



# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 15, 2011

Trustees: Ballantyne, Beardy, Boulette, Calvert, Day, Ettawacappo, Imrie, Montgomery, Parenteau, Pearson

## 2011/12 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR APPROVED

The Board approved the school year calendar for 2011/12 as follows:

- First day of school – Tuesday, September 6, 2011,
- Last day of school before Christmas vacation – Thursday, December 22, 2011,
- First day back after Christmas vacation – Monday, January 9, 2012,
- Last day of school – Friday, June 29, 2012.

The Division calendar will be forwarded to the province and will be sent to schools and offices soon.

## MILL RATE APPROVED

*The Public Schools Act* requires that school boards set special levy mill rates and notify municipalities by March 15 of each year. Based upon review and recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Board approved the 2011/12 mill rate at 17.591 mills. The Board is pleased to note they are retaining the same rate approved in 2010/11.

## SCHOOL TOURS APPROVED

The Board approved a request from Falcon Beach School for outdoor education trips in March to Fernie, British Columbia, and in June to Granite Lake, Ontario.

## BOARD COMMITTEES TO MEET

The Board confirmed the Policy Review Committee will meet on March 9, 2011 in Thompson. The Board also confirmed membership for the Job Classification and Compensation Review Committee as follows:

- Marion Pearson, Chairperson,
- Chief Superintendent Ray Derksen,
- Area Superintendent Cam Giavedoni,
- Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Cattani,
- Human Resources Director (vacant),
- United Steelworkers Employee representative (to be determined),
- Support Staff Liaison Committee representative Doug McKenzie, and
- an Employee Resource (as required).

A meeting of this committee will be determined soon.

## EMPLOYEE PENSION COMMITTEE

As recommended by the Employee Pension Committee, the Board approved:

- the 2010 interest rate at 1.84% and that this rate be applied to pension benefits including Members' Regular Contributions,
- the 1% COLA scheduled effective July 1, 2011 not be granted; and the next COLA funding test be made as at January 1, 2012 in respect of the next scheduled COLA effective July 1, 2012,
- the 1% employee and matching employer contribution rate increase effective July 1, 2012,
- the Division apply for and receive exemption from the solvency test to the extent permitted by the Solvency Exemption for Public Sector Pension Plans Regulations, passed in 2010 permitting such exemptions,
- the request to deny revision to Pension Plan text for one-time transfers of 50% of a member's pension benefit credit to a variable account, and
- revisions to administrative procedures.

Information will be forwarded to staff and retirees soon.

## MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION 2011 CONVENTION

The Board reviewed materials in preparation for the 2011 convention held March 17-19, 2011 in Winnipeg.

## 2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

The Board reviewed the Frontier School Board Report as provided by Chairperson Ballantyne and confirmed activities for the Annual School Committee Conference held on February 16-18, 2011.

The next meeting of the Board takes place in the boardroom of the Winnipeg office on Tuesday, March 15, and Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

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