

## October 2020 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board for October 2020 took place via Zoom on Thursday, October 1, 2020. In attendance at this month's meeting were Bob Simpson, Chairperson, Jaime Johnson, Vice Chairperson, Trustees Jade Anderson, Chris Balyski, Gilda Dokuchie, Gord Gendur, Shannon Leson, Jan Morrison, Lois Smandych, Florence Stachura, and Steve Variyan, Assistant to the Director Heather Morris, Director of Education/CEO Quintin Robertson, Chief Financial Officer Keith Gervais and Deputy Director of Education Donna Kriger.

## Delegation

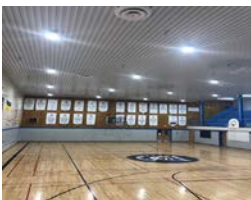
In accordance with [Board Policy 7](#), the Board of Education made provision for a delegation to make a presentation regarding transportation in the south east corner of the school division impacting the community of Esterhazy. The Board of Education passed a motion to deny the request of the delegation.

## Accountability Reports

Facility Manager, Patrick Morrison, shared a facility update regarding the work completed during the 2019-20 school year. Highlights of the report are listed below:

### Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Projects

- Churchbridge Public School Roof Replacement
- Miller School Shingle Replacement
- Esterhazy High School 200 Wing Washrooms Renovation
- Esterhazy High School 500 Wing Washrooms and Changerooms Renovation
- Invermay School Gymnasium Floor
- Preeceville School Classroom Upgrades
- Preeceville School Washroom Renovation
- Kamsack Comprehensive Institute Gym Ceiling
- Saltcoats School Fire Alarm Install
- Yorkdale Central School Boys Washroom
- Esterhazy High School PAA Lab Renovation



KCI Gym Ceiling



EHS Changerooms



Invermay Gym



CPS Roof



Preeceville Classrooms



Dr. Brass School

## Other Projects – Funded through operational budget

- Columbia School Gymnasium Wall Renovation
- Yorkton Regional High School, Dr. Brass School, Columbia School, and Kamsack Comprehensive Institute Smudging Room Ventilation (In Progress)
- Dr. Brass School Painting and Floor
- MC Knoll Alarm (Completed in partnership with CTTSD)
- Melville Comprehensive School HVAC Upgrade
- Melville Comprehensive School Lab Flooring

Transportation Manager, Ryan Hall, shared an update regarding the current work and priorities established within the Transportation Department. The highlights of the report are listed below:

To Address Efficiencies:

- The GSSD Transportation Department has initiated the move to Zonar GPS Systems vs Synovia for the fall of 2020 resulting in reduced cost, increased capability (integration with BusPlanner)
- The GSSD Transportation Department has developed a tender for busses that “includes” standard equipment such as cameras versus installing them through our bus garages.
- Purchase of 2 new buses with the Detroit Engine versus the Cummins Engine to determine if fuel efficiencies can be achieved.

September 2020 Statistics:

- Route Cancellations:

Month	September
Mechanical	1.5
Weather	0
Medical	4.5
Personal	0

- 2,643 GSSD students access transportation with 197 CTTSD students being transported by GSSD.
- Currently there are 6 urban routes, 97 rural routes for a total of 103 routes within the division.
- Total daily of 20,640 km are driven each day within the division.
- Average ride time across GSSD is 40 minutes.
  - There are several areas across GSSD that are experiencing a lack of spare drivers within the communities of Kamsack, Springside, Calder, Canora, Esterhazy, and Yorkton.

To view the accountability reports in their entirety, visit [gssd.ca](http://gssd.ca) > Board > Board Meetings > 2020 10 01 Regular Board Meeting:

- [Accountability Report – Facilities Department](#)
- [Accountability Report – Transportation Department.](#)

## New Business

### Appoint Voting Delegations & Allocate Votes for SSBA Convention

CFO, Keith Gervais, engaged the Board of Education in a discussion regarding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the upcoming SSBA convention. Given the challenges of COVID-19, the AGM will move to a virtual format. The GSSD Board of Education established a means by which all Board members would be able to participate in the virtual convention with only two members casting the votes on behalf of the Board.

