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NOTICE OF MOTION

The Chair of the MSBA Resolutions and Policy Committee shall move or cause to be moved the following motion regarding adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the resolution process at the MSBA Annual General Meeting:

2010 RULES OF PROCEDURE

Process:

1. All resolution proceedings shall be governed by these rules of procedure, the MAST Act, and the MSBA By-Laws. In the event of any conflict, the provisions of the MAST Act and the MSBA By-Laws shall prevail. Where any of the aforementioned identified instruments are silent, Robert's Rules of Order shall apply.
2. The resolution process shall be conducted by a "Resolutions Chair", referred to in the following sections as the "Chair".
3. The Chair will advise the membership of the disposition of late resolutions submitted to the MSBA Executive and request the assembly's consideration of those late resolutions not adopted by the Executive.
4. Resolutions shall be dealt with in the following order:
 - (a) consideration of new resolutions in the order listed in the resolutions booklet and any late resolutions adopted by the MSBA Executive at the end of the section in which the resolution is assigned (point #3 above);
 - (b) MSBA policies presented for reaffirmation at MAST regional meetings;
 - (c) 2005 policies for reaffirmation;
 - (d) 2005 policies to be archived;
 - (e) consideration of late resolutions not adopted by the MSBA Executive but approved by the assembly for debate;
 - (f) any resolution(s) for reconsideration in the order of receipt by the Chair (point #25).
5. In order to remove a resolution from any "reaffirmation" or "archive" section, it is only required that the request be made by one voting delegate. The resolution so identified shall be considered prior to the vote on the entire package of policies.
6. Should any resolution be identified as a particular concern of the assembly, that resolution may be brought forward in the convention proceedings for discussion and debate by majority consent of the assembly. A motion requesting this action must be moved and seconded.
7. Proposed resolutions shall be read and moved by members of the Resolutions and Policy Committee and the Chair shall immediately ask for a seconder who may speak to the proposed resolution and close debate.

Late Resolutions:

8. Resolutions submitted too late to meet the requirements of [By-Law #4, (12.) (b)] will be accepted by the Resolutions and Policy Committee until **one week prior to the first full day of the annual convention**. Sponsoring boards will be required to supply 350 copies of the proposed resolution for inclusion in the convention registration kits.

The Resolutions and Policy Committee will forward late resolutions to the MSBA Executive at its meeting prior to convention. Late resolutions considered by the Executive to be immediate or emergent in nature will go forward as MSBA Executive resolutions. Those late resolutions not adopted by the MSBA Executive will be considered at the annual meeting with the consent of the delegates present.

Each late resolution not adopted by the MSBA Executive will require a separate motion to be added to the agenda and must be moved and seconded and receive the support of not less than two-thirds of the delegates present in order to be considered.

9. Resolutions arising out of Regional or MSBA Executive meetings will not be subject to the late resolution provision.

Debate:

10. As soon as a proposed resolution has been moved and seconded, the Chair will call upon the seconder to explain the proposed resolution.
11. The Chair will then ask if any delegate wishes to speak against the proposed resolution. If no delegate so indicates, the seconder will be invited to close debate and the question will be called.
12. Once any delegate speaks in opposition to the proposed resolution, debate shall begin and continue until the question is called in the usual manner. The seconder will have the right to be the final speaker in the debate.
13. Each delegate wishing to speak to a resolution must first be formally recognized by the Chair and shall announce his/her name and school division/district before speaking to the resolution to be debated.
14. No delegate shall speak to a resolution more than once, except the seconder of the resolution, and debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless permission for an additional three (3) minutes is granted by general consent of the assembly.
15. Associate members and visitors may, at the discretion of the Chair, speak on a point of information but may not enter into the debate, nor may they move, second, or vote on a resolution.

Voting:

16. Member school boards who have at least one trustee in attendance at the Annual Convention shall be eligible to vote, via board ballots, on by-laws and by-law amendments. Trustees from member boards who are registered Convention delegates are eligible to register as voting delegates, and to receive a ballot book and voting delegate card that will be used to vote on resolutions other than by-laws.

2010 Rules of Procedure, cont'd....

17. A quorum shall consist of not less than 100 voting delegates present on the floor of the convention at the time any vote is called on any motion before the assembly.
18. The MSBA Credentials Committee [By-Law #4, (11.)] shall be responsible to know the voting strength at all times on the convention floor, and shall be responsible for ruling on any disputes over the issuance of voting cards and ballot books.
19. All voting shall be by show of hands (using the authorized voting cards) unless:
 - (a) the Chair, in his/her discretion, calls for a standing vote before announcing the results of a vote by show of hands, or
 - (b) immediately after the result has been announced by the Chair, one delegate can call for a standing vote.
20. A favourable vote of not less than two thirds of the board ballots cast shall be required to approve any amendments/changes to the By-Laws or MAST Act. All other questions shall be decided by majority vote of those delegates present and voting unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure.

