

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

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Good Spirit Board of Education  
Thursday, November 16, 2023  
Good Spirit Education Complex, Yorkton, Saskatchewan**

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

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

P	Balyski, Chris
P	Gendur, Gord
P	Leson, Shannon
P	Pohl, Nicole – Vice Chair
P	Smandych, Lois

**Staff**

Quintin Robertson – Director of Education  
Keith Gervais – Chief Financial Officer  
Lauren Denysek – Assistant to the Director  
Lisa Wotherspoon – Superintendent of Learning  
Audrey Severson – Norquay School Principal  
Stacy Rubletz – Norquay School Vice-Principal

**23-183**

Johnson:

**Call to order**

That this meeting now come to order at 10:03 a.m.  
**Carried.**

**23-184**

Dokuchie:

**Adoption of agenda**

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

**23-185**

Smandych:

**Approval of October 12, 2023, regular minutes**

That the minutes of the October 12, 2023, Regular meeting be adopted as presented.  
**Carried.**

**Business arising from the minutes**

None

**Conflict of Interest**

None

**Delegation**

None

**Accountability Report**

1. Mental Health and Well-being for Students and Staff

Amanda Kornaga, Superintendent of Schools, and Michelle Goulden, Mental Health Capacity Building Promoter, entered the meeting at 10:04 am to present the Accountability Report.

Board members Morrison and Balyski joined the meeting at 10:14 am

**23-186**  
Anderson:

**Accountability Report – Mental Health and Well-being for Students and Staff**

That the Board approve the accountability report on Mental Health and Well-being for Students and Staff and acknowledge the report met the requirements of QIs 1.1 and 9.4, based on the evidence within the report.

**Carried.**

**Board Development**

1. Student and Family Engagement at the Early Years Level

Kerrilyn Trost, Early Years Curriculum Consultant, entered the Board meeting at 10:55 am to present the Board Development report.

**Closed Session Items**

1. Human Resources Report
  - a. Employee Concerns
2. Student Discipline Reports
  - a. Student Discipline Report – 2101595
  - b. Student Discipline Report – 2131126
  - c. Student Discipline Report – 2130571
  - d. Student Discipline Report – 2126748
  - e. Student Discipline Report – 2134038
  - f. Student Discipline Report – 2079063
3. Transportation Committee
  - a. Taljaard Family
  - b. Van Horn Family
  - c. Munroe Family
4. Aged Accounts Receivable and School-Related Debt
5. Cote First Nation Student Transportation
6. Little Miners Community Daycare

**23-187**  
Simpson:

**Enter closed session**

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

**Carried.**

Jason Trost, Human Resources Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:12 am to present the Human Resources Reports

**23-188**  
Balyski:

**Exit closed session**

That the Board rise and report.

**Carried.**

Lunch

**Advocacy/Relationship Building**

Reagan Foster, Amy Thomas, and Rochelle Berrns with School Community Council Outreach joined the Board for a relationship-building session

Board member Leson joined the meeting at 1:08 pm

**23-189**  
Gendur:

**Enter closed session**

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

**Carried.**

**23-190**  
Morrison:

**Exit closed session**

That the Board rise and report.

**Carried.**

**Action Items**

1. Items Arising from Closed Session
  - a. Student Discipline Committee Recommendations
    - i. Student Discipline Report – 2101595
    - ii. Student Discipline Report – 2131126
    - iii. Student Discipline Report – 2130571
    - iv. Student Discipline Report – 2126748
    - v. Student Discipline Report – 2134038
    - vi. Student Discipline Report – 2079063
  - b. Transportation Committee Recommendations
    - i. Taljaard Family
    - ii. Van Horn Family
    - iii. Munroe Family
  - c. Cote First Nation Student Transportation
  - d. Little Miners Community Daycare

**23-191**

Pohl:

**Student Discipline Recommendation - 2101595**

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2101595.

**Carried.**

**23-192**

Dokuchie:

**Student Discipline Recommendation - 2131126**

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2131126.

**Carried.**

**23-193**

Smandych:

**Student Discipline Recommendation - 2130571**

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2130571.

**Carried.**

**23-194**

Anderson:

**Student Discipline Recommendation - 2126748**

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2126748.

**Carried.**

**23-195**

Simpson:

**Student Discipline Recommendation - 2134038**

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2134038.

**Carried.**

**23-196**

Balyski:

**Student Discipline Recommendation - 2079063**

That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2079063.

**Carried.**

**23-197**

Gendur:

**Taljaard Transportation Request**

That the Board approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to deny the Taljaard transportation request.

**Carried.**

**23-198**

Leson:

**Van Horn Transportation Request**

That the Board approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to deny the Van Horn transportation request. The host family option will be offered to the family.

**Carried.**

**23-199**

Morrison:

**Munroe Transportation Request**

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

**Carried.**

**23-200**

Pohl:

**Cote First Nation Student Transportation**

That the Board approve the recommendation of Senior Leadership to provide an existing bus from the GSSD fleet to the Cote First Nation.

