# Beautiful Plains School Division

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## March 18, 2025

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

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

Regrets:

BPTA: R. Forsman (Regular Meeting Only)

***In Camera***

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report

   a) Leave Request
   b) Hiring Update
   c) Space Utilization

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report

   a) Land Acquisition
   b) Capital Reserves
   c) 2024-25 Funding Update
   d) Support Staff

3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. The minutes of the March 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and the March, 11, 2025 Special Board Meeting were approved as circulated.

3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of January 2025 were approved.

4. Superintendent's Business Report

   a) Terri Bray was employed as a term educational assistant effective March 3, 2025 to June 25, 2025 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School.

   b) Siri Freeman was employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 2, 2025 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School.

c) Claire Brister was employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 2, 2025 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School.

d) Clara Boyle was appointed as full time EAL teacher at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 2, 2025.

e) Hylin McLaren was appointed Teaching Principal of Twilight Colony School effective September 2, 2025.

f) Claire McCannell was employed as a Mental Health Facilitator for the Division on a full time contract effective September 2, 2025.

g) Ryan Robson was appointed Principal of Carberry Collegiate effective September 2, 2025.

h) Megan Edwards, Teacher at R.J. Waugh School will be re-assigned to Hazel M Kellington School effective September 2, 2025.

i) The request for 2 days leave of absence without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in the Collective Agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved.

j) Resignation from Shannon Jackson, Computer Technician for the Division was accepted effective May 15, 2025.

k) Resignation from Candis Olmstead, Teacher at Acadia Colony School was accepted effective June 27, 2025.

l) Resignation from Bailey Wiebe, Educational Assistant at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective February 25, 2025.

m) Resignation from Melissa Anderson, Teacher at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective June 27, 2025.

n) Resignation from Jana Scott, Teacher at Neepawa Collegiate was accepted effective June 27, 2025.

o) Resignation from Jennifer Donais, Speech/Language Pathologist for the Division was accepted effective June 27, 2025.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

a) The January 31, 2025 financial reports were approved.

6. Other Reports

a) MSBA - e-news-March 5, 2025 included annual MSBA Convention information, award information for Student Citizenship awards & 2025 National Reconciliation award, CSBA career opportunity & registration link for PD opportunity.

b) MSBA – 2025 Convention Delegate Kit was circulated. The nominating committee report was also included.

c) Board/Principal Round Table Discussion – Topic 4 "Artificial Intelligence" – Feedback from this discussion was reviewed. Highlights, challenges and potential next steps were discussed. Modelling appropriate behavior, implications of using AI as well as level of knowledge were some of the highlights.

7. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

a) 2025-26 BPSD Calendar – Draft calendar was provided. The division is still awaiting ministerial approval.

b) Colony Elder Meetings – The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025.

8. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

a) Winnipeg Free Press Article -"Education property taxes could rise by 11%" – This article was published electronically early March 10 and then republished later in the day with corrections. The edited version provides accurate information for Beautiful Plains.

b) Brandon Sun Article – "Turtle Mountain Facing Hefty Tax Hike" – Beautiful Plains is mentioned in this article and is compared to other division budget increases.

c) 2024 MSI Insurance Refund for $19,130.27 was received.

9. Open Forum

a) Board quote was approved for circulation.

b) Coming Events were circulated.

Resolutions:

1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*

2. That the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and the March 11, 2025 Special Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*

3. That the January 31, 2025 expenditures be approved for a total of $ 2,451,486.22.

Accounts Payable Cheques:

# 51117 - # 51347 $ 1,268,369.84

Payroll Direct Deposits:

#107288 - #108026 $ 1,183,116.38 *Carried*

4. Terri Bray be employed as a term educational assistant effective March 3, 2025 to June 25, 2025 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School. *Carried*

5. Siri Freeman be employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 2, 2025 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School. *Carried*

6. That Claire Brister be employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 2, 2025 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School. *Carried*

7. That Clara Boyle be appointed as full time EAL teacher at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 2, 2025. *Carried*

8. That Hylin McLaren be appointed Teaching Principal of Twilight Colony School effective September 2, 2025. *Carried*

9. That Claire McCannell be employed as a Mental Health Facilitator for the Division on a full time contract effective September 2, 2025. *Carried*

10. That Ryan Robson be appointed Principal of Carberry Collegiate effective September 2, 2025. *Carried*

11. That Megan Edwards be re-assigned to Hazel M Kellington School effective September 2, 2025. *Carried*

12. That the request for 2 days leave of absence without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in the Collective Agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*

13. That the January 31st, 2025 financial reports be approved. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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