## Director's Report

### Enrollment / Pupil Teacher Ratio Report

Director/CEO Robertson and Deputy Director Kriger unpacked the September 30, 2020, school enrollments with the Board of Education. In December, Good Spirit would have projected a student enrollment of 6004 to the Ministry of Education. Based on September 30 numbers, GSSD currently has 6002 students enrolled.

The Board was made aware that a significant number of GSSD students have transitioned to remote/online school with an increase in students also transitioning to home-based education. To date, this has not impacted teacher supports within GSSD schools.

The central education team is currently examining how to provide additional supports to the online/remote students within GSSD. The school division is committed to providing the highest level of support to students and their families who have opted for the virtual delivery of education.

### Finalize SSBA Resolutions & Position Statements

The Board of Education made the determination to table conversations regarding the SSBA resolutions and position statements until the new Board of Education is in place after the October election.

### Good Spirit School Division Scholarships 2020

Robertson shared the 2020 scholarship recipients from each of our GSSD schools. The list below identifies the student from each school who graduated with the highest academic average for their grade twelve year.

School	Name of Student	Average
Canora Composite School	Jordelle Lewchuk	97.3%
Churchbridge Public School	Hope Werle	97.1%
Esterhazy High School	Amelia Baker	98.14%
Invermay School	Jade Fidek	91.86%
Kamsack Comprehensive Institute	Sadie McGriskin	94.1%
Langenburg Central School	Pooja Patel	99.4%
Melville Comprehensive School	Brianna Martinook	95.5%
Norquay School	Jayden Heskin	85.4%
Preeceville School	Claire Giddings	92%
Sturgis Composite School	Rayanne Westermann	95%
Yorkton Regional High School	Maggie Robertson	98.8%

### 2019-20 Financial Report

Gervais reviewed the year end financial report with the Board of Education. With the transition to supplemental learning in March, the division experienced a reduction in expenditures. The division is expected to have approximately 3.2 million dollars in savings for the 2019-20 school year.

### Board Chairs Council Meeting

Board Chair, Bob Simpson shared items from the most recent Board Chair Council meeting. Simpson identified that GSSD was able to share the "lessons learned" from the recent closure of the Yorkton Regional High School due to an outbreak of COVID-19 within the community of Yorkton.

### Canadian Student Leadership Conference 2021

Kriger engaged the Board of Education in a conversation regarding the Canadian Student Leadership Conference 2021 which is slated to be held at the Yorkton Regional High School (YRHS) during September of 2021. The Board of Education has directed Senior Leadership to work with the administrative team of the YRHS and members of the National Canadian Student Leadership Committee to determine a reasonable course of action. At this time, there is a great deal of uncertainty as to the date when current restrictions would allow a conference of this magnitude to be held.

## Distribution of Additional COVID Funding

Gervais made a presentation to the Board of Education regarding the additional provincial and federal funding allocated to offset additional expenses incurred due to COVID-19. Gervais explained what types of expenses were eligible for the funding, how savings from the prior school year impact the additional funds, and what the application periods are. CFO, Gervais concluded his presentation by sharing that GSSD would be applying during the December application period as a means to offset the associated expenses related to COVID-19.

## GSSD Remote Learning

As result of COVID-19, there has been a significant demand to offer Remote/Online Learning to families across the geographic area of the Good Spirit School Division. GSSD is currently offering grade K-12 courses through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous delivery. There are currently 382 students registered with an additional 200 students accessing a combination of elective and core courses from the high schools they currently attend. A total of 15.35 full time equivalent teachers have been allocated to the GSSD Digital Learning School.

Student enrollment in each of the grades is listed below:

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
28	26	29	29	28	34	41	29	40	27	27	20	24

GSSD students will be allowed to transition into remote learning or out of remote learning at natural reporting periods. High school students can transition during the dates of November 3, March 9, and May 6 while elementary students may transition during the division report card windows in November and March.

## Administrative Procedure Updates

Robertson informed the Board of the newly created Administrative Procedures which have been gone up for feedback and which are now approved. Administrative Procedure 460 – Duty to Accommodate and Administrative Procedure 554 – Student Transportation Code of Conduct have been uploaded to the GSSD website and portal allowing access for staff and stakeholders.