**Carried.**

Pat Morrison, Facilities Manager, joined the meeting at 2:25 pm to present the Facilities Reports

**New Business**

1. Approval of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Report
2. 2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter
3. School Community Council Board Designations
4. Policy Review
  - a. Repeal Policy 4 Board Member Code of Ethics & Policy 4 App A Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions.
  - b. Adoption of New Policy 4 and Appendices
  - c. Policy 3 – Role of the Board Member
5. Central Office Closure, Winter Break

**23-201**

Dokuchie:

**Approval of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Report**

That the Board approve the 2022-23 Annual Report for submission to the Ministry, pending technical edits following the final format approval of the Audited Financial Statements and additional feedback from the Ministry.

**Carried.**

**23-202**

Smandych:

**2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter**

That the Board receives and approves the Management Letter and Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2023 pending minor changes made after Ministry of Education and Finance format review and approval.

**Carried.**

**23-203**

Anderson:

**2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter**

That the Board approve the transfer of \$100,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Governance for future election expenses.

**Carried.**

**23-204**

Simpson:

**2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter**

That the Board approve the transfer of \$250,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Instruction Resources for the purchase of instructional resources.

**Carried.**

**23-205**

Leson:

**2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter**

That the Board approve the transfer of \$500,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Facilities for risk management and security.

**Carried.**

**23-206**

Balyski:

**2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter**

That the Board approve the transfer of \$250,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Technology Resources for the purchase of technology renewal.

**Carried.**

- 23-207**  
Gendur: **2022-23 Audited Financial Statement and Management Letter**  
That the Board approve the transfer of \$300,000 from unrestricted surplus and distribute to internal sources within Bus Purchases for the purchase of buses.  
**Carried.**
- 23-208**  
Morrison: **Repeal Policy 4 - Board Member Code of Ethics & Policy 4 App A Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions**  
That the Board accepts the recommendation to repeal the current Board Policy 4 – Board Member Code of Ethics & Appendix – Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions.  
**Carried.**
- 23-209**  
Pohl: **Adoption of New Policy 4 and Appendices**  
That the Board accepts the recommendation to adopt a new Board Policy 4 – Board Member Code of Conduct and the supporting Appendices A, B, C, D, and E as presented.  
**Carried.**
- 23-210**  
Dokuchie: **Policy 3 – Role of the Board Member**  
That the Board approve Board Policy 3 Role of the Board Member as presented.  
**Carried.**
- 23-211**  
Smandych: **Central Office Closure, Winter Break**  
That the Board approve the dismissal of all staff on Friday, December 22 at 12:00 pm, while the Good Spirit Education Complex remain open until 5:00 pm and the closure of the Good Spirit Education Complex on December 27, 28, and 29, 2023.  
**Carried.**

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

1. None

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

1. Thank you notes
2. Important Dates
3. Saskatchewan School Boards Association
4. Facilities Update & School Tours
5. GSSD Professional Development Opportunities
6. Student Incident Report
7. Administrative Procedures
  - a. AP 208 – Community Perceptions and Norms: Controversial Issues
  - b. AP 208 App A – Parental Request for Exemption From Instruction
  - c. AP 208 App B – Letter for Parents/Guardians Regarding Health Education
  - d. AP 438 – Certification of Staff
8. Correspondence
  - a. SSBA The School Trustee
  - b. SSBA Annual General Meeting

**Committee / Conference Reports**

1. Indigenous Advisory Committee Report
2. SCC Meetings & Celebrations

**Future Business**

1. Meeting dates
  - a. December 14, 2023
  - b. January 25, 2024
  - c. February 29, 2024
  - d. March 28, 2024
  - e. April 25, 2024
  - f. June 13, 2024

- g. August 15, 2024
- h. Other
  - i. May 23, 2024 – Special Board Meeting (Preliminary Budget)
- 2. Notice of Motion
- 3. Topics for Future Agenda
  - a. Accountability
    - i. Allocating Resources to Improve Experiences for Students Staff, and the community/Financial Report & Audit
  - b. Board Development
    - i. Fast Facts on How Federal Students are Funded in the Provincial System
  - c. Director's Report
    - i. Financial Update
    - ii. Transportation Update
  - d. Board Business
    - i. Review community and family engagement strategies
    - ii. Review communication strategies
    - iii. Approval of the Risk Registry
    - iv. Review Policy 5 (Role of the Chair), Policy 6 (Role of the Vice Chair), & Policy 7 (Board Operations)
  - e. Relationship Building
    - i. SSBA, Local MLAs – Greg Ottenbreit, Terry Dennis, Warren Kaeding & Tribal Council Leadership (funding focus)

Board member Leson exited the meeting at 4:07 pm

**23-212**

Smandych:

**Adjournment**

That we do adjourn at 4:44 pm.

**Carried.**

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**BOARD CHAIR – Johnson**

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**SECRETARY – Gervais**