Amendments:

21. A delegate may, at any time during the debate on a resolution, move an amendment, providing it is relevant to and deals with the same subject matter as the original resolution. Amendments must be seconded.
22. The Chair has the prerogative to divide a question into two or more questions so as to allow for a separate vote on any particular point or points, if the Chair deems that the division of the question will facilitate debate.
23. No more than one amendment and one amendment to the amendment (sub-amendment) will be accepted by the Chair at any one time.
24. The Chair may, in his/her discretion, require that any amendment to a resolution be submitted in writing.

Reconsideration:

25. A written notice of motion to reconsider a resolution shall be presented to the Chair, and may only be submitted by a delegate who originally supported the vote on that particular resolution. Upon validation of the request for reconsideration, the Chair shall immediately announce that a motion to reconsider will be presented after all other convention resolutions have been considered in accordance with [Section 4. (f)] above.

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Proposed Convention Resolutions - 2010

REAFFIRMATIONS

UNFUNDED MANDATES EF-01-10(R)03
(Current Policy EF-04-08(R)03) [Region 3]

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Provincial Government provide full funding to support implementation of legislative mandates and provincial policy directives for school boards.

Comments:

During the last two fiscal budget planning cycles Manitoba Education strongly encouraged school boards to refrain from raising taxes while at the same time mandating school divisions introduce Grade 11 and 12 Physical Education credits into high school. The increased resources (staffing and materials) required to implement this initiative was seven times higher than the funding support provided through the Schools Funding Program.

Another similar issue is the discontinuation of funding support for Literacy with ICT and the decision not to proceed with implementation into the senior grade levels. It will be difficult for school divisions to sustain the existing program and certainly be unable to expand it to the senior years without funding support. We fear the time and effort from staff and the progress made to date in K to 8 classrooms will be lost if the program does not continue into the senior high school grades.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENT TRAVEL EF-02-10(R)09
(Current policy EF-01-09) [Region 4]

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Government provide the necessary financial resources required to address the high cost of travel for students attending extracurricular activities, such as zone and provincial playoffs, to ensure all students have equal opportunity to participate.

Comments:

While the Minister in his response to this resolution last year indicated the matter would be reviewed, Divisions have not seen anything that would indicate additional financial support to this cause. We would, therefore, request that this resolution be reaffirmed for further review by the Minister.

MATTERS AFFECTING THE ASSOCIATION

MSBA MEMBERSHIP FEES M-01-10
(MSBA Executive)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT membership fees paid to MSBA by school boards for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 be \$1,509,698.

Comments:

The proposed requirement for the 2010-2011 fiscal year represents an increase of 3.0% over the current year. Historical MAST membership fee increases are listed below and represent an average of 2.9% annually over the last 10 years.

2001-02	0%	
2002-03	0%	
2003-04	0%	
2004-05	7.86%	(add communication strategy to budget)
2005-06	0%	(CSBA exited)
2006-07	5.7%	(additional Labour Relations Consultant hired)
2007-08	1.0%	(requirement reduced from 3%)
2008-09	5.7%	(CSBA membership restored + impact of fee reduction in previous year)
2009-10	5.87%	(additional Communications Officer to be hired)
2010-11	3.0%	Proposed

APPENDIX A - (Page 18)Impact of proposed membership fee increase on member boards.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION AUTHORITY..... M-02-10
MSBA Executive & Region #1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association explore with First Nations representatives their interest in the establishment of an MSBA associate membership category for First Nations Education Authorities.

Comments:

The success of First Nations students in both provincial and First Nations schools is an important priority for all levels of government. The Manitoba School Boards Association has also identified aboriginal student success as one of its long term strategic directions. Enhanced collaboration between First Nations Education Authorities and public school boards can contribute to addressing the issues and challenges impacting the achievement of First Nations student in Manitoba schools. We are requesting, therefore, that our provincial association explore with First Nations representatives their interest in associate membership within the Manitoba School Boards Association. The resolution as proposed does not constrain either party but opens the door to future possibilities.

EDUCATION FINANCE

FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT TRAINING.....EF-01-10
(Region 4)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association request the Manitoba Education provide school divisions with categorical funding in support of Educational Assistant training.

Comments:

Student service needs are becoming more specialized and Educational Assistants are being asked to provide many of these specialized services. These services require appropriate training. The additional funding to provide this training should be provided by Manitoba Education.

FUNDING FOR PANDEMIC PREPARATION.....EF-02-10
(Region 4)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition Manitoba Education to provide funding in support of the costs divisions incur arising from increased services and materials needed to respond to Pandemic issues.