## Upcoming Important Dates

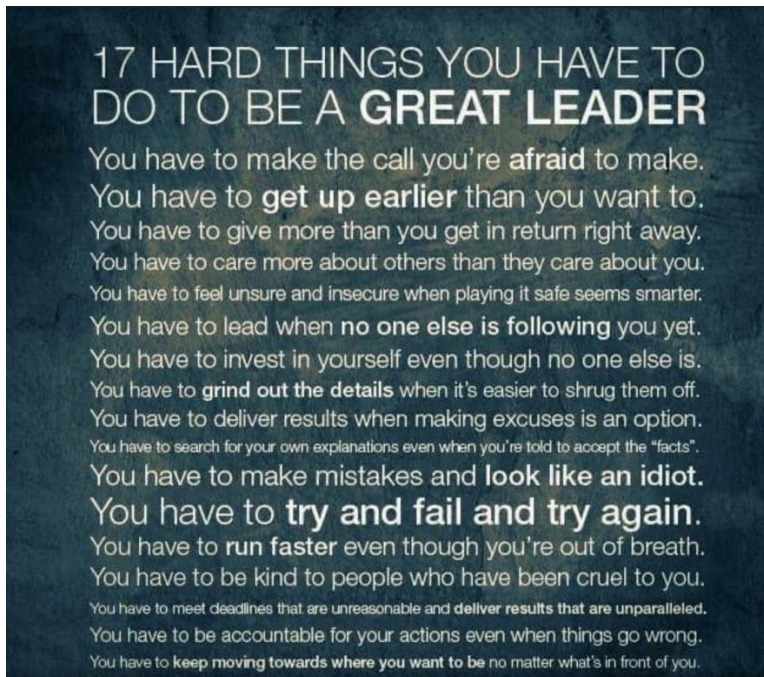
October 2	DPEA Negotiations
October 18-24	Saskatchewan Library Week
October 23	CUPE 5123 Negotiations
November 9	Election Day
November 19, 2020	TENTATIVE Regular Board Meeting
November 25, 2020	SSBA AGM – Double Tree, Regina (This will be a virtual meeting)
December 17, 2020	TENTATIVE Regular Board Meeting
January 28, 2021	TENTATIVE Regular Board Meeting
February 16, 2021	Public Section Executive Meeting 2:00 pm-3:30pm Teleconference
March 4, 2021	TENTATIVE Regular Board Meeting
April 1, 2021	TENTATIVE Regular Board Meeting
April 15, 2021	Public Section Executive Meeting, Saskatoon
April 15 & 16, 2021	SSBA Spring Assembly, Saskatoon
May 6, 2021	TENTATIVE Regular Board Meeting
May 27, 2021	TENTATIVE Special Board Meeting
June 3 & 4, 2021	Public Section General Meeting and PD Event, Travelodge, Saskatoon
June 17, 2021	TENTATIVE Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 2021	TENTATIVE Regular Board Meeting
June 3 & 4, 2021	TENTATIVE Public Section General Meeting & PD Event, Saskatoon Travelodge

## Recognition of Service

The Good Spirit School Division and Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank Trustee Florence Stachura for serving on the Board of Education for the past two terms.

Florence has made the decision to not seek re-election this fall. Trustee Stachura has served on numerous committees during her tenure on the Board and has also served on the Board Executive. Florence has been an outstanding advocate for all students and an excellent representative for the families residing outside of the Yorkton city catchment areas.

Florence's experience and dedication to the Good Spirit School Division will be greatly missed.



Upcoming Board Meeting: November 19, 2020  
Location: Good Spirit Education Complex OR Zoom

To review Board Policy 7 Board Operations, visit [gssd.ca](http://gssd.ca) > Board > Policy Handbook > [Board Operations](#)

### Submissions & Feedback

To submit photos or stories regarding the Board of Education or an individual Trustee in your school community, please contact [Heather.Morris@gssd.ca](mailto:Heather.Morris@gssd.ca).

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