

# Beautiful Plains School Division

## Regular Board Meeting

February 20, 2018

Present: Chairperson J. McNeily, Vice-Chairperson R. Manns and Trustees K. Guillas, G. Hunter, W. Menzies, L. Biehn and R. Kulbacki

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

### ***In Camera***

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
  - a) Changing times in Public Education
  - b) Board Meeting absence request
  - c) Request for financial consideration
  - d) HBNI fiber
  
2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
  - a) Request for parental leave
  - b) Budget review
  - c) MSBA Confidential Memo

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the February 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Business Arising from a Previous Meeting
  - a) Request for financial contribution from NAC TV was considered and a donation of \$200 was approved.
  - b) Board / BPTA supper meeting topic – Board topic will be Bill 28 and BPTA topic will be safe and inclusive workplaces. Reviewed key points of Bill 28 along with the challenges it creates for the board.
  - c) Questions arising for Board Chair meeting with Minister of Education – Three questions were chosen to submit based on the topics of Amalgamation, Changes in Education and Bill 28.
4. Superintendent's Business Report
  - a) Approval of clause to Senior Administration contracts as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report of this date.
  - b) Staffing – hiring of educational assistants at R.J. Waugh School
    - Andrea Rowley employed as an educational assistant effective February 22, 2018 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School. (5.75 hours per day)
    - Sarah Rutz employed as a part time educational assistant effective February 22, 2018 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School. (4 hours per day)
  - c) The resignation from Amanda-Rose Bourget, educational assistant, was accepted effective February 23, 2018.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) Approval was given for a request to extend parental leave as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report.
- b) By-Law #280, a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of a portable classroom at Neepawa Collegiate was given first reading.

6. Other Reports & Information

- a) MSBA Superintendent Webinar series – next webinar is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
- b) MSBA Convention resolution package was circulated.
- c) New Middle School Update – the tender will be issued next week and plans to break ground in the Spring of 2018 are still on target. The Board has discussed the name of this new school and determined the name will reflect that it is a middle years school.
- d) Funding Announcement
  - Provincial funding of public schools news release was reviewed. Key components of the announcement were ½ percent increase, Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) will be phased out over 6 years, Administration Cap reduction of 15%, Divisions will be limited to a 2% increase of the Special Requirement and consideration will be given to a single provincial bargaining table for teachers.
  - MTS news release regarding the Provincial funding announcement was reviewed. Key messages from MTS's perspective were this is a 1.5% drop in funding, classroom diversity challenges continue and a MTS poll indicates the public wants government to increase funding.
  - School Division Funding Percent Changes were reviewed for the Province. Beautiful Plains is one of two divisions that got an increase in the Westman area.

7. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Newspaper Article supporting local boards was reviewed.
- b) Principals meeting agenda of February 8<sup>th</sup> was circulated.
- c) High School Admin meeting agenda of February 14<sup>th</sup> was circulated.
- d) Board / Principal Seminar – discussed next steps for the board.
- e) The list of Education Matters articles was circulated. Three topics were chosen for future articles. Drafts will be presented at the next regular board meeting.

8. 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 February 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That a financial contribution of \$200.00 to NACTV to support their annual fundraising showcase be approved. *Carried*
- 4. That the Senior Administration (Superintendent/CEO, Assistant Superintendent, and Secretary-Treasurer) contracts as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*

5. That Andrea Rowley be employed as an educational assistant effective February 22, 2018 and assigned to R. J. Waugh School. *Carried*
6. That Sarah Rutz be employed as a part time educational assistant effective February 22, 2018 and assigned to R. J. Waugh School. *Carried*
7. That the request to extend parental leave as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date from February 16, 2018 to March 16, 2018 be approved. Leave as per Policy G.C.C. *Carried*
8. That By-Law No. 280, a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of a portable classroom at Neepawa Collegiate, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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