



Topic: Executive Summary- Board Meeting
Date: February 8, 2021
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1. The Board examined Policy 9: Board and Superintendent/CEO Relationship
2. The Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Staniland, gave his annual detailed report to the Board outlining completed maintenance tasks, including water testing at all SVSD building locations. This is a new requirement. He also discussed capital projects on the Division's list. Chris talked about the unique challenges that maintenance has faced, including Covid, and then he answered questions. A very thorough and well done presentation on Maintenance in SVSD.
3. The Board approved the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. The first day back for staff will be September 7, with semester one running until February 4, and semester two starting on February 7.
4. The Board reviewed a report from the SVRSS Home School Liaison Worker and the positive work that is being done.
5. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Manitoba Learning Centre will be closing at the end of this school year (formerly the Manitoba Text Book Bureau).
6. The Board reviewed and approved the Division's involvement in a Brandon University Study on ICT in SVSD, and the changes that have been made due to Covid.
7. The Board discussed a proposed capital project with provincial grant money for SVRSS upgrades to equipment and space at the multi-purpose room, band room and gymnasium. This money is separate from the normal budget that needs to be spent in these areas or will be given to other divisions. The Board looked at the proposal from a company perspective, and SVRSS will support it with the understanding that the project stays within budget and no SVSD finances are used. Final approvals by the province are required to secure the funds.
8. The Secretary-Treasurer discussed the funding announcement for the 2021-2022 budget. While there are still many things to be considered, the province's decision to restrict raising the special levy will be good for the rate payer. However, this announcement will be extremely challenging for SVSD as it results in no real increase in revenue, with expenses going up potentially at a high rate. This will result in the potential for many reductions in the Division that the Board will need to work through. The budget consultation presentation is scheduled for March 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.