

**The Board of Education of the  
Good Spirit School Division No. 204 of Saskatchewan**

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**Minutes of the Regular and Organization Meeting of the Good Spirit Board of Education  
Thursday, August 18, 2022  
Good Spirit Education Complex, Yorkton, Saskatchewan**

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**Board Members (P)Present (A)Absent**

P	Anderson, Jade
A	Dokuchie, Gilda
P	Johnson, Jaime – Chair
P	Morrison, Jan
P	Simpson, Bob
P	Variyan, Steve – Vice Chair

P	Balyski, Chris
A	Gendur, Gord
P	Leson, Shannon
P	Pohl, Nicole
P	Smandych, Lois

**Staff**

Quintin Robertson – Director of Education  
Keith Gervais – Chief Financial Officer  
Heather Morris – Executive Services Supervisor  
Lisa Wotherspoon – Superintendent of Learning

**22-107**

Simpson:

**Call to order**

That this meeting now come to order at 10:00 a.m.  
**Carried.**

**22-108**

Smandych:

**Adoption of agenda**

That the agenda be adopted as presented.  
**Carried.**

**22-109**

Johnson:

**Approval of June 16, 2022, regular minutes**

That the minutes of the June 16, 2022, Regular meeting be adopted as presented.  
**Carried.**

**Business arising from the minutes**

None

**Conflict of Interest**

Board Member Anderson declared a conflict of interest regarding the Delegation agenda item.

**Delegation**

Levi and Melinda Anderson

Board Member Anderson exited the meeting at 10:07 am, during the delegation

Board Member Leson entered the meeting at 10:19 am

Board Member Anderson entered the meeting at 10:40 am

**Accountability Report**

1. High Quality Teaching & Learning – Student Learning & Well-being

22-110

**Accountability Report – High Quality Teaching & Learning–Student Learning & Well-being**

Variyan:

That the Board approve the accountability report on High Quality Teaching & Learning Assessment Data as presented.

**Carried.**

**Board Development**

1. Senior Leadership Evaluation Process

Superintendent of Human Resources, Jason Trost, entered the meeting to present the Board Development at 11:35 am

Lunch

**Closed Session Items**

1. Human Resources Report
  - a. Monthly Report – posted in the Resource Centre
  - b. Organization Charts
  - c. Employee Concerns
2. LINC Agreement Ratification
3. Governance Budget Report
4. School Closure / Grade Discontinuance & Boundary Review
  - a. School Division Administration Regulations
  - b. Policy 17
  - c. GSSD School Review Template
5. GSSD Board of Education Survey
6. Revised 2022-23 Budget Including Inflationary Funds
7. Transportation Committee
  - a. Hill Family Request
  - b. Mehrer Family Request

22-111

Pohl:

**Enter closed session**

That the Board enter closed session to receive and review agenda items.

**Carried.**

Superintendent of Human Resources, Jason Trost, entered the meeting to present the Human Resources Report at 12:49 pm

Transportation Manager, Ryan Hall, entered the meeting to present the Transportation Committee items at 2:50 pm

22-112

Balyski:

**Exit closed session**

That the Board rise and report.

**Carried.**

**Action Item**

1. Items Arising from Closed Session
  - a. Human Resources – LINC Agreement Ratification Recommendation
  - b. Revised 2022-23 Budget Including Inflationary Funds Recommendation
  - c. Transportation Recommendations
    - a. Hill Family Request
    - b. Mehrer Family Request

**22-113**

Morrison:

**Human Resources – LINC Agreement Ratification Recommendation**

That the Board approve the ratification of the 2021-2024 GSTA LINC Agreement as presented.

**Carried.**

**22-114**

Anderson:

**Revised 2022-23 Budget Including Inflationary Funds**

That the Board of Education of the Good Spirit School Division approves the revised 2022-23 Budget as presented, including minor changes made after Ministry of Education's review and approval.

**Carried.**

**22-115**

Smadych:

**Revised 2022-23 Budget Including Inflationary Funds – Technology Renewal**

That the Board approve the use of \$415,000 from the Technology Renewal restricted reserve for the purchase of hardware for technology renewal.

**Carried.**

**22-116**

Leson:

**Revised 2022-23 Budget Including Inflationary Funds – Bus Purchases**

That the Board approve the use of \$1,090,000 from the Purchase of Buses restricted reserve for the purchase of buses for transportation fleet renewal.

**Carried.**

**22-117**

Johnson:

**Hill Family Transportation Recommendation**

That the Board accept the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to approve the Hill transportation request.

**Carried.**

**22-118**

Variyan:

**Mehrer Family Transportation Recommendation**

That the Board accept the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to deny the Mehrer transportation request. The Host Family option will be offered to the Mehrer family.

**Carried.**

**New Business**

1. Policy 1 – Foundational Statements, Division Focus Areas, and Long-term Goals
2. Policy 2 Appendix A – Annual Work Plan
3. Norquay School Community Council Request
4. Policy 3 Appendix B Board Member Visits to Schools and Other Division Facilities

**22-119**

Balyski:

**Policy 1 – Foundational Statements, Division Focus Areas, and Long-term Goals**

That the Board approve Board Policy 1 – Foundational Statements as presented.

