

Beautiful Plains School Division

Regular Board Meeting

October 20, 2020

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

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

Regrets: L. Biehn, D. Major

BPTA: H. Brister (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Student Suspensions
 - b) Maternity Leave request
 - c) Maternity/Parental Leave request
 - d) Medically Accommodated Students
 - e) Staffing Update
 - f) Former Student
2. Secretary Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Financial Reporting
3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the September 15, 2020 Inaugural and Regular Board Meetings were approved as circulated.
3. Delegation
 - a) Candace Turchinski from Meyers Norris Penny LLP was in attendance and gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees and Senior Administrators. The Board of Trustees and Candace Turchinski moved into camera.

The board moved into camera at 7:34pm

J. Young, K. Reynolds, S. Bayes and H. Brister left the meeting

At 7:40, J. Young, K. Reynolds and S. Bayes returned

The board moved back to regular meeting at 7:51

H. Brister returned to the meeting

An unqualified, clear audit opinion was provided. It was noted that our net tangible assets are the largest amount in a long time due to the major project of building Neepawa Middle School. The surplus is up a bit in the year compared to prior year. This has been consistent in divisions across the province.

4. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of August 2020 were approved.

5. Superintendent's Business Report

- a) Amanda Roels was employed as a half-time educational assistant effective October 5, 2020 and assigned to J M Young School.
- b) Bailey Wiebe was employed as a full time educational assistant effective October 20, 2020 and assigned to J M Young School.
- c) Dana Ginter was employed as a half time permanent Speech Language Pathologist for the Division effective October 20, 2020.
- d) 2020/21 Substitute Teachers: Gary Sallows, Donna Christison, Ashlee Plett, Carmen Kostenchuk, Katherine Malfait, Perline Romero.
- e) Resignation from Nicole Gabel, Educational Assistant at J.M Young School was accepted effective September 29, 2020.
- f) The request for an extended maternity/parental leave from the original return date of April 5, 2021 to remain on leave until September 7, 2021 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was approved.
- g) The request for maternity/parental leave from January 4, 2021 to January 31, 2022 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date was approved.
- h) The out of division school of choice request from Marc and Tracy Dufault who reside in River East Transcona School Division for their son, Aiden Dufault to attend Grade 12 at Neepawa Collegiate effective September 8, 2020 was approved.
- i) The out of division school of choice request from Ted and Jodi Wood who reside in Rolling River School Division for their son, Briley Wood to attend Grade 12 at Neepawa Collegiate effective September 8, 2020 was approved.
- j) The out of division school of choice request from Brittany Strand who resides in Rolling River School Division for her daughter, Haleigh Brynn Tindall to attend Grade 1 at Hazel M Kellington School effective October 14, 2020 was approved.

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) The 2019/20 Financial Statements were reviewed and approved.
 - School instructional Carry forward
 - Accumulated surplus is 6.0%
 - Operating surplus \$1,224,446
 - Schedule of Capital Reserves
 - Special Purpose Funds
 - Administration Cap
 - Senior Staff Allocation – Last Page of financials
 - Notes to the Financial Statements
- b) School Funds for Neepawa Collegiate, Neepawa Middle School and Carberry Collegiate were received.
- c) The quotation from Maxim Trailer and Truck for replacement of two bus engines was accepted and the purchase treated as an over expenditure due to COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020-2021.
- d) By-law No. 298 a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of Carberry Collegiate gym roof replacement was read a second and third time and finally passed, signed and sealed.
- e) Carmen Jarvis was employed as a spare bus driver.

7. Other Reports

- a) MSBA – e-news September 23, 2020 was circulated. Climate Action Incentive Fund returns funds collected through the federal carbon tax to the jurisdiction from which they originated. The allocation for Beautiful Plains is \$76,900 for approved energy savings projects which include mostly lighting replacement.
- b) MSBA – e-news October 7, 2020 was circulated. The 2021 Annual Convention will be held virtually this year.
- c) MSBA Executive Highlights September 14, 2020 was circulated.
- d) MSBA Fall General and Regional meeting memo - These meeting will be held virtually on November 21st and November 23rd.
- e) MSBA School Board meeting and by-election provisions summary September 2020- The Current provisions to have trustees physically attend or to have senior administration in person for regular board meetings have been lifted. Regular board meetings also fall under the category of “services” and do not need to follow gathering size limits but need to follow physical distancing measures. This will allow virtual meetings if needed.

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Covid-19 update – Reviewed pandemic response system levels along with the changes for schools should the response level move to restricted (orange).

