

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Cameron/Conrod) that the agenda be approved.

(CARRIED)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

November 16, 2011 (Leadership Session)

It was moved and seconded (Conrod/Brine) that the minutes and business arising from the minutes of November 16, 2011, leadership session be approved.

(CARRIED)

4. CAPITAL LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Superintendent Olsen presented a letter from the Department of Education outlining a new process for capital expenditures.

5. REVIEW OF COST PRESSURES ON 2012-2013 BUDGET

Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services, reviewed the cost pressures on the 2012-13 budget, and responded to questions from the Governing Board.

The Governing Board discussed and decided on a strategy for approaching the government and local MLA's on the potential decrease in the 2012-2013 budget. The Board Chair will forward a letter to the Minister of Education including the budget assumption spreadsheet. Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications, will draft a communication strategy for the Governing Board to use with media and MLA's.

6. PROJECTED SCHOOL CLOSURE SAVINGS

Terri Thompson, Director of Finance, reviewed projections on savings on three schools if they were approved for closure.

7. GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2012-2013 BUDGET

The Governing Board requested to replace goal three with the following:

- To continue to improve school safety

The Governing Board agreed that Senior Staff would review and bring back revised priorities for the Boards review.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Leadership Session – January 4, 2012

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

APPROVED