**Carried.**

**22-120**

Pohl:

**Policy 2 Appendix A – Annual Work Plan**

That the Board approve Board Policy 2 Appendix A – Annual Work Plan with the following Relationship Building changes: move Labour Group Representatives to

January; First Nations Representatives to June; Government Representatives to November.

**Carried.**

**22-121**

Morrison:

**Norquay School Community Council Request**

That the Board approve the School Community Council loan application for the Norquay School playground project.

**Carried.**

**22-122**

Anderson:

**Policy 3 Appendix B Board Member Visits to Schools and Other Division Facilities**

That the Board approve amended Policy 3 Appendix B Board Member Visits to Schools And Other Division Facilities as presented.

**Carried.**

**Board Chair turned the Chair over to the Director at the commencement of the organizational items**

**22-123**

Robertson:

**Nominations for Board Chair**

That the nominations for Board Chair be opened.

**Carried.**

1<sup>st</sup> call – Simpson nominated Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> call – No nominations

3<sup>rd</sup> call – No nominations

**22-124**

Smandych:

**Close of Nominations**

That nominations cease.

**Carried.**

**By acclamation – Jaime Johnson was declared Chair.**

**22-125**

Johnson:

**Nominations for Vice Chair**

That nominations for Board Vice Chair be opened.

**Carried.**

1<sup>st</sup> call – Smandych nominated Variyan

2<sup>nd</sup> call – No nominations

3<sup>rd</sup> call – No nominations

**22-126**

Balyski:

**Close of Nominations**

That nominations cease.

**Carried.**

**By acclamation – Steve Variyan was declared Vice Chair.**

**22-127**

Pohl:

**Signatories of the Board**

That the signing officers be the Chair or Vice Chair and the Chief Financial Officer or the Accounting Manager.

**Carried.**

**22-128**

Morrison:

**Borrowing**

That the Chairperson and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to borrow from the Bank of Montreal the sum of six million two hundred thousand (\$6,200,000) to meet

the expenditures of the Board until the proceeds of taxes and legislative grants are available, and to pay or agree to pay interest on the moneys borrowed, either in advance or at maturity and in either case after maturity, at the rate of prime; and,

That the said loan shall be a first charge upon the uniform tax levy and legislative grants for the current year; and,

That the Chairperson and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to execute under the corporate seal of the Board, and deliver to the said Bank as security for the said advance and interest thereon, the assignment of the legislative grants payable or to become payable to the Division; and,

That the said Bank shall not be restricted to the said taxes or the said legislative grants for the repayment of the said loan; and,

That the said loan may be secured by the promissory note or notes of the Chairperson and Chief Financial Officer, given on behalf of the Board, and the Chairperson and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and give such promissory note or notes on behalf of the said Board as may be required by the said Bank.

**Carried.**

**22-129**

Anderson:

**Meeting Schedule**

That the Board meet at the Good Spirit Education Complex in the RM of Orkney or via video conference call at 10 am according to the following schedule in 2022-2023:

- October 6, 2022
- November 17, 2022
- December 15, 2022
- January 26, 2023
- March 2, 2023
- March 30, 2023
- May 4, 2023
- June 15, 2023
- August 17, 2023

**Carried.**

**22-130**

Leson:

**LINC Negotiations Committee**

That Smandych and Morrison serve as the Board representatives on the LINC Negotiations Committee.

**Carried.**

**22-131**

Smandych:

**Support Staff Negotiations Committee**

That Gendur and Simpson serve as the Board representatives on the Support Staff Negotiations Committee.

**Carried.**

**22-132**

Simpson:

**Board Executive Committee**

That Morrison serve with the Board Chair and Board Vice Chair as the Board representatives on the Board Executive Committee.

**Carried.**

**22-133**

Variyan:

**Board Transportation Committee**

That Simpson, Balyski, and Pohl serve as the Board representatives on the Board Transportation Committee.

**Carried.**

**22-134**

Balyski:

**Board Finance Committee**

That Anderson and Leson along with one of the Chair or Vice-Chair serve as the Board representatives on the Board Finance Committee.

**Carried.**

**22-135**

Pohl:

**Indigenous Advisory Committee**

That Dokuchie, Gendur, and Johnson serve as the Board representatives on the Indigenous Advisory Committee.

**Carried.**

**22-136**

Morrison:

**Melville Comprehensive School Governance Authority**

That Simpson serve as the board representative for the Melville Comprehensive School Governance Authority.

**Carried.**

**22-137**

Leson:

**Public Section**

That Smandych serve as the Board representative on the Public Section and Anderson serve as the alternate.

**Carried.**

**22-138**

Anderson:

**East Central District Athletic Association Representative Appointment**

That Leson serve as the Board representative on the East Central District Athletic Association with Variyan serving as an alternate.