Comments:

Additional costs have arisen as the result of school boards taking a proactive approach to Pandemic Planning. Additional cleaning, hand sanitizers and staff replacement costs have provided an additional burden onto overloaded budgets.

FUNDING FOR IN-SCHOOL ADDICTION PROGRAMS & COUNSELLING SERVICES.....EF-03-10
(Region #4 and Region #1)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Government of Manitoba to provide full funding through the Department of Health for AFM addictions programs and counselling services for students in Manitoba schools.

Comments:

Addictions among school-aged youth in Manitoba are a growing health and social problem in our province and school divisions are on the frontline of supporting students with addiction issues involving narcotics, alcohol, tobacco and gambling.

The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba provides invaluable school-based programming and counselling services to address this challenge and student demand for AFM services is well established.

AFM's Rural and Northern Youth Intervention Strategy (RNYIS) is a school-based alcohol, other drugs and gambling early intervention program. The program was initiated as a three year demonstration/pilot project in 1993 by the AFM in partnership with selected Manitoba schools and school boards. It is now an AFM core program and is currently delivered in 35 schools throughout Manitoba; 18 schools in the Western Region.

Initially these services were provided with a partial charge of approximately 15% of the costs billed to the school division. In subsequent years the school divisions' share increased to 30%. Beginning in the 2010/11 school year, the school divisions' share of the costs will increase to 46%. School divisions who wish to enter into the program for the first time will have to pay 100% of the costs of the service. AFM has informed school divisions that the increases in cost are a direct result of the withdrawal of funding for the program by Manitoba Health.

1993/94 cost to school divisions for 1 day of service per week for 10 months.....\$1,000-\$1,500
2009/10 cost to school divisions for 1 day of service per week for 10 months.....\$4,500
2010/11 cost to school divisions for 1 day of service per week for 10 months.....\$7,500
Cost to school divisions wanting to join the program\$18,300

This program is a health program originally funded by Manitoba Health to address the health needs of school age children. Assigning even greater costs to school divisions for addictions counselling is simply downloading health costs to education and it is unacceptable that Manitoba Health walk away from its responsibilities in the area of addictions in this manner.

Addictions are a health and social issue and as such AFM addictions programming and counselling services should be fully funded from the provincial health budget.

**MANITOBA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
CONTRIBUTION TO AFM PROGRAMS.....EF-04-10**
(Region 1)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition the Manitoba Government to require the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission to commit funds to the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba on an annual basis to support counselling services for Manitoba public school students.

Comments:

The Manitoba Lotteries Commission (MLC) and the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) are crown corporations whose activities and sales contribute significant revenues to the Provincial Treasury. These same entities also contribute to the growing problems of gambling addictions and alcohol abuse among Manitoba youth. The AFM which provides school-based services to address addictions problems among students indicates that it receives some funding support from the MLC. In like fashion, we believe that MLCC should also be required to provide financial support to the AFM to assist with its health related addictions counselling services in Manitoba public schools.

**AMENDMENT TO MSBA POLICY, RE
EDUCATION FUNDING & SCHOOL FINANCE.....EF-05-10**
(Region 5 & 6)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following statement be added to current Manitoba School Boards Association Policy EF-01-08, *Education Funding and School Finance*:

- **the education funding formula should contain sufficient equalization measures to ensure equity of opportunity for students and fairness for taxpayers in divisions with low assessment bases.**

Comments:

The Manitoba School Boards Policies and Beliefs states that equity is an important principle in education finance, but does not make specific mention of the need for equalization to benefit school divisions that are disadvantaged by a limited property assessment base. This resolution will augment existing policy.

PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTSEF-06-10
(Region 1)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition the Government of Manitoba to have the Public Schools Finance Board provide a policy and/or parameters allowing school divisions to solicit private donations for major building additions/renovations or capital equipment (e.g. vocational equipment, computer systems).

Comments:

Financial constraints in funding by the Provincial Government and at the local level result in capital projects being reduced delayed or cancelled. There may be instances where School Divisions could obtain private donations in support of such projects allowing them to proceed. To date the Provincial Government, Manitoba Education, or the Public Schools Finance Board have not provided guidelines to school divisions or provided encouragement in this regard. The ability to obtain private corporate support would be beneficial to school divisions.

SCHOOL GROUNDS ENHANCEMENTEF-07-10
(Region 3)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government to provide additional funding to school divisions for improvements to school grounds specifically targeted to support the mandates of healthy living and physical education/health curriculum.

