

Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2023

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

Also Present: J. Young, S. Bayes

Regrets: K. Guillas, K. Reynolds

BPTA: B. Boyle (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Staffing Updates
 - b) Parental Leave Request
 - c) Maternity Leave Request
 - d) New Vocational School Planning Update
 - e) School of Choice
2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Staffing Update
 - b) Former Student Update
3. Capital Planning Project Request
4. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the April 4, 2023 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Danica Murray was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective March 14, 2023 To May 5, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School.
 - b) Tawny Kerkowich was employed as a teacher on a part-time teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 and assigned to J.M. Young School.

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- c) Meaghan Peters was employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.
- d) Charleigh McFadden was employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.
- e) The out of division school of choice request for a student who resides outside of Beautiful Plains School Division to attend Grade 7 at Carberry Collegiate effective April 3, 2023 was approved.
- f) The request for parental leave from September 5, 2023 to November 10, 2023 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was approved.
- g) The request for maternity/parental leave from September 5, 2023 to June 30, 2024 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date was approved.
- h) Resignation from Pat Ernest, Secretary at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective June 30, 2023.

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) The Tenders for grass cutting for 2023 and 2024 were awarded as follows:
Carberry Schools – Darcy Groves
Brookdale – B.M Pickering
NACI – B.M Pickering
J.M. Young – T & D Yard Services

5. New Business & Correspondence for Action (Business additions to Agenda)

- a) Capital Planning Project Request as outlined in the Confidential Report was approved.

6. Other Reports

- a) MSBA - e-news – April 5, 2023 was circulated.
- b) Board Chair Meeting - Board chairs continue to meet on a monthly basis. The most recent meeting had provincial groups provide an overview of those policies that are newly implemented as per provincial directives.

7. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Newspaper Article - "P3 system will get schools built faster, government says" – The topic of P3 (public private partnerships) to build schools has become an ongoing topic in the media. P3 models are relevant to Beautiful Plains as the new vocational school in Neepawa will be built using this model. Political parties in Manitoba have differing views on P3. The Division is experiencing both these views of the P3 model and will work through these over the next few years during the build of the new vocational school.

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- b) Letter from Minister Ewasko – Property Tax Offset Grant – This letter reminds school divisions that this grant was put in place so that divisions don't raise property taxes.
- c) Colony Elders Meeting Update – All colonies had representatives at the meetings. Board Chair R. Manns, Vice-Chair G. Hunter and trustee J. McNeily attended these meetings as well. The meetings continue to have a positive atmosphere and the information shared contributes toward this.
- d) Education Matters - The full list of education matters articles was provided. The list of future topics was updated to remove topics that are no longer relevant. The board considered adding topics regarding the new vocational school construction.

8. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Schools Grant – An increase of \$7,500 has been provided to Beautiful Plains for the 2022 – 23 fiscal year.
- b) Manitoba Minimum wage increase in October 2023 – Minimum wage prior to October 2022 was \$11.95 per hour and this will increase to \$15.30 per hour by October 2023. It is projected that Manitoba will be in the top three for provincial minimum wages.
- c) Community use of Schools – Discussion regarding setting the use of schools rate continued.
- d) New Bus Purchase Update – Two new 71-passenger buses were picked up April 17 in Winnipeg.
- e) Bus Garage Property Tax Classification – A Court of King's Bench ruling in September 2022 has amended the property tax status of all bus garages in Manitoba as exempt starting with the 2023 property taxes.

9. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That Danica Murray be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective March 14, 2023 to May 5, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School. *Carried*
- 4. That Tawny Kerkowich be employed as a teacher on a part-time teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 and assigned to J.M. Young School. *Carried*

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5. That Meaghan Peters be employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate. *Carried*
6. That Charleigh McFadden be employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 5, 2023 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate. *Carried*
7. That the out of division school of choice request for a student who resides outside of Beautiful Plains School Division to attend Grade 7 at Carberry Collegiate effective April 3, 2023 be approved. *Carried*
8. That the request for parental leave from September 5, 2023 to November 10, 2023 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Carried*
9. That the request for maternity/parental leave from September 5, 2023 to June 30, 2024 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date be approved. *Carried*
10. That the following tenders for grass cutting for 2023 & 2024 be awarded as follows:
Carberry Schools – Darcy Groves
Brookdale – B. M Pickering
NACI – B. M Pickering
J. M. Young – T & D Yard Services *Carried*
11. That the Capital Planning Project request as outlined in the Confidential Report of this date be approved. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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