

Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 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: A. Hanke (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Staffing Updates
 - b) Student Suspensions
 - c) LM Update
 - d) Provincial Bargaining
 - e) Region 1 Meeting
 - f) Fleet Purchases
 - g) High School Sports

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Staffing Update
 - b) Bussing Request

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

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the February 21, 2023 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of January 2023 were approved.
4. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Nora Heschuk was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective February 27, 2023 to April 28, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.

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- b) Quinn Melnyk was employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School.
- c) Michael Rainnie was employed as the principal of Neepawa Area Collegiate effective September 5, 2023.
- d) 2022/23 Substitute Teachers: Jacie Leckie

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) The 2023 Special Levy for Beautiful Plains School Division was established at \$9,504,462 or 10.10 mills. The special levy is pre-determined by the province and has been set at the 2020 level as per provincial directive. The Division no longer has the ability to raise education property taxes due to this directive. Education property taxes are slated to be phased out over the next 10 years.
- b) The 2023-24 Beautiful Plains School Division budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$26,557,996 were approved. This is an increase of 6.9% or \$1,717,609 compared to the 2022-23 budget. Included in this amount are wage increases for all staff and the addition of 10 staff to support our divisional growth.
- c) The January 31, 2023 financial reports were approved.
- d) The Resignation from Brad Mummery, Bus Driver was accepted effective June 30, 2023.
- e) To maintain our fleet replacement cycle, tender requests were issued for a divisional vehicle. The quotation from Westward Ford in the amount of \$67,694 plus taxes for a new 2023 F150 XLT truck was accepted. Purchase to be funded by the operating fund.

6. Other Reports

- a) MSBA - e-news – February 22, 2023 was circulated.
- b) CSBA Survey - Reminder from CSBA to complete the survey around truth and reconciliation and calls to action.

7. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) February 28, 2023 Principal Meeting agenda was circulated. Topics of discussion included sharing of professional learning from recent divisional losses, review of Board-Principal Conference feedback, budget 2023-24 review, provincial attendance policy and 2023-24 school calendar.
- b) Review of Policy J.K.A. "Financial Support for Provincial Competitions" was presented for discussion. The board intends to continue to provide some financial assistance when our sports teams attend provincial competitions. An increase in the rate for the financial support was agreed to. This policy will be brought back for first reading at the next regular board meeting.

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- c) 2023/24 BPSD School Calendar - Some dates in the school calendar are set by the province and legislation which include start and end dates of school and sessional breaks. The division determines other days such as professional development. The calendar was reviewed with the board and is now ready to be finalized.
- d) Accessibility Update - The Manitoba Accessibility Secretariat contacted each school division in February 2023 requesting updated accessibility plans. The Accessibility Committee will meet to review in April. There is a new emphasis on the next accessibility standard of communication, which will mean significant changes to our website. The Division is in the process of applying for grants to assist with the cost of accessibility priorities.
- e) Enrolment as of the end of February is 2,116 students which is an increase of 15 students since January. A majority of the increase is in the Neepawa area. Our budgeted enrolment is used to determine staffing levels. For the 2022 – 23 school year, 2,155 students was budgeted.

8. Secretary-Treasurer’s Information and Correspondence

- a) Neepawa Banner Article “Concern over Crosswalk Raised” was circulated. High traffic volumes continue to cause concerns during morning and afternoon bus times in the crosswalk area at Mountain Avenue and Hospital Street. Town of Neepawa and Beautiful Plains School Division have worked together to improve this area during peak times. Manitoba Infrastructure has provided an update indicating they have approved moving the crosswalk further north to the original location requested from the Town of Neepawa and the School Division.

9. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as amended. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That the January 31, 2023 expenditures be approved for a total of \$2,191,003.91

Accounts Payable Cheques:

#45445 - #45446; #45470 - #45507;
#45519 - #45645; #45647 - #45686 \$ 1,236,644.83

Payroll Direct Deposits: #91300 - #91888 \$ 954,359.08 *Carried*

- 4. That Nora Heschuk be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective February 27, 2023 to April 28, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate *Carried*

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5. That Quinn Melnyk be employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School. *Carried*
6. That Michael Rainnie be employed as the principal of Neepawa Area Collegiate effective September 5, 2023. *Carried*
7. That the 2023 Special Levy for Beautiful Plains School Division be established at \$9,504,462 or 10.10 mills. *Carried*
8. That the 2023-24 Beautiful Plains School Division Budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$26,557,996 be approved. *Carried*
9. That the January 31, 2023 financial reports be approved. *Carried*
10. That the quotation from Westward Ford in the amount of \$67,694 plus taxes for a new 2023 F150 XLT truck be accepted. Purchase to be funded by the operating fund. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Trustees present moved back into Camera

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

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