Comments:

The Government of Manitoba requires Manitoba school divisions to adopt healthy living practices in schools and has mandated physical education for all grades in schools. Space in provincial schools is inadequate to achieve these mandates and provincial funding is inadequate to provide/improve/expand facilities for these mandates.

School divisions are increasingly relying on school grounds as necessary additional space to achieve both the healthy living and physical education/health mandates set by the Provincial Government. Space in existing schools is inadequate. Increases in funding by the provincial government to date for the mandatory physical education curriculum are adequate only for additional staffing.

The expectation of the provincial government that schools will provide these services needs to be accompanied by additional funding to support the ability of schools to deliver on and support these mandates.

Targeted funding to improve school grounds will result in an improvement in the ability of school divisions to meet the goals of healthy living and the new mandates of physical education/health curriculum without placing the burden for these improvements on the local ratepayer.

FUNDING FOR ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTSEF-08-10
(Regions 5 & 6)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association urge the Minister of Education to provide ongoing funding to school divisions in support of expenditures incurred with respect to Building Safety Standards, Workplace Safety and Health requirements and City of Winnipeg Fire Code provisions including the cost of inspections and compliance upgrades.

Comments:

School divisions are experiencing increased costs due to enhanced enforcement of Department of Labour Building and Safety Standards, changes to the Workplace Safety and Health Act (Fall Protection Measures passed in 2007) and changes to the Winnipeg Fire Code all of which have brought in significant new costs.

For example, the inspection of schools for fire hazards and the corresponding correction of identified fire hazards is an important element of ensuring that schools continue to be safe environments for our students, staff and parents. City of Winnipeg staff has inspected schools for fire hazards at no cost to school divisions. This has changed and the City of Winnipeg is now charging school divisions \$90 per hour to conduct fire inspections and follow up inspections. The annual City of Winnipeg inspections alone can impose new costs on school divisions estimated at \$500 to \$1,000 per school. The fire inspections are becoming more vigorous in identifying corrections which can mean requirements of the school division to conduct separate annual inspections on certain elements of the school and undertake physical repairs. The annual inspection of fire dampers alone can impose new costs on school divisions which are estimated at \$2,500 for a school. The increased costs for these inspections and compliance upgrades, for a typical school division, can reach in to the hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

It is expected that the cost to make the physical upgrades to meet the requirements of the Fall Protection Measures in Pembina Trails School Division which are required by Workplace Safety and Health will reach \$300,000.

Current Provincial support is inadequate to assist school divisions to fund these and other new expenditures to meet our obligations under the legislation and code changes.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition
Manitoba Education for financial support for High Ability Learners programming.**

Comments:

In accordance with Bill 13 - Appropriate Educational Programming, school divisions must meet the needs of all learners, including high ability learners. Manitoba Education provides grants to support programming for special needs students. Provincial support is required for high ability learners.

STUDENTS & INSTRUCTION

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DELIVERY IN RURAL AND NORTHERN REGIONS..... SI-01-10
(Region 3)

Que l'Association des commissions scolaires du Manitoba revendique auprès du gouvernement provincial pour assurer une connectivité en technologie qui répond aux besoins éducationnels dans les écoles rurales et le Nord.

English translation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the provincial government to ensure the connectivity required for educational program delivery in rural and Northern regions of the province.

RATIONAL:

Dans certaines communautés rurales, les options de connectivité à l'Internet sont limitées. Les écoles dans ces communautés pourraient énormément bénéficier des nouvelles technologies disponibles sur le marché. Par exemple, une connectivité adéquate dans ces écoles ouvrirait la porte à la possibilité de cours à distance additionnels dont certains élèves n'ont pas accès présentement. Nous demandons à MSBA de revendiquer auprès du gouvernement provincial afin qu'il assure une connectivité adéquate dans toutes les communautés rurales.

English translation:

Comments:

Enhanced connectivity options in rural regions of the province would be of significant benefit to schools and communities enabling students to access via distance technology course options currently unavailable to them. We are requesting that MSBA lobby the provincial government to address this need for all rural communities.

MANDATORY KINDERGARTEN..... SI-02-10
(Region 1)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association urge the Government of Manitoba to make kindergarten mandatory; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association urge the Government of Manitoba to change the “compulsory school age” as defined in *The Public Schools Act* to five years.

Comments:

Government already funds kindergarten. *The Public School Act* and what currently occurs seems inconsistent. Government has also spoken strongly about and has initiatives in place regarding early childhood education. All current educational research stresses the vital importance of early childhood education particularly in regards to literacy and numeracy development. This would led stronger support to the education of all children, the system and to government initiatives, i.e. a strong message would be given to the public/community for public education and the great need for the initiatives in early child development. The next great development in education must take place in this area if the political will to act exists.

We cannot ignore what we already know.

HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS - TEACHER EDUCATIONSI-03-10
(Region 1)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition Manitoba Education to require Manitoba teachers to receive education in instructional programming and program delivery methods for high ability learners.

Comments:

School divisions must meet the needs of high ability learners along with all other learners. To meet this need, it is necessary that teachers are prepared for this task by receiving appropriate education in acquiring their teacher certification.

HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS EDUCATION.....SI-04-10
(Brandon S.D.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association urge Manitoba Education to provide the direction and programs for school divisions to meet the requirements of high ability learners as anticipated under Bill 13 – Appropriate Educational Programming.

Comments:

Many resources are provided for programming for special needs students in meeting the requirements of Bill 13 – Appropriate Educational Programming. To fulfill the expectations of Bill 13, Manitoba Education must also provide direction and guidance to school divisions to meet the needs of high ability learners. Legislation, curricula, educational programs must be provided in order that school divisions fulfill the requirement of Bill 13 – Appropriate Educational Programming as it relates to high ability learners.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition Manitoba Education to have Pre-Kindergarten as an authorized program within Manitoba public schools and provide increased provincial support for this program.

Comments:

The importance of early years education in the development and achievement of young children has been well documented in various research reports and professional literature. Further it is well know that Early Development Inventory scores of students entering Manitoba public schools are quite low in relationship to the rest of Canada. In order to meet this challenge, the implementation of a more formalized pre-kindergarten program is required with additional provincial funding required to support the program.

SCHOOL BOARDS

DUTIES OF SCHOOL BOARDSSB-01-10
(MSBA Provincial Executive)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association request that the government of Manitoba take the necessary steps to enable school boards to fulfill their duty as outlined in section 41(1)(p) of *The Public Schools Act*, namely that “Every school board shall determine the number, kind, grade and description of schools to be established and maintained.”

Comments:

The Public Schools Act outlines the responsibility of school boards to manage the composition of schools within their division. Recent provincial policy directions about the use of school facilities appear to contradict *PSA* provisions in this regard and create confusion in the minds of the general public. Therefore, we are requesting government put in place appropriate guidelines that would allow school boards to fulfil their legal responsibility to determine the number, kind, grade and description of schools within their divisions as prescribed by *The Public Schools Act*.

MORATORIUM ON SCHOOL CLOSURESSB-02-10
(Region 1)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Government remove the Moratorium on School Closures by amending *The Public Schools Act* and provide reasonable, manageable and accountable School Closure Guidelines.

Comments:

The school closure guidelines followed by Manitoba Education were implemented several years ago and in the recent past, the Provincial Government committed to a review and revision of the guidelines. However, before a review was initiated, *The Strengthening of Local Schools Act* was passed, amending *The Public Schools Act* and effectively removed the ability of a school division to close a local school.

This legislation has resulted in significant limitations on local school board autonomy and the ability of a local school board to effectively manage division finances and work with local communities in providing educational programs. It has effectively impacted on the ability of a division to operate efficiently in order to provide equity among programs and support throughout a division by redirecting the financial resources of school divisions from support for educational programs and instructional staff to support maintenance costs of small schools.

Recent limitations on the ability to tax as structured in the Tax Incentive Grant has put further pressure at the school division level on the balance between financial effectiveness and ability to provide educational programs. Eliminating the moratorium on school closures will allow school divisions to plan and implement efficient and effective solutions to declining enrolment which will preserve or enhance educational programs in schools and school divisions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association request the Minister to amend *The Planning Act*: Subsection 135(6) to require applicants dedicate at least 10% of the land being subdivided for school purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Section 136(1) may apply only with the concurrence of the affected school board.

Comments:

The Planning Act: Subsection 135(6)(c) states; “A subdivision of land may be approved subject to one or more of the following conditions, which must be relevant to the subdivision: (6) a condition that the applicant dedicate the following land, without compensation: (c) land for school purposes, not exceeding 10% of the land being subdivided.” The language “may be approved” is interpreted by municipalities as an option rather than a requirement. This interpretation results in loss of consultation, land and/or revenue for school divisions.

The resulting change in wording would ensure that in the case of new subdivisions, municipalities would be expected and required to consult with school divisions regarding school locations, traffic flow, access, and bus routes, etc. Additionally, land or cash in lieu would be forthcoming to school divisions, ensuring adequate space is set aside for new school construction, and/or revenue to assist in the additional expenses incurred to educate/transport additional students.

This reduces the additional tax burden on local ratepayers when school construction/expansion takes place. Community growth should be planned and purposeful, taking into account not only the residential concerns, but also educational and recreational requirements of the new communities.

TRANSPORTATION

USE OF 12-15 PASSENGER VANS..... T-01-10
(Region 4)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association request the Minister of Education to provide direction concerning the use of 12-15 passenger vans for student travel.

