREAK

A. AGENDA:

03:05:05 Motion:

M. Lefebvre – J. McCallister
That the agenda for the meeting of March 10, 2005 be approved.

Carried

B. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

03:06:05 Motion:

D. Hallick – M. Lefebvre

That the minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2005 be approved.

Carried

03:07:05 Motion:

J. McCallister – M. Krawec

That the minutes of the special meeting of March 1, 2005 be approved.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. None

D. MOTIONS:

03:08:05 Motion:

M. Krawec – A. Dell

That the operating budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year be approved in the amount of \$27,143,763.00.

Carried

03:09:05 Motion:

M. Lefebvre – D. Hallick

That **Mike Mauws** be employed as Student Services Coordinator effective September 6, 2005.

Carried

03:10:05 Motion:

M. Lefebvre – C. Morrison

That **Amanda Meehan** be employed on a Limited Term Teacher contract effective February 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005.

Carried

03:11:05 Motion:

C. Morrison – M. Lefebvre

That **Policy BCBC – Electronic Meetings** be approved as follows:

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Subject to any conditions or limitations provided for under the Public Schools Act or Manitoba Regulation 201/04, a trustee who participates in a meeting through electronic means shall be deemed to be present at the meeting for the purposes of the Act.

The following persons must be physically present in the meeting room of the Board:

- a) The Chair of the Board or his or her designate
- b) At least one additional member of the Board
- c) The Superintendent of the division or his or her designate
- d) The Secretary-Treasurer or his or her designate

Every trustee must be physically present at a regular meeting at least once every three months.

Upon written request to the Chair of the Board or the Secretary-Treasurer, at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Board shall provide electronic means to permit participation of the trustee.

Electronic means shall include:

- a) Teleconferencing, or
- b) Videoconferencing

Cellular, portable or radio phones may not be allowed for electronic access to meetings. Trustees will be called by the Secretary-Treasurer or designate at the beginning of the in-camera session. Trustees must ensure a private location from which to receive the call.

A Board member who participates in a meeting by electronic means is considered to be present at the meeting and will be recorded in the attendance for the meeting. Trustees participating in an electronic meeting shall notify the Chair of their departure (either temporary or permanent) from the meeting before absenting themselves in order to ensure a quorum is maintained.

Any member of the Board who participates in a meeting by electronic means in accordance with this policy shall be required to act in accordance with the Board's Governance Bylaws.

The Chair of the Board or Secretary-Treasurer shall have authority to refuse to provide a trustee with electronic means of participation in a meeting of the Board where it is deemed impossible to ensure compliance with the prior paragraph or if it is not possible for the required persons to be physically present at the meeting.

Carried

03:12:05 Motion:

D. Hallick – A. Dell

That the tender for Expendable School Supplies 2005 be awarded as follows, F.O.B. Portage la Prairie, taxes extra:

Christie's Office Plus	\$4845.18
Rose Delta Wholesale	\$8201.16
Supreme Learning	\$7378.67

Carried

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Comment: DOUBLE SPACE
IN FINAL AGENDA

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1. Kid-Netic Energy – Summer Camp – copies
2. Administrative Workshop – May 13 & 14th
3. Provincial Assessments – Grade 7 & 8

NC

1. MAST – Report of the Legislative Review Committee on the Workers Compensation Act – (copies)

LT

1. February Enrollment report (+2 from January, -32 from last year) – copies
2. High Bluff School – Parent Council letter re: Closure – copies
3. Student Teachers, Brandon University – March 21 – May 13, 2005
4. School Initiatives:
 - PCI - History Book entitled *Ante Nos Scientia* to be published April 1, 2005
 - Reach for the Top team remains undefeated in the Central division
 - First Nations Day celebrated March 11, 2005

F. OTHER BUSINESS

No report

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: – copies

1. School Newsletters – Highlights
 - EPCS - Hosting their 1st Annual Talent Night, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.
2. MAST memo re: Parking at MAST Convention
3. Daily Graphic article: “*EPCS Students Protest Amalgamation*”

INFORMATION ITEMS: - copies on file

1. School Newsletters – Highlights
HBS – Healthy Child Manitoba providing breakfasts and snacks
YQS - Grades 5-8 held a Spelling Bee
2. MAST letter to the Winnipeg Free Press re: taxation and provincial funding
3. MAST memo re: Federal Issues Updates
4. MAST – Education Finance in Manitoba: Reframing the Discussion
5. MAST News Release re: Strategic Investments Must Include Greater Support for Public Schools
6. Letter from Prairie Rose School Division to Department of Transportation re: School Bus Restraints for Small Children in Canada
7. Nomination letter to MAST, Charles Morrison for Vice-President (fewer than 6,000 students)
8. MAST reply letter re: nomination of Charles Morrison
9. Letters to various Members of Parliament & Copyright Board of Canada re: Copyright issues and Access Copyright fees for print materials
10. Nomination letter from St. James-Assiniboia S.D. re: Linda Archer for Region 5 Director
11. E-mail message from MAST re: Citizens for Educational Funding Reform
12. Correspondence from ND LEA - Invitation to Open House re: PTH 1W – Yellowquill Trail Interchange – Long-Range Planning Study
13. Unclaimed bank balance – Yellowquill School Band Parent Group
14. The Dragon News – Victoria School Newspaper
15. NSBA Leadership Insider booklets (only 7 copies sent)

H. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 14	PTA/Board Dinner @ Southport, 6:00 p.m.
March 17-19	MAST Annual Convention
March 24	Board Meeting start at 6:00 p.m.
April 14	Board Meeting
April 28	Board Meeting
May 12	Board Meeting
May 26	Board Meeting
June 9	Board Meeting
June 23	Board Meeting
June 25	AMHS Graduation
June 28	PCI Grad Banquet
June 29	PCI Graduation
July 7-10	PCI Reunion

I. NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:

C.F.R.Y.	Sherry Wylie
Daily Graphic	Stephane Bonneville

J. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

03:13:05 Motion:

A. Dell – Y. Cuthbert

That the board resolve into committee of the whole, in camera.

Carried

03:14:05 Motion:

D. Hallick – M. Lefebvre

That the board rise without reporting.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by the chairperson at 9:46 p.m.

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