**Carried.**

**22-139**

Smandych:

**School Community Councils**

That the Board members represent the Board at the School Community Council meetings of the schools within their subdivisions. Further, that within Yorkton, Variyan attend Yorkton Regional High School, Gendur attend Dr. Brass, and Morrison attend Columbia and MC Knoll. If unable to attend, then an alternate will be chosen from the other Yorkton at large trustees.

**Carried.**

**22-140**

Simpson:

**Indemnities - Board Meetings**

That the indemnity meeting rate be \$300 for all Trustees.

**Carried.**

**22-141**

Variyan:

**Indemnities – Supervision and Committees**

That the hourly rates for Supervision and Committee representation be \$75 per hour, in half hour increments, to a maximum of 4 hours per day, conducted through either audio conference, video conference or face-to-face.

**Carried.**

**22-142**

Balyski:

**Indemnities – Conference**

That the rate for board conference representation, conducted either through audio conference, video conference, or face-to-face, be \$300 per full day and at half these rates per half day (3 hours or less). Further, that the conference/convention rate is applied for 2 travel days for events held out of province, 1 day for events held in province when there is no organized activity on that day. If a Board member is unsure if able to attend, they will be registered late, and the \$100 late fee will be payable by the Board.

**Carried.**

**22-143**

Pohl:

**Monthly Rates – Meeting Preparation**

That the Board member be recognized for meeting preparation in the amount of \$150 each month beginning September 1, 2022.

**Carried.**

**22-144**

Morrison:

**Monthly Rates – Board Chair and Vice Chair**

That the Board Chair receive a monthly allowance of \$250 per month and the Board Vice Chair receive a monthly allowance of \$125 beginning September 1, 2022.

**Carried.**

**22-145**

Anderson:

**Expense Reimbursement Rates**

That the Board set the mileage rate at \$0.47 per kilometer beginning September 1, 2022; and,

That the Board set the travel time rate for board members at \$0.25 per kilometer for activities in the province; and,

That the Board set the meal rates as \$15 breakfast, \$20 lunch, and \$25 dinner; and,

That the Board, in lieu of commercial accommodations, provide reimbursement for private accommodation at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per night.

**Carried.****22-146**

Leson:

**Indemnity Approval**

That the Vice Chair review and approve all indemnity forms prior to payment for Trustees however, Board member Smandych will review and approve the indemnity forms of the Chair; and, the Chair will review and approve the indemnity forms of the Vice Chair.

**Carried.****22-147**

Smandych:

**Electrical Outlet Rental Fees**

That the Board set the electrical outlet rental fees at \$45 per year.

**Carried.****Discussion Items presented by the Director of Education**

1. Audit Process
2. GSSD Board Professional Development Annual Plan

**Information Items presented by the Director of Education**

1. Thank you note - none
2. Important Dates
3. Financial Update
  - a. 2022-23 Inflationary Funding
4. Transportation Update
5. GSSD Professional Development Opportunities
6. 2023 SSBA Budget
  - a. Proposal
  - b. Key Messages
7. Correspondence
  - a. 2022-23 Youth Council
  - b. Government of Saskatchewan Thanks Teachers For A Successful 2021-22 School Year
  - c. Government of Saskatchewan Booting Education Budget By \$20 Million to Assist School Divisions with Fuel and Insurance Costs
  - d. Enhanced Regulations For Qualified Independent Schools Announced
  - e. Saskatchewan Lowers Child Care Fees by 70%
  - f. Government of Saskatchewan Offers Free Training for Early Childhood Educators
  - g. Giving Students an Equal Chance to Succeed: One Educational Assistant's Fight Against Austerity

**Committee / Conference Reports**

1. School Community Council Meetings
2. National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education & CSBA Congress

**Future Business**

1. Meeting dates
  - a. October 6, 2022
  - b. November 17, 2022
  - c. December 15, 2022

- d. January 26, 2023
  - e. March 2, 2023
  - f. March 30, 2023
  - g. May 4, 2023
  - h. June 15, 2023
  - i. August 17, 2023
  - j. Other
    - i. May 25, 2023 – Special Board Meeting (Preliminary Budget)
    - ii. August 16, 2023 – Director/Board Evaluation & Special Meeting)
2. Notice of Motion
3. Topics for Future Agenda
- a. Accountability
    - i. Student Learning & Well-being (High Quality Teaching and Learning)
  - b. Board Development
    - i. Shift In Early Literacy Instruction & Assessment
  - c. Director's Report
    - i. Strategic Plan Report
    - ii. Facilities Update
  - d. Board Business
    - i. Enrollment/PTR Report
    - ii. Finalize SSBA Resolutions & Position Statements
    - iii. Appoint Voting Delegations & Allocate Votes for SSBA Convention

**22-148**  
Simpson:

**Adjournment**  
That we do adjourn at 5:19 pm.  
**Carried.**

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BOARD CHAIR – Johnson

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SECRETARY – Gervais