Comments:

The cost of providing student transportation, particularly outside the City of Winnipeg continues to represent a substantial cost to Divisions and students to travel to events outside their communities. This is particularly relevant in northern communities where students travel to the south of the province to participate in sports and band/music events.

The incident in New Brunswick that involved a 15 passenger van and resulted in fatalities ended with Manitoba’s Minister of Education issuing a statement to School Divisions wherein he “recommended” that Divisions discontinue the use of these vans.

Some Manitoba school divisions have followed this recommendation but it has resulted in a significant increase in the cost of travel as the alternative, bus travel is much more costly. These additional costs have been incurred at the divisional level and also by individual students in many cases.

We are requesting the Minister to take a definitive stand on this issue to either ban the use of 12-15 passenger vans or to allow their use for pupil transportation. As it currently stands Divisions are very reluctant to use these vehicles given the Minister’s recommendation, but find that the lack of decision one way or the other has created even bigger problems. These vans are a much less expensive means of transportation and in many cases a full size bus is not required but must be used (at greater cost) if Divisions are to follow the Minister’s recommendation.

BUS RIDERSHIP PROGRAM T-02-10
(Region 1)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association petition Manitoba Education Pupil Transportation to provide updated bus ridership program material for student instruction in Manitoba public schools.

Comments:

The instruction of students in school bus ridership is a legislated requirement and is evaluated by the Pupil Transportation Unit of Manitoba Education when they review school bus operations throughout the divisions. The instruction and guidelines for school bus ridership should be consistent throughout the Province. Moreover, given the growing use of commercial buses for student travel both within the province and in other jurisdictions, the ridership program for students should be expanded to incorporate safety procedures in these circumstances as well. The Pupil Transportation Unit should be taking the leadership role in this regard providing the necessary directions and assistance to all Manitoba school divisions.

APPENDIX A*Proposed 10/11 Membership Fee*

School Division	2010-2011 Membership Fee	2009-2010 Membership Fee	% Increase
Beautiful Plains	\$21,422.97	\$20,536.36	4.32%
Border Land	29,052.41	27,811.35	4.46%
Brandon	61,424.67	58,946.96	4.20%
DSFM	46,757.55	45,043.67	3.80%
Evergreen	22,976.19	22,293.921	3.06%
Flin Flon	18,076.28	17,751.56	1.83%
Fort la Bosse	20,785.11	20,163.18	3.08%
Frontier	53,334.90	51,885.34	2.79%
Garden Valley	43,358.65	40,591.74	6.82%
Hanover	62,206.95	60,486.48	2.84%
Interlake	33,886.05	33,718.02	0.50%
Kelsey	22,955.48	22,249.78	3.17%
Lakeshore	20,085.12	19,545.23	2.76%
Lord Selkirk	45,419.99	44,324.43	2.47%
Louis Riel	97,078.91	94,393.14	2.85%
Mountain View	35,377.15	34,131.32	3.65%
Mystery Lake	32,999.67	32,983.70	0.05%
Park West	23,738.31	23,365.30	1.60%
Pembina Trails	92,640.13	89,854.80	3.10%
Pine Creek	19,028.93	18,509.96	2.80%
Portage la Prairie	35,729.21	35,238.82	1.39%
Prairie Rose	26,724.64	26,410.93	1.19%
Prairie Spirit	27,283.80	26,784.11	1.87%
Red River Valley	26,252.46	25,592.34	2.58%
River East Transcona	103,142.70	100,711.77	2.41%
Rolling River	24,637.11	23,907.01	3.05%
Seine River	39,179.44	37,465.86	4.57%
Seven Oaks	75,392.33	70,647.95	6.72%
South West Horizon	22,914.06	22,201.62	3.21%
St. James Assiniboia	68,802.71	67,655.09	1.70%
Sunrise	46,459.97	45,733.18	1.59%
Swan Valley	22,437.74	21,980.93	2.08%
Turtle Mountain	17,699.37	17,414.50	1.64%
Turtle River	15,831.35	15,468.35	2.35%
Western	23,071.46	22,121.37	4.29%
Whiteshell	10,752.88	10,386.96	3.52%
Winnipeg	120,775.84	117,244.00	3.01%
TOTAL	\$1,509,692.49	\$1,465,551.03	3.0%

SECTION NUMBER REAFFIRMED POLICY

Employee Relations

ER-01-10(R)05 2010 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STRUCTURE

THAT MAST request the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth, introduce appropriate legislation changing the collective bargaining process between school boards and teacher associations to provide for compulsory, non-binding mediation and removal of the arbitration process under The Public Schools Act.

