

# Beautiful Plains School Division

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 5, 2024

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

Also Present: K. Reynolds, S. Bayes

Regrets: J. Young

BPTA: K. Turner (Regular Meeting Only)

### ***In Camera***

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
  - a) New Vocational School Planning Update
  - b) Leave Request
  - c) Staffing Request
  - d) Violent Incident Report
  - e) Student Suspension
2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
  - a) 2023-24 Funding Update
  - b) 2024/25 Budget
  - c) Staffing Update
  - d) MSBA Memo
3. MSBA Board Chair Meeting
4. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of December 2023 were approved.
4. Superintendent's Business Report
  - a) Lea Rutz was employed as a term educational assistant effective March 11, 2024 to June 27, 2024 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School.

- b) Resignation from Kim Chapman, teacher at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective June 28, 2024.
- c) Resignation from Peter Reid, Teacher at Neepawa Collegiate was accepted effective June 28, 2024.
- d) Resignation from Allison Bailey, Teacher at Neepawa Collegiate was accepted effective June 28, 2024.
- e) Resignation from Andrea Ferguson, Educational Assistant at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective March 7, 2024.
- f) The within division school of choice request from Kyle and Kayla Kostenchuk for their daughter Blayke Kostenchuk to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 3, 2024 was approved.
- g) The out of division school of choice request from Joe and Britany Germain who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Griffin Michel Gerald Germain to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 3, 2024 was approved.
- h) 2023/24 Substitute Teachers: Jalin Adams, Linda Boyle, Emma Salmon, Julia Greer
- i) The request for 3 weeks leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was approved.

#### 5. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) The 2024 - 25 Beautiful Plains School Division budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$28,814,413 was approved. This is an increase of 8.5% or \$2,256,417 compared to the 2023/24 budget. The budget includes wage increases for all staff and the addition of 11 FTE staff to support growth. The budgeted FRAME cost per pupil is \$12,741.
- b) The 2024 Special Levy for Beautiful Plains School Division was established at \$10,160,220 or 10.62 mills. This is a 5.15% increase in mill rate. Mill rate has declined over 10% starting in 2019 as taxation was limited since that time. The potential changes to future education property taxes or any associated rebates have not been considered.
- c) The December 31, 2023 financial reports were approved.
- d) Olga Adam was added to the spare bus driver list effective March 5, 2024.
- e) Resignation from Shirley Glushek, Custodian at Brookdale School, was accepted effective June 30, 2024.
- f) Resignation from Cynthia Wood, Assistant Head Custodian at Carberry Schools, was accepted effective February 20, 2024.

6. Committee Reports

- a) Workplace Safety & Health Agenda for March 5, 2024 Meeting was circulated.

7. Other Reports

- a) MSBA – e-news February 21, 2024 was circulated and included information on the MSBA Convention, Child Nutrition Council raffle to raise funds, Copyright & Fair dealing week and MSLA award nominations.
- b) MSBA Region 1 Chair – Charlene Gulak has resigned as Region 1 Chair. An election will be held to fill this position. Charlene sent a thank-you to all trustees.

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Principal Meeting Agenda for February 26, 2024 was reviewed. Agenda topics and a summary of discussions was shared.
- b) Education and Early Childhood Learning Letter – Provincial Exams – Grade 12 Provincial Tests and the Grade 10 Provincial Evaluation will be halted for the 2024 – 25 school year. Implementation of 2023 – 24 assessments will continue as planned for the duration of the current school year. It is anticipated that the comprehensive redevelopment of the Provincial Assessment Program will take multiple years.
- c) Article “Seven Oaks Seeks status quo budget with no property tax changes” was circulated.
- d) Article “BP School Division unveils proposed budget for 2024-25” – This article shared the information from the budget presentation. An Editor's Note was included regarding information on the school property tax rebate that has been provided by the Province in previous years.
- e) Article “Teachers' Society HQ rife with infighting, low morale” - This article reviews recent comments regarding MTS support and administrative staff concerns.

9. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Coming Events were reviewed.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as amended. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*

3. That the December 31, 2023 expenditures be approved for a total of \$2,433,804.34.

Accounts Payable Cheques:

#47944;

#48013 - #48043;

#48068 - #48176;

#48177 VOID;

#48178 - #48277

\$ 1,254,699.48

Payroll Direct Deposits: #97957 - #98707

\$ 1,179,104.86

*Carried*

4. That Lea Rutz be employed as a term educational assistant effective March 11, 2024 to June 27, 2024 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School. *Carried*
5. That the within division school of choice request from Kyle and Kayla Kostenchuk for their daughter Blayke Kostenchuk to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 3, 2024 be approved. *Carried*
6. That the out of division school of choice request from Joe and Britany Germain who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Griffin Michel Gerald Germain to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 3, 2024 be approved. *Carried*
7. That the request for 3 weeks leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Carried*
8. That the 2024 - 25 Beautiful Plains School Division budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$28,814,413 be approved. *Carried*
9. That the 2024 Special Levy for Beautiful Plains School Division be established at \$10,160,220 or 10.62 mills *Carried*
10. That the December 31, 2023 financial reports be approved. *Carried*
11. That Olga Adam be added to the spare bus driver list effective March 5, 2024. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

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