- b) Thank you letter from the Menzies family for Wendy's bench was circulated.
- c) Neepawa Banner and Press article – "New school year new challenges for 2020" – was circulated.
- d) Neepawa Banner and Press article – "Covid-19 exposure in Carberry" – was circulated.
- e) Speech from the Throne – was circulated. Education impacts announced were funding increase of \$1.6 billion over the next four years, 20 new schools and phase out taxation over the next four years.
- f) Proposed changes to Ontario Education Act – The Ontario government has proposed to broaden requirements for the Director of Education which is the role of Superintendent in Manitoba. Having a Director without an Education background can be seen as a shift away from a student centered approach.
- g) What we have learned this year so far – Things can change overnight, we need to adapt and be innovative, have a reliable infrastructure, and we have witnessed that our staff are the number one reason how we have been able to adapt. We have learned the importance of communication in challenging times and keeping trust levels high. Our gaps we are working at addressing are engaging students and aligning our school day the best way possible to serve students. We understand the importance of flexibility, communication and having a growth mindset. We truly appreciate all our staff, our families and the public through this pandemic.
- h) Colony Elders meeting - Senior Admin met with colony leaders to review the pandemic response system and public health expectations. Information presented was reviewed.
- i) International Travel – Discussion will take place when the full board is in attendance.
- j) "Dismantling Education Does Harm to Democracy" Article – Highlights how current discussions regarding education in Manitoba shows trends away from democracy.

Board motion to extend beyond 3 hours

9. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) Extra Curricular Trip History 2019 – 20 - Compared the trends over the last 10 years. Impacts on students and staff were discussed.
- b) Bus Operating Costs 2019-2020 were reviewed. Average kilometers traveled, repair costs and fuel efficiency were discussed.
- c) Property Tours – Potential options and timing to review school requests were discussed.
- d) News Release – Safe Schools Funding - The province has announced additional funding that school divisions can access for pandemic costs related to additional PPE, enhanced cleaning and sanitization, increased bus transportation costs and technology costs as well as staff replacement. The allocation to Beautiful Plains is \$314,670. Details on how to access these fund has not yet been shared with School Divisions at this point.

- e) Cyber Fraud attacks Westlake-Gladstone Article was circulated.

10. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Divisional Directory was circulated and updated with current trustee information. The final document will be distributed to trustees once available.
- c) Thumbs Up article was circulated.
- d) Liaison meeting date – BPTA topic of the challenges to getting subs. Tentative meeting dates for a liaison meeting were determined.

H. Brister left the meeting

Board motion to move into committee of the whole at 9:50 pm

Resolutions:

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| 1. | That the agenda be approved as amended. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 2. | That the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Inaugural Board Meeting be approved as circulated. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 3. | That the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 4. | That the Board move into committee of the whole. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 5. | That the Board move back into regular meeting. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 6. | That the August 31, 2020 expenditures be approved for a total of \$ 1,544,943.23 | |
| | Accounts Payable Cheques:
#38886 - #38888; #38910 - #39039;
#39044 - #39097 | \$ 866,672.71 |
| | Payroll Direct Deposits: #74136 - #74463 | \$ 678,270.52 |
| 7. | That Amanda Roels be employed as a half-time educational assistant effective October 5, 2020 and assigned to J M Young School. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 8. | That Bailey Wiebe be employed as a full time educational assistant effective October 20, 2020 and assigned to J M Young School. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 9. | That Dana Ginter be employed as a half time permanent Speech Language Pathologist for the division effective October 20, 2020. | <i>Carried</i> |

10. That the request for an extended maternity/parental leave from the original return date of April 5, 2021 to remain on leave until September 7, 2021 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Carried*
11. That the request for maternity/parental leave from January 4, 2021 to January 31, 2022 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date be approved. *Carried*
12. That the out of division school of choice request from Marc and Tracy Dufault who reside in River East Transcona School Division for their son, Aiden Dufault to attend Grade 12 at Neepawa Collegiate effective September 8, 2020 be approved. *Carried*
13. That the out of division school of choice request from Ted and Jodi Wood who reside in Rolling River School Division for their son, Briley Wood to attend Grade 12 at Neepawa Collegiate effective September 8, 2020 be approved. *Carried*
14. That the out of Division school of choice request from Brittany Strand who resides in Rolling River School Division for her daughter Haleigh Brynn Tindall to attend Grade 1 at Hazel M Kellington School Effective October 14, 2020 be approved. *Carried*
15. That the auditor reports from MNP LLP to the Board of Trustees and the 2019/20 Audited Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements be approved as presented. *Carried*
16. That the school funds report for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 for the following schools be received:
 - Neepawa Collegiate – Athletics
 - Neepawa Collegiate – General
 - Carberry Collegiate – General
 - Neepawa Middle School - General*Carried*
17. That the quotation from Maxim Trailer and Truck for replacement of two bus engines be accepted and this purchase be treated as an over expenditure due to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21. *Carried*
18. That By-law No. 298 a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the cost of Carberry Collegiate gym roof replacement BE READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED. *Carried*
19. That Carmen Jarvis be employed as a spare bus driver. *Carried*
20. That the regular meeting be extended beyond three hours. *Carried*
21. That the board move into committee of the whole. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

*Minutes are available on the Division Web Site at www.beautifulplainssd.ca
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