ER-02-10(R)04 2010 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

MAST supports collective bargaining at the local level between individual school boards and their respective teacher associations.

SI-01-10(R)05 2010 COURSE/UNIT ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & PARENTING

THAT MAST request the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth to mandate that all students receive instruction on early childhood development and parenting through a provincially approved course on "Early Childhood Development and Parenting" or a unit within an already existing course.

SI-02-10(R)97 2010 COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FOR SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

MAST believes that Manitoba Education and Training should work with other provincial departments to provide the community mental health services and the regional assessment and treatment programs need for those students and their families

SI-03-10(R)05 2010 STUDENT HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY

MAST believes that parents and guardians bear primary responsibility for the physical health and well-being of their children, and that schools and communities have a significant role to play in helping families meet that responsibility.

SI-04-10(R)05 2010 CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

MAST believes that citizenship and education should encompass concepts of community participation and social responsibility in addition to involvement in formal political structures and processes.

EF-01-10(R)99 2010 REMOVAL OF SALES TAX ON COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

MAST believes that provincial sales tax should be removed from school division purchases and leasing of computer hardware and software and licensing of software; and that the Minister of Education should amend the provincial tax code so as to remove the provincial sales tax from school division purchases and leasing of computer hardware and software and licensing of software.

EF-02-10(R)05 2010 OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES

THAT MAST lobby Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth to provide full funding to support school divisions in their need to provide occupational and physiotherapy services for students.

EF-03-10(R)05 2010 CAPITAL SUPPORT FOR PORTABLE CLASSROOM SPACE

THAT the Public Schools' Finance Board support linking of all portable classroom space that is added to school buildings.

EF-04-10(R)05 2010 FUNDING FOR APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

THAT MAST urge the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth to provide sufficient additional funding to school divisions to enable them to meet their responsibilities as specified in The Appropriate Educational Programming Act and accompanying regulations.

EF-05-10(R)00 2010 TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

THAT school divisions be provided with increased technology funding in order to reflect the actual expenditures being incurred by school divisions to meet instructional and administrative needs.

EDUCATION FINANCE

SECTION	NUMBER	REAFFIRMED	POLICY	
EDUCATION FINANCE	EF-06-10(R)99	2010	SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COSTS MAST believes that the Public Schools Finance Board should make adaptations in its funding formula so that we maximize the viability of school construction based on a formula that reflects the current construction costs as determined by the tendering process.	
	EF-07-10(R)98	2010	TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS MAST believes that transportation grants for special education pupils should be based on 100% of the costs of transporting pupils to special education programs.	
	EF-08-10(R)93	2010	ACCESS FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS MAST believes that full support should be provided to all Manitoba school divisions to renovate buildings in order to permit access to all schools for physically disabled persons (students, parents and public).	
	EF-09-05(R)91	2010	SPECIAL LEVY PROPERTY TAXATION MAST believes that the special levy on property should be retained as a revenue source for school boards in order to ensure local accountability for educational service delivery.	
	EF-10-10(R)04	2010	GOODS & SERVICES TAX EXEMPTION FOR MUSH SECTOR MAST believes that full exemption from Goods and Services Tax should be extended to include public schools .	
	EF-11-10(R)99	2010	FUNDING OF NEW CURRICULA IMPLEMENTATION MAST believes that the provincial grant structure should be amended to fund adequately the introduction of new curricula including: professional development, technology equipment and services, curricula materials, textbooks and early intervention programs.	
	T-01-10(R)05	2010	PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES THAT MAST lobby the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth to provide within the funding formula, the full cost of school bus replacements in the year in which the replacements occur.	
	T-02-1-(R)05	2010	SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY THAT MAST work with Municipal and Provincial Governments and the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation to arrive at innovative, effective public education, signage and enforcement initiatives with regard to speed limits in school zones.	
	SB-01-10(R)99	2010	COLLECTION OF PAYROLL TAXES MAST believes that the provincial government should exempt all school divisions from collecting payroll taxes.	

