

Beautiful Plains School Division

Regular Board Meeting

February 18, 2020

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

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

Regrets: Trustee W. Menzies

BPTA: Sheena Taylor (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Student Suspensions
 - b) Planning for the Future
 - c) Round Table Discussions Summaries
 - d) Staff leave request
 - e) Staff resignation
 - f) Adult learning center letter
 - g) Letter to the Province
 - h) Resignation

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:18 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the February 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Dawn McCharles was employed as a full time Educational Assistant effective February 5, 2020 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School.
 - b) Shelby Gillies was employed as a full time Educational Assistant effective February 5, 2020 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School.
 - c) Arlene Montemayor was employed as a full time Educational Assistant effective February 3, 2020 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.
 - d) Kyla deWit was employed as the full time ASL/ Educational Assistant effective February 5, 2020.
 - e) Daniela Fast was employed as a full time Educational Assistant effective February 13, 2020 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School.
 - f) Allaine Rhoda Gulles was employed as a part time Educational Assistant effective February 3, 2020 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School.

- g) 2019/20 Substitute teachers: Melissa Ballard, Sabrina Cardinal
- h) Resignation from Shelley Keber, Secretary at R.J. Waugh school was accepted effective February 26, 2020.
- i) The request for leave without pay as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item d) of this date was approved.

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) By-law No 294 a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of Neepawa Middle School addition & stand alone daycare and elevator addition at Neepawa Collegiate was given first reading.
- b) Mae Brandson was employed as a spare bus driver.

5. New Business & Correspondence for Action

- a) Policy C.C.C. - Role and Duties of the Assistant Superintendent was given a first reading. A draft policy has existed for about two years now. It is intentional that the job description be prepared at a later date for the role to shape the description. The bulk of the role was always intended to be curriculum.
- b) Policy C.C.A. – Role and Duties of the Superintendent was reviewed. The wording has been realigned to categorize all items. All original parts of the current policy are still in place with the reviewed policy.
- c) Board questions for Minister of Education at MSBA Convention – Board will consider what questions they would like to ask. Questions will be devised at the next regular board meeting.
- d) Resignation from Trustee W. Menzies was acknowledged and accepted. It is the board's intention to hold a by-election pending the release of the K to 12 Education Review and pending the board discussions about trustee representation

6. Other Reports

- a) MSBA 2020 Convention Resolutions Package – Resolutions were briefly reviewed. Discussions will take place at the next regular board meeting if needed.
- b) MSBA 2020 Board Ballots Memo - Board members identified as authorized to pick-up ballots.
- c) MSBA Executive Highlights for February 3, 2020 were circulated.
- d) MSBA Webinar Governance Core Snapshots Part 1 was reviewed.
- e) Study Manitoba Director's report was circulated.

7. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Brandon Sun article – Neepawa Middle School marks grand opening was circulated.
- b) Neepawa Banner Press article – A better place to learn and play was provided.
- c) Western Manitoba Science Fair Sponsorship request was circulated.
- d) Social Planning Council of Winnipeg letter regarding Divisions and Boards showing the documentary Methamphetamine: Community Under Siege was reviewed. Concerns from the Social Planning Council were noted.
- e) Seeking Balance in Public School Spending article – Article highlights and provides a breakdown of the \$696 million spending increase from 2007/08 to 2017/18. Highest spending increase was \$388 million (56%) for regular instruction.
- f) The topic for the BPTA Supper on April 21, 2020 will be "Impacts of EAL/Cultural Diversity in the Classroom".

8. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) MSBA Reserve Rebate in the amount of \$2,566 was received.
- b) Public Information Session regarding bus service changes in the Town of Carberry was held February 13th with BPSD representatives and Town of Carberry, Manitoba Infrastructure, Local RCMP and families affected by the changes in attendance. A variety of concerns were discussed along with potential next steps. The Board will continue to discuss at the next regular board meeting what date these changes will take effect.

9. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Land Acknowledgement Discussed how the Division can perform a land acknowledgement in the most meaningful way.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as amended. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That Dawn McCharles be employed as a full time educational assistant effective February 5, 2020 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School. *Carried*
- 4. That Shelby Gillies be employed as a full time educational assistant effective February 5, 2020 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School. *Carried*
- 5. That Arlene Montemayor be employed as a full time educational assistant effective February 3, 2020 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate. *Carried*

6. That Kyla deWit be employed as the full time ASL/educational assistant effective February 5, 2020. *Carried*
7. That Daniela Fast be employed as a full time educational assistant effective February 13, 2020 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School. *Carried*
8. That Allaine Rhoda Gulles be employed as a part time educational assistant effective February 3, 2020 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School. *Carried*
9. That the request for leave without pay, from September 8, 2020 to June 30, 2021 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item d) of this date be approved. *Carried*
10. That By-law 294 a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of Neepawa Middle School addition & stand-alone daycare and elevator addition at Neepawa Collegiate BE GIVEN FIRST READING. *Carried*
11. That Mae Brandson be employed as a spare bus driver. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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