

Beautiful Plains School Division

Regular Board Meeting

January 15, 2019

Present: Chairperson R. Manns, and Trustees K. Guillas, L. Biehn, J. McNeily, D. Major

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

Regrets: Vice Chairperson G. Hunter, Trustee W. Menzies

BPTA: T. James (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Leave of Absence
 - b) Leave of Absence
 - c) Superintendent Evaluation
 - d) Student Suspension
 - e) Staffing Budget
2. Secretary Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Non-teacher Salaries and Wages
 - b) Leave of Absence
3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:11 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the December 18th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of November 2018 were approved.
4. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Request from Hazel M. Kellington School for the Grade 5 Camp Trip to Assiniboia Camp on June 6 & 7, 2019 was approved.
 - b) The leave as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved.
 - c) Candis Olmstead was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective January 21st, 2019 and assigned to Acadia Colony School.
 - d) The leave as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was approved.

- e) Out of Division School of Choice from Curtis Carrigan for his nephew Aidan Carrigan who resides in Kelsey School Division to attend NACI commencing February 5, 2019 was approved.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) The November 30, 2018 financial reports were approved.
- b) Desa Drohomereski was employed as a regular bus driver for Route #2 effective January 7, 2019.
- c) The Private Vehicle mileage rate for division work was set at 43¢ per kilometer effective January 1, 2019.
- d) The leave as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item b) of this date was defeated.

6. Committee Reports

- a) Workplace Safety and Health Minutes from the December 11th meeting were circulated.

7. Other Reports

- a) MSBA – Executive Highlights were circulated.
- b) MSBA – Media advocacy regarding Local Voices, Local Choices Campaign update highlights 3 examples of media engagement from different School Boards in Manitoba.
- c) MSBA – Region 1 Director Request – Advocacy and Engagement was reviewed. Chairperson R. Manns has replied to the request.
- d) MSBA – Length of teacher School Day – Portage la Prairie School Division – As information, MSBA has provided the arbitration bulletin ruling in favour of Portage la Prairie School Division. The bulletin reviews the Division's position which is an expectation that teachers need to be at school until 4 p.m. each day; and the Association's position which is the rule was not applied consistently.
- e) MSBA – Follow up on Various Items contained two surveys for Trustees to complete; Local Voices, Local Choices Campaign Survey and request for volunteers on MSBA Committees.
- f) Letter from Pine Creek School Division to Education Minister Goertzen supporting local autonomy and opposing amalgamation was circulated.
- g) School Build Update – Project is about two weeks behind the revised schedule. A new Project Manager started early January and was in attendance at the last site meeting. General Contractor committed to provide a detailed eight week plan by the next site meeting in two weeks time. We are still anticipating the same opening date of September 2019.

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Kelvin Goertzen article regarding the K -12 Education Review was circulated. Goertzen encourages people to bring forward ideas as there are no preconceived notions. Monumental changes, amalgamation, transparency and accountability with clear points for outcomes were topics identified in the article.

- b) Discussion on Weather – Policy G.D.B. and review of practice. Discussed the rationale for our policy and our practice. The typical process followed to determine if buses and/or school is canceled was shared. The Board discussed that staff have the personal choice to drive or not to drive and our policy recognizes this.
- c) MASS – Position Around the K–12 Education Review is a fairly neutral opinion. MASS has requested to be involved with the review and feels the review should focus on strong connections between all stakeholders in education, universal quality public education, open dialogue among partners and a promising future for all Manitobans.
- d) Municipal Draft Presentation was discussed. The focus of our presentation will be our history along with how this fits in a provincial perspective. The Municipal Engagement Meeting is January 23rd at 5:30 in the Division Office boardroom.
- e) Liaison/BPTA meeting topics were discussed. Tentative dates of March 5th or 19th for the supper meeting were proposed. Possible topics for BPSD are budget, education review and indigenous education. BPTA hasn't finalized their topic yet.
- f) Education Matters full list was circulated. Local Voices, Local Choices article was approved for circulation.
- g) Policy Binders were discussed. Given that all policies are on our website, Trustees decided a hard copy was not needed.

9. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote – Approved to publish one for January.
- b) Policy Meeting – It has been challenging to establish a date to meet. Any urgent changes have been brought to board meetings for approval if needed.

Resolutions:

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| 1. That the agenda be approved as amended. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 2. That the minutes of the December 18 th , 2018 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 3. That the November 30, 2018 expenditures be approved for a total of \$ 1,824,541.37 | |
| Accounts Payable Cheques: | |
| #33914 - #33916; #33944 - #34183; | |
| #34187 - #34227 | \$ 936,451.49 |
| Payroll Direct Deposits: #62712 - #63302 | \$ 888,089.88 |
| | <i>Carried</i> |
| 4. That the overnight trip request from HMK, namely the Grade 5 Camp trip to Camp Assiniboia on June 6 & 7, 2019 be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 5. That the request for leave without pay, from January 7, 2019 to March 1, 2019 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential report item a) of this date be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 6. That Candis Olmstead be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective January 21, 2019 to March 1, 2019 and assigned to Acadia Colony. | <i>Carried</i> |

7. That the request for leave without pay for 1.5 days beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Carried*
8. That the out of division School of Choice request from Curtis Carrigan for his nephew Aidan Carrigan who resides in Kelsey School Division to attend NACI commencing February 5, 2019 be approved. *Carried*
9. That the November 30th, 2018 financial reports be approved. *Carried*
10. That Desa Drohomereski be employed as a regular bus driver effective January 7, 2019. *Carried*
11. That the rate per kilometer for use of a private vehicle for division work be set at 43 cents per kilometer effective January 1, 2019. *Carried*
12. That the request for up to 10 days leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Defeated*

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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