

Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 21, 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: L. Keller (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Staffing Updates
 - b) Maternity Leave Request
 - c) Leave Request
 - d) Leave Request
 - e) LM Architects proposed scope of Work/Cost
 - f) Student Death

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

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the February 7, 2023 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Revised Policy G.M.A. "Criminal Record & Child Abuse Registry Checks" was approved.

4. Superintendent's Business Report

- a) Meaghan Peters was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.
- b) Emma Salmon was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective May 8, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.
- c) The within division school of choice request from Kimberly Zinck and Oary Strain for their son Warren Eli Strain to attend Kindergarten at R.J. Waugh School instead of Hazel M Kellington School effective September 6, 2023 was approved.
- d) The out of province, overnight student trip request from Carberry Collegiate namely the EF Tour to Quebec on May 17-21, 2024 was approved in principle only.
- e) The request for maternity leave from September 5, 2023 to September 2, 2024 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was approved.
- f) The request for leave without pay for one day beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date was approved.
- g) The request for leave without pay for half a day beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item d) of this date was approved.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) The request for leave of absence without pay above what is provided for in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved.
- b) The quotation from Powerland for the 2023/24 bulk purchase of desktops, Chromebooks and monitors and the quotation from Elco Systems for the 2023/24 bulk purchase of Probooks was approved.
- c) The Division purchased two 71 passenger school buses from Maxim Truck and Trailer at a cost of \$141,654.50 per bus (net GST \$153,900 per bus for a total of \$307,800)

6. Other Reports

- a) MSBA - e-news – February 8, 2023 was circulated.

- b) Region 1 Meeting – Trustees from Region 1 convened and attended a meeting February 17 to discuss the 2023-24 budget process and one emergent resolution proposed for the MSBA Annual Conference. Beautiful Plains trustees in attendance reported most divisions were working through similar budget challenges of staffing costs. The emergent resolution will not go forward at convention.
- c) Executive Highlights Feb 13, 2023 – MSBA is set to host CSBA in 2025 at Winnipeg.
- d) MSBA Convention Program Update – Friday convention program changes were provided.
- e) 2023 Resolutions and Special Business Package - Rules and procedures along with financial statement approvals and 10 resolutions for consideration were reviewed.

7. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Manitoba Remote Learning Support Center - Letter from Deputy Minister Dana Rudy indicated that the Kindergarten to Grade 8 remote learning center will no longer exist beginning September 2023.
- b) A policy Directive and Action Plan to Enhance Student Presence and Engagement 2023 – This directive along with the guidelines were reviewed. The process for Beautiful Plains to comply with this directive will start with a discussion at the Principal's Meeting, meet with admin teams, share with staff and work on policy creation to meet timelines.
- c) Grade 12 Provincial Exams – A letter from Minister Ewasko confirms there will be summative exams in grade 10 to allow identified learning needs to be addressed during grade 11 & 12. Grade 12 provincial exams will be put in place by January 2024 to gauge the impact of the grade 10, 11 & 12 interventions.
- d) Newspaper article "Tigers Give Back to Neepawa" - The February 8, 2023 edition of The Brandon Sun article highlights the Neepawa Tigers Hockey team's efforts of collaborating with the high school social justice Hope group to give back to the community for a local mental health initiative. The team also donated to programs that support cancer patients.

8. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) Eden Bus Routes – An assessment of the bus routes in the Eden catchment has been completed. An additional route may be required due to additional ridership.

- b) Neepawa Banner Article “New Provincial Funding Benefits Beautiful Plains” - This article details the increase in education funding as announced by the province for the 2023 – 24 school year. With increasing enrolment, the additional funding for Beautiful Plains is welcome news.

9. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Thank-you from Westman Youth Choir for a donation was circulated.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That the following policy be approved as presented this date:
- G.M.A. “Criminal Record & Child Abuse Registry Checks” *Carried*
- 4. That Meaghan Peters be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate . *Carried*
- 5. That Emma Salmon be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective May 8, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate. *Carried*
- 6. That the within division school of choice request from Kimberly Zinck and Oary Strain for their son Warren Eli Strain to attend Kindergarten at R.J. Waugh School instead of Hazel M Kellington School effective September 6, 2023 be approved. *Carried*
- 7. That the out of province, overnight trip request from Carberry Collegiate, namely the EF Tour to Quebec on May 17-21, 2024 be approved in principle only. *Carried*
- 8. That the request for maternity leave from September 5, 2023 to September 2, 2024 as outlined in the Superintendent’s Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Carried*
- 9. That the request for leave without pay for one day beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent’s confidential Report item c) of this date be approved. *Carried*

10. That the request for leave without pay for half a day beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item d) of this date be approved. *Carried*

11. That the request for leave of absence without pay above what is provided for in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*

12. That the quotations received for the 2023/24 bulk computer purchase be awarded as follows:

Powerland: desktops, Chromebooks and monitors
Elco Systems: Probooks *Carried*

13. That the Division purchase two 71 passenger school buses from Maxim Truck and Trailer at a cost of \$141,654.50 per bus (net GST \$153,900 per bus for a total of \$307,800) *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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