

Beautiful Plains School Division

Regular Board Meeting

March 17, 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:

BPTA: H. Brister (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) 15% Administration Discussion
 - b) Online platform for board meetings
 - c) Round Table Discussion Summaries
 - d) Supporting Colony Challenges
 - e) Ad postings
 - f) Staff leave request
 - g) COVID-19

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:43 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the March 3, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Nicole Gabel was employed as a full time educational assistant effective April 6, 2020 and assigned to J.M. Young School.
 - b) The out of division school of choice request from Myles and Michelle Levandoski who reside in Turtle River School Division for their daughter, Natalie Lynne Levandoski to attend Kindergarten at J.M. Young School effective September 9, 2020 was approved. Transportation has been requested.
 - c) The request for leave without pay, from September 8, 2020 to June 30, 2021 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item e) of this date was approved.

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) 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 read a second and third time and finally passed, signed and sealed.
- b) The financial signing officers for the remainder of the year will be either Chairperson, Richard Manns or Trustee Garth Hunter along with the Secretary-Treasurer, Shannon Bayes or alternate, Norma Forsman.

5. New Business

- a) COVID-19-
Board has given Senior Administration the authority to make decisions as needed that may be outside the usual process in order to respond to the changing issues related to the COVID pandemic.

6. Committee Reports

- a) Workplace Safety and Health minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Two violent incidents reports were reported.

7. Other Reports

- a) MSBA Conference - Trustees provided reports regarding PD.

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) EF Tours – Covid-19 – The trip to Europe has been cancelled. EF confirmed that they accepted the letter and the cancellation. The board would like to revisit the school division involvement with these trips at a future meeting.
- b) Winnipeg Free Press article – “Goertzen ordered to transform education” was circulated. The mandate letter from Premier Pallister to Minister Goertzen focused on the importance of technology for online learning and providing the proper technology. The K-12 Education Review is scheduled to be released in the next week.
- c) Neepawa Banner and Press article – “BPSD unveil budget details” was circulated.
- d) Response letter – Sarah Whiteford to Board Chair - This was in response to the letter BPSD submitted to Premier Pallister, Minister Goertzen, Minister Fielding and Minister Clarke. The letter submitted outlined where BPSD was with respect to having lowest costs, being below the admin cap, being faced with inequities in funding while still being a growing division. As well it was noted that in the Frontier Report, Beautiful Plains was both the lowest percentage increase and lowest dollar increase. When there are any percentage reductions implemented across funding, the inequity gap widens.

9. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) Bus service changes Town of Carberry – Draft letter to families on next steps was approved for circulation.
- b) Elevator Project update - Work is continuing at a pace slower than schedule.

10. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Land Acknowledgement Sign - Work continues to confirm wording.
- c) Funeral service for Wendy Menzies will be a private service.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as amended. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the March 3, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That Nicole Gabel be employed as a full time educational assistant effective April 6, 2020 and assigned to J.M. Young School. *Carried*
- 4. That the out of division school of choice request from Myles and Michelle Levandoski who reside in Turtle River School Division for their daughter, Natalie Lynne Levandoski to attend Kindergarten at J.M. Young School effective September 9, 2020 be approved. *Carried*
- 5. That the request for leave without pay, from September 8, 2020 to June 30, 2021 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item e) of this date be approved. *Carried*
- 6. 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 READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED. *Carried*
- 7. That the financial signing officers for the remainder of the year be either Chairperson, Richard Manns or Trustee Garth Hunter along with the Secretary-Treasurer, Shannon Bayes or alternate, Norma Forsman. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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

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