

Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2023

Present: Chairperson R. Manns, Vice Chairperson G. Hunter, and Trustees K. Guillas, S. Kohinski, J. McNeily, L. Biehn, R. Toews

Also Present: J. Young, K. Reynolds, S. Bayes

Regrets:

BPTA: G. Salmon (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Staffing Updates
 - b) Student Suspension
 - c) Maternity Leave Request
 - d) Leave Request
 - e) Microsoft Settlement

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Staffing Update
 - b) Budget 2023/24
 - c) MSBA Convention

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of December 2022 were approved.
4. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Cole Krutkewich was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective January 23, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School.

- b) Mary Platt was employed as a teacher on a .25 limited term teacher general contract effective February 6, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.
- c) Resignation from Brad Hackewich, teacher at Neepawa Collegiate, was accepted effective March 31, 2023.
- d) Resignation from Christine Pedersen, secretary at Neepawa Collegiate, was accepted effective June 30, 2023.
- e) The within division school of choice request from Kimberly Zinck and Oary Strain for their daughter Scarlett Amber-Marie Strain to attend Grade 1 at R.J. Waugh School instead of Hazel M Kellington School effective January 25, 2023 was approved.
- f) The Division will support the Western Manitoba Science Fair 2023 with a donation of \$250.00.
- g) The request for maternity leave as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date was approved.
- h) The request for unpaid leave above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item d) of this date was approved.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) The December 31, 2022 financial reports were approved.

6. New Business & Correspondence for Action

- a) Revised Policy G.M.A. "Criminal Record & Child Abuse Registry Checks" was read a first time. Proposed changes clarify payment responsibilities as well as reflect current practices for volunteers to obtain both checks.

7. Other Reports

- a) MSBA - e-news – January 25, 2023 was circulated.
- b) MSBA 2023 Board Ballots – The board identified which trustees will receive board ballots at the annual MSBA Convention on behalf of the board.
- c) Region 1 meeting – February 17, 2023 - Discussed attendance at the meeting and contribution to agenda topics. Vice Chairperson Hunter and Trustees Guillas and McNeily will attend virtually.

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Mandatory In-service Day for Election Day – The Divisional Inservice will be held on this day.
- b) Teaching after Retirement – For clarity, the fact sheet from TRAF was reviewed in regards to the maximum number of teaching days allowed before teacher pension is affected for retired teachers.
- c) MASS/MSBA sent letters to retired teachers in an effort to recruit teachers to sub and accept terms.
- d) Board Principal – Round Table Discussion Follow-up – Topics and summary of discussions was provided. Trustees shared comments on feedback received on discussion topics of mentorship, funding uncertainty and funding formula changes, sub shortages and changing populations.
- e) Career Fair Information - Attendance at career fairs has started again allowing the Division to connect with potential university graduates interested in teaching at Beautiful Plains.
- f) Continuous Improvement Plan – The three priority areas of literacy, numeracy, and thriving in Beautiful Plains were reviewed with Student Achievement and Inclusion Branch from Manitoba Education.
- g) Student Enrolment Update – As of January 31, 2023 enrolment is 2101 which matches our budget for current year. Our student population is diverse and continues to have families move in and out of our division through the school year. In January, we had 14 students come to our division and 6 leave.
- h) Brandon Sun Article – “Westman Divisions Grappling with low Funding” & Winnipeg Free Press Article – “Decade of Inflation Crunches School Division’ Funding” – These articles reference provincial funding by division for the years 2013 to 2022. Beautiful Plains is identified as one of the nine divisions that have increased funding during these years. Significant growth of approximately 35% in Beautiful Plains is the driver of the increased base funding.

9. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) Public Budget Meetings - have been set for February 22 at Carberry Collegiate Library and February 23 at Neepawa Middle School MPR.
- b) MSBA Convention Planning - Trustee Annual Convention program details were reviewed.

10. Open Forum

a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.

Resolutions:

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| 1. | That the agenda be approved as circulated. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 2. | That the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 3. | That the December 31, 2022 expenditures be approved for a total of \$2,294,201.07 | |
| | <p>Accounts Payable Cheques:
 #45201; #45207 - #45326;
 #45327 - #45385 VOID;
 #45386 - #45444; #45447 - #45469;
 #45508 - #45518</p> | <p>\$ 1,145,205.86</p> |
| | <p>Payroll Direct Deposits: #90576 - #91299</p> | <p>\$ 1,148,995.21</p> |
| 4. | That Cole Krutkewich be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective January 23, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 5. | That Mary Platt be employed as a teacher on a .25 limited term teacher general contract effective February 6, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 6. | That the within division school of choice request from Kimberly Zinck and Oary Strain for their daughter Scarlett Amber-Marie Strain to attend Grade 1 at R.J. Waugh School instead of Hazel M Kellington School effective January 25, 2023 be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 7. | That the Division support the Western Manitoba Science Fair 2023 with a donation of \$250.00. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 8. | That the request for maternity leave as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 9. | That the request for unpaid leave above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item d) of this date be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |

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10. That the December 31, 2022 financial reports be approved.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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