

Beautiful Plains School Division

Regular Board Meeting

March 3, 2020

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

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

Regrets: Chairperson R. Manns

BPTA: Allen Hanke (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Student Suspensions
 - b) Planning for the Future
 - c) Staffing Update
2. Secretary Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Non-Teaching Wage Scales
 - b) Building update
3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:51 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of January 2020 were approved.
4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting
 - a) Policy C.C.C. - Role and Duties of the Assistant Superintendent was approved.
 - b) Policy C.C.A. – Role and Duties of the Superintendent was reviewed.
5. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Karissa Kirkup was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective April 27, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and assigned to Carberry Collegiate.
 - b) The within division choice of school request from Terry Didur and Stephanie Ellis for their daughter Alexandria Didur to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School instead of J.M.Young School effective September 9, 2020 was approved.
 - c) 2019/20 Substitute Teachers: Anne Schuster
 - d) Request for financial contribution from NAC TV was considered and a donation of \$200.⁰⁰ was approved.

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) The January 31st, 2020 financial reports were approved.
- b) 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 read a second and third time and finally passed, signed and sealed.
- c) 2020/21 budget expenditures of \$22,292,241.⁰⁰ were approved. This is an increase of 6.7% or \$1,393,230.⁰⁰ compared to the 2019/20 budget. The budget includes the addition of 9.2 teachers due to growth and 2.0 educational assistant for known needs, & .75 Custodian for increased building space. The Special Requirement directive issued by the Province has been met. The 2020 Special Levy amount is set at \$9,504,462 and a mill rate of 11.26.
- d) The non-teaching employee pay schedule and the maintenance and transportation supervisor pay schedules were approved effective July 1, 2020. Bill 28 outlines a wage freeze for two years, a 0.75% increase in year 3 and 1.0% increase in year 4. Non-teaching staff are in year 4 of the sustainability period which allows for a wage increase of up to 1.0%.
- e) The request from Hazel M Kellington School to build an outdoor classroom on the school grounds was approved in accordance with policy J.M.A.
- f) By-law No 295 a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of Neepawa Middle School addition & stand alone daycare was given first reading.

7. Other Reports

- a) MSBA Memo re Important Updates – Feb 18, 2020 - Questions for the Minister of Education were reviewed and approved for submission.
- b) School Bus Safety Task Force Report 2020 – The task force assembled in January 2019 confirms school buses in Canada are the safest way to transport students to and from school. Recommendations to improve safety were focused on supporting the driver with driving tasks and safety measures to deter illegally passing motorists. Advantages and disadvantages of seatbelts on buses were provided.
- c) Public Budget Meetings held on Monday February 24 at Carberry Collegiate and Wednesday February 26 at Neepawa Middle School presented the 2020-21 proposed budget and provided information regarding the K-12 Education Review and the 15% reduction in overall management directive.
- d) MSBA Convention 2020 Programs – Revised program was reviewed.

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Winnipeg Free Press article – Province rejects portable plea from Pembina Trails was reviewed.
- b) Winnipeg Free Press article – “Teachers’ work satisfaction slipping, poll says” was circulated.

- c) EF Tours – Corona Virus - EF Tours has provided three options for trips planned to high risk areas. Reroute and proceed, opt out and get a voucher for future travel or Board of Trustees cancel the trip for a full refund to students. EF will allow decisions up to 3 days before departure.

9. Secretary-Treasurer’s Information and Correspondence

- a) Bus service changes Town of Carberry - Continuing to work with the Town of Carberry to understand timelines for changes.
- b) Neepawa Banner Letter “Education funding ‘increase’ a lesson in investment” was reviewed.

10. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Land Acknowledgement Sign - Discussed preferences for type of sign.
- c) Educate for Action – Students from the Student Advisory Committee attended the Education for Action Conference.
- d) Hand hygiene in schools was discussed.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as amended. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That the January 31, 2020 expenditures be approved for a total of \$1,717,869.05

Accounts Payable Cheques:
#37364 - #37586; #37588 - #37612 \$908,725.83

Payroll Direct Deposits: #70560 - #71078 \$ 809,143.22 *Carried*
- 4. That the following policy be approved as presented this date:
C.C.C.: Role and Duties of the Assistant Superintendent *Carried*
- 5. That the following policy be reviewed as presented this date:
C.C.A. Role and Duties of the Superintendent *Carried*
- 6. That Karissa Kirkup be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective April 27, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and assigned to Carberry Collegiate. *Carried*
- 7. That the within division choice of school request from Terry Didur and Stephanie Ellis for their daughter Alexandria Didur to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 9, 2020 be approved. *Carried*

8. That a financial contribution of \$200.⁰⁰ to NACTV to support their annual fundraising showcase be approved. *Carried*
9. That the January 31st, 2020 financial reports be approved. *Carried*
10. That 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 BE READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED. *Carried*
11. That the 2020 Special Levy for Beautiful Plains School Division be established at \$9,504,462.⁰⁰ or 11.26 Mills. *Carried*
12. That the 2020/21 Beautiful Plains School Division budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$22,292,241.⁰⁰ be approved. *Carried*
13. That the non-teaching employee pay schedule and the maintenance and transportation supervisor pay schedules be approved effective July 1, 2020. *Carried*
14. That the request from Hazel M Kellington School to build an outdoor classroom on the school grounds be approved in accordance with policy J.M.A. *Carried*
15. That By-law No. 295 a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of Neepawa Middle School addition & stand-alone daycare BE GIVEN FIRST READING. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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