Transportation

SCHOOL BOARDS

SECTION NUMBER ARCHIVED POLICY

MATTERS AFFECTING THE ASSOCIATION	M-01-05(R)93	2010	AMENDMENT TO THE MAST ACT Honorary life memberships of the Association shall be limited to school trustees.
Matters Affecting the Association	M-02-05	2010	COORDINATION OF OPEN SOURCE TECHNOLOGY GROUP THAT MAST facilitate the coordination of a central working group that would hold informational and working group sessions for interested divisional designates to enhance, promote, encourage and distribute open source technology as widely as possible.
Employee Relations	LR-02-05(R)99	2010	SEPARATE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MAST supports in principle, a professional organization for public school teachers in Manitoba which is separate from the Manitoba Teachers' Society and that MAST be an active participant in the process to determine the role and mandate of a professional organization for public school teachers in Manitoba.
Employee Relations	LR-03-05(R)99	2010	PROBATIONARY PERIOD MAST believes that the Public Schools Act should be changed to provide for a probationary period of twenty continuous months of paid service for all teachers newly hired by a school division.
Employee Relations	LR-04-05	2010	TERMINATION DATES FOR SEMESTERED SCHOOLS THAT MAST lobby the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth to change the December 31st termination date for individual employment contracts for permanent teachers in semestered schools, to the end of the semester.
INSTRUCTION	INSTR-01-05(R)99	2010	HOME SCHOOLING STANDARDS MAST believes that Manitoba Education and Training should assess the quality of programs being used for home-schooling to maintain a standard comparable to programs used in the public school system, and that students who are home-schooled be required to write all provincial standards examinations and that the marks be published separate from the division.
INSTRUCTION	INSTR-04-05(R)00	2010	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EARLY YEARS MAST believes that the Minister of Education and Training should continue to support early years initiatives by providing on-going professional development for programs such as Reading Recovery.
INSTRUCTION	INSTR-05-05(R)93	2010	RELIGIOUS EXERCISES MAST believes that Section 84(8) of the Manitoba Public Schools Act should be amended by striking the words "in that school year" thereby allowing those school divisions which, by petition, are providing religious exercises, to continue uninterrupted until such time as they are petitioned to discontinue the practice.
Students and Instruction	S-01-05(R)99	2010	NATIONAL CHILDRENS' AGENDA MAST believes that a Federal/Provincial agency should be established with the sole mandate of ensuring that goals of a National Children's Agenda be achieved, and that MAST, in conjunction with CSBA, urge the federal and provincial governments to vigorously pursue the implementation of a National Children's Agenda.
Students and Instruction	S-02-05	2010	PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR STUDENTS THAT MAST lobby the provincial government to ensure that future legislation, regulations and guidelines concerning physical activity for students in schools, have regard for financial and operational limitations, and give school boards maximum flexibility to determine how students gain access to regular and beneficial physical activity, recognizing that daily physical education classes are only one way of meeting this goal.

Students and Instruction	SNS-02-05(R)93	2010	HEALTH CARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS MAST believes that the Public Schools Act should specify the extent to which school divisions are required to provide health services to students, and the responsibilities of school divisions related to liability and training for providing these services.
Education Finance	EF-02-05	2010	TIMING OF OPERATIONAL ADVANCES THAT MAST request the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth to begin distributing the support provided through Operational Advances in July of each fiscal year.
Educatoin Finance	EF-07-05	2010	INCLUSION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS IN FRAME REPORT THAT MAST request the Schools Finance Branch to include the FRAME Report for Independent Schools as part of the FRAME Report.
EDUCATION FINANCE	EF-07-05(R)00	2010	CHOICE OF SCHOOLS MAST believes that the transfer fee should better reflect the assessment values and ability to pay of the sending division.
EDUCATION FINANCE	EF-08-05(R)99	2010	SALES TAX EXEMPTION MAST believes that the provincial sales taxes paid by school divisions to the government should be rebated at the same percentage as that rebated to divisions by the federal government on the GST.
Education Finance	EF-09-05	2010	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION THAT MAST lobby the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth and Advanced Education to address obstacles which impede partnerships between school divisions and other institutions/agencies in the area of vocational education.
EDUCATION FINANCE	EF-11-05(R)91	2010	DEBENTURED CAPITAL PROJECTS MAST believes that a minimum amount of \$20,000 should be established for capital projects that are requested to be debentured by the Public Schools Finance Board.
TRANSPORTATION	T-01-05(R)00	2010	DYED FUEL Request the Government of Manitoba to revise legislation to allow school divisions to use dyed fuel in school buses.
Transportation	T-01-05(R)00	2010	USE OF DYED FUEL THAT MAST advocate with the provincial government to rebate to school boards the taxes paid on fuel for use in school buses.
School Boards	TSB-01-05(R)03	2010	MANDATORY WARD SYSTEM THAT MAST lobby the Provincial Government to reconsider the mandatory use of a ward system for electing school trustees in all school divisions within Manitoba and permit the use of "electing at large" for those divisions where a ward system may be inappropriate.
School Boards	TSB-02-05	2010	TRUSTEE ENROLMENT IN LOCAL SCHOOL THAT MAST lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Public Schools Act to allow trustees to attend school in their own school division or district.
School Boards	TSB-03-05	2010	MANDATORY INCLUSION OF SCHOOL DIVISIONS UNDER THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT THAT MAST oppose the mandatory inclusion of school division employees under The Workers Compensation Act.

