

**NO. #2024R-8 (MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024)**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO119 FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE, 545 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET EAST, PRINCE ALBERT, SK**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

**MRS. C. BLOOM**, Trustee

**MR. B. GEROW**, Trustee

**MR. G. GUSTAFSON**, Trustee

**MR. B. HOLLICK**, Trustee

**MR. A. LINDBERG**, Trustee

**MR. A. NUNN**, Vice-Chair

**MS. D. ROWDEN**, Board Chair

**MS. J. SMITH-WINDSOR**, Trustee (left at 2:25 p.m.)

**DR. M. VICKERS**, Trustee

**MR. B. YEAMAN**, Trustee

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. N. Finch, Director of Education

Dr. G. Tebay, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. J. Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. J. Ward, Administrative Services Officer

D. Rowden, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

A. Nunn provided his verbal land acknowledgement for the school division.

Trustees were given an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

**#24R-60**

***Moved by C. Bloom that the meeting move into Closed Session with Board and Administration present.***

***Carried.***

Regular meeting resumed.

**OTHERS:**

M. Oleksyn, Prince Albert Daily Herald

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

**#24R-61**

***Moved by A. Lindberg that the agenda be approved as presented.***

***Carried.***

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**#24R-62**

***Moved by B. Hollick that the following consent items be approved:***

***(a) That the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 26, 2024 be approved as presented.***

***(b) Administrative Procedure Changes.***

***(c) Revised 2024-2025 Board Annual Work Plan.***

***(d) Financial Statements – for the Period Ending August 31, 2024 – Preliminary.***

***Carried.***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) **Motions from the Closed Session of September 16, 2024:**  
**#24R-63**

*Moved by D. Rowden that the following motion be brought forward:*

- 1. That the Board submit the bylaw amendment regarding a Public Section representative on the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Executive to the Resolutions and Policy Development Committee for the 2024 AGM  
Carried.*
- 2. That Board ratify the 2024-2028 LINC agreement and approve its implementation, pending teacher ratification.  
Carried.*

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

(a) **Director's Update**

- **Student Learning**

The Division is in year two of the division-wide phonics resource. The program follows a structured scope and sequence, ensuring that phonics skills are taught in a logical and sequential manner. It explicitly teaches the relationships between letters, sounds, and spelling patterns, enabling students to decode and encode (spell) words accurately.

During this school year, the UFLI Phonics Program will be supported division-wide across all Grade K-3 classrooms. Additionally, the program will also continue to be utilized as an intervention tool in Grade 4-8, targeting students who require additional support developing their phonics skills. Literacy support teachers and division-based coach/consultants will provide the appropriate training for K-8 classroom teachers, ensuring they have a deep understanding of the program and its instructional strategies.

- **Professional Development for Staff**

Many opportunities for staff to learn were held as they returned to work. The Ready, Set, Go was held once again at Wesmor and other locations on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. This is a professional development day held one day prior to teachers officially returning.

- **Upcoming Division Student Events**

P4A Cross Country Extravaganza will be held on October 1, 2024 at Spruce Home Public School. This event has hundreds of SRPSD students participating. Details will be shared once finalized.

**KEY MESSAGES FOR SCC/PUBLIC FROM BOARD MEETING:**

- Pipe Ceremony / Elders Council.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- School Board Election.

**BOARD MEMBERS' FORUM:**

Trustees were given an opportunity to share information on items of mutual interest.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**#24R-64**

*Moved by A. Lindberg that the meeting adjourn. (3:48 p.m.)*

*Carried.*

**SIGNATURES:**



Board Chair



Administrative Services Officer

October 21, 2024

Date of Approval