

# Beautiful Plains School Division

## Regular Board Meeting

February 5, 2019

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

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

Regrets: Vice Chairperson G. Hunter

BPTA: S. Taylor (Regular meeting only)

### ***In Camera***

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
  - a) Choice of School request
  - b) Correspondence with MLA
  - c) Staff leave request
2. Secretary Treasurer's Confidential Report
  - a) Update - staff leave request
  - b) Divisional Vehicles
3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of December 2018 were approved.
4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting
  - a) Meeting with Mayors/Reeves - The board thanked J. Young for preparing and presenting to Mayors and Reeves. Engaging with this group provided us with valuable feedback and allowed us to share information.
5. Superintendent's Business Report
  - a) The following Substitute Teachers were approved for the 2018/19 school year: C.J. Nicholson, Danica Wyss
  - b) Out of Division Choice of School Request from Lisa Dyck for Chevelle Skye Robinson to attend NACI was approved.

- c) The leave as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date was denied.

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

- a) The December 31, 2018 financial reports were approved.
- b) Borrowing By-Law No 285 for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of Neepawa Middle School addition and stand-alone daycare at Neepawa Collegiate was given a first reading.
- c) Purchase of a divisional vehicle to be financed using the vehicle reserve and the operating fund was approved.

#### 7. New Business & Correspondence for Action

- a) Funding Announcement 2019-2020 - Provincial government announced an increase in funding to schools in the amount of \$6.6 Million. Beautiful Plains will receive a 1.2% increase due to increasing enrolment. Public Budget Meetings will be held February 27<sup>th</sup> at Neepawa Collegiate and February 28<sup>th</sup> at Carberry Collegiate.

#### 8. Other Reports

- a) MSBA – Executive Highlights were circulated.
- b) MSBA – E-Bulletin January 2019 was reviewed. MSBA Convention updates and deadlines were noted.
- c) MSBA – Whistleblower Policy Memo - Outlined school boards are required to develop their own policies and procedures that provide a clear process on how government employees can disclose a wrongdoing and protects employees from reprisal.
- d) MSBA – Convention 2019 Program Overview was reviewed. We will have two trustees receive Long Service Awards at this years' convention.
- e) MSBA K-12 education review news release along with the Pre-Announcement Briefing Session was provided. The news release provides a voice on a provincial level while the Briefing Session outlines the commission, members of the commission, areas of focus and how Manitobans can engage in the review.
- f) MSBA – Letter to Board Chairs re 2019 meeting with the Minister "Bear-Pit-Session" - Trustees will submit questions in advance regarding the funding formula, amalgamation, accountability / transparency and provincial bargaining.
- g) MSBA – Beautiful Plains profile for Local Voices - Trustees chose to provide a profile on our Divisional Apprenticeship Program as an example of the impact local autonomy has. This is part of MSBA's Local Voices Local Choices campaign.
- h) Letter from Borderland School Division – Nomination of Patricia Wiebe for Vice President boards under 6,000 was circulated.

#### 9. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Education Matters article – Giving Children the Empathy Advantage was approved for distribution.

- b) Winnipeg Free Press article – Schools to get small funding Increase - Outlined the \$6.6M increase or 0.5% increase in funding for Education. Of the 37 divisions province wide, 15 got more money and 22 got less. Minister of Education indicated that the funding formula will be revisited after the -12 Review is completed. This means issues of cost will continue for a few more years.
- c) Winnipeg Free Press article – Tories seek vision on education - Article indicated amalgamation or dissolving of all school divisions would be considered in the K to 12 Review, however, the funding formula would not be considered until after the review. MSBA agrees the formula needs to be reviewed. There is \$700,000 set aside for the cost of the K to 12 Review.
- d) Winnipeg Free Press article – Teachers support thorough review - MTS indicates that teachers support the thorough K to 12 Review as huge changes have been made and funding had not kept pace.
- e) Brandon Sun article – School divisions receive small funding boost - Stated the \$6.6 M increase to funding and the impact on a few local Divisions. The NDP viewed this as a defacto decrease as the funding does not keep up with inflation.
- f) Principals agenda from the January 21, 2019 meeting was circulated.
- g) BPTA/Board, Liaison Topics - Board supper will be March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Trustees presented possible topics of budget, education review, gender neutral, indigenous education and municipal engagement presentation. We will ask BPTA if they have a preference for a particular topic.

#### 10. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) CBC article – Transport Minister announces task force on School bus seatbelts – Federal Government has created a task force to investigate the possibility of outfitting school buses with seatbelts. The Transport Minister indicates it is federal jurisdiction to force all new school buses to have seatbelts and Provincial responsibility to retrofit existing buses which will require consultation with provinces to determine where the funding would come from.
- b) Brandon Sun article – School Divisions weigh cost of seatbelts on buses - Provides indication of what is being stated locally from both cost and Divisional perspectives. The Brandon Sun confirmed with a provincial spokesperson that the province was waiting on direction from the federal government.
- c) Winnipeg Free Press article – Rural mother spearheading drive to get seatbelts on Manitoba School Buses - Article focuses on the actions taken by a group of parents.
- d) School bus purchases - The MASBO tender has been received with school bus pricing which has an average increase in the base cost of \$9,000 per bus. As with previous orders, seat belts are not an option for bus purchases at this time. To prepare for the potential impacts of seat belt use on school buses, we will work through the pros, cons & challenges of this potential change. MSBA has a motion coming forward at Convention about seat belt use.

#### 11. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote for February with Respect as the theme was approved for circulation.
- b) Trustee indemnity changes that were effective January 1, 2019 was discussed. It was noted that in other divisions increases were approved to compensate for the indemnity changes. This did not happen in Beautiful Plains.
- c) PD Committee Meeting – September PD session will host Kevin Chief where he will discuss Truth and Reconciliation.

Resolutions:

1. That the agenda be approved as amended. *Carried*
  
2. That the minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
  
3. That the December 31, 2018 expenditures be approved for a total of \$ 1,671,408.45  
Accounts Payable Cheques:  
#34184 - #34186; #34228 - #34351;  
#34353 - #34372; #34377- #34406 \$ 750,442.62  
Payroll Direct Deposits: #63303 - #63947 \$ 920,965.83 *Carried*
  
4. That the out of division School of Choice request from Lisa Dyck for Chevelle Skye Robinson who resides in Southwest Horizon School Division to attend NACI commencing February 5, 2019 be approved. *Carried*
  
5. That the request for leave without pay for two days above and beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date be approved. *Defeated*
  
6. That the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 financial reports be approved. *Carried*
  
7. That By-law No. 285 a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of Neepawa Middle School Addition & stand-alone daycare at Neepawa Collegiate BE GIVEN FIRST READING. *Carried*
  
8. That the quotation from McLaughlin GM in the amount of \$43,223.00 for a new 2018 truck be accepted. Purchase to be funded by vehicle reserve and operating fund. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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