

Beautiful Plains School Division

Regular Board Meeting

January 21, 2020

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

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

Regrets: Vice Chairperson G. Hunter

BPTA: Patricia James (Regular meeting only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Maternity Leave request
 - b) Maternity Leave request
 - c) Planning for the Future
 - d) Staffing – Budget
 - e) Funding Contingency documentation
 - f) Employment Contracts
2. Secretary Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Budget 2020/2021
 - b) Transportation request
3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:37 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the December 17th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of November 2019 were approved.
4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

Policy J.P. – Social Media was approved.
Policy J.G.F. – Alcohol and Drug Possession or use was given a first reading.
Policy J.G.I. – Search and Seizure was given a first reading.
5. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) The request for maternity and parental leave as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report Item a) was approved.
 - b) The request for maternity and parental leave as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report Item b) was approved.

- c) Final approval was given to the Carberry Collegiate travel club for their trip to London, Paris, Florence and Rome at spring break on March 27 - April 5, 2020.
 - d) 2019/20 Substitute teachers: Justine Wilmot, Lindsay Marchant
 - e) Employment contracts were approved.
6. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report
- a) The November 2019 financial reports were approved.
 - b) The mileage rate for Division business was set at 44 cents per kilometer effective January 1, 2020.
 - c) The transportation request to provide bus service beyond policy for a student from the Neepawa catchment area to J.M. Young school was defeated.
7. Other Reports
- a) Brandon School Division – Region 1 Director Nomination was circulated.
 - b) Board/Principal Conference - Overall comments about the conference in general were very positive. The setting and format for ask the board, ask the principal worked well for a collaborative and productive conversation. One challenge faced with this format was a strong voice can sway the conversation. General comments for Data as a tool for Progress topic were to ensure data is collected and used in a meaningful way. Budgetary Restraints - Impacts We Face topic discussions demonstrated all are aware of the restraints we have and groups focused on supporting those managing budgets. Board Planning – Preparing for the Unknown topic provided insight on the work done by the board since 2016 on this topic. The topic of Extra-Curricular Trips - Balancing the Demands was a very lively conversation which included challenges faced by all stakeholders, inclusive approach, funding of trips and the resources required to make trips possible.
 - c) MSBA – e news January 15, 2020 was circulated.
 - d) MSBA - Executive Highlights January 6, 2020 were circulated.
8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence
- a) Neepawa Banner Articles regarding the new Neepawa Middle School were circulated.
 - b) CBC article – High degree of anxiety' as Manitoba's education system braces for major reforms was circulated.
 - c) Carberry News Express – Town Council minutes included change in bus service for town of Carberry students. Council understood Beautiful Plains School Division's decision but thought it may cause grief and frustration.
 - d) Open house invite for the Neepawa Middle School was circulated.

- e) Topics were discussed for the BPTA supper meeting scheduled for April 21, 2020. Potential topics will be considered at future meetings.

Motion to extend regular board meeting beyond three hours was approved.

9. Secretary-Treasurer’s Information and Correspondence

- a) Changes to bus service for Carberry students - There have been discussions with Town of Carberry, Manitoba Highways and Carberry RCMP Detachment regarding concerns from families affected by changes in bus services. The Board of Trustees along with representatives from each of the above will hold a public meeting for families to both ask questions and to get information regarding the changes.

10. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) A request for a guest reader from Twilight Colony School was circulated.

Resolutions:

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| 1. That the agenda be approved as amended. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 2. That the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 3. That the November 30, 2019 expenditures be approved for a total of \$2,185,924.44
Accounts Payable Cheques:
#36824; #36854 - #36857; #36872 - #37144;
#37148 - #37176 | \$1,289,592.88 |
| Payroll Direct Deposits: #69319 - #69905 | \$ 896,331.56 |
| 4. That the following policy be approved as presented this date:
- J.P.: Social Media | <i>Carried</i> |
| 5. That the request for maternity/parental leave from April 24, 2020 to May 3, 2021, as outlined in the Superintendent’s Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 6. That the request for maternity/parental leave from March 28, 2020 to April 4, 2021, as outlined in the Superintendent’s Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 7. That the overnight/out of country student trip request from Carberry Collegiate, namely the Travel Club trip to London, Paris, Florence and Rome at Spring Break from March 27 – April 5, 2020 be given final approval. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 8. That the employee contracts including existing addendums reviewed in the Superintendent’s Confidential Report item f) of this date be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |
| 9. That the November 30 th , 2019 financial reports be approved. | <i>Carried</i> |

10. That the rate per kilometer for use of a private vehicle for division work be set at 44¢ per kilometer effective January 1, 2020. *Carried*
11. That the transportation request from Dana Menzies to provide bus service beyond policy E.A. to transport her daughter Novalee Manzies from the Neepawa catchment area to J.M. Young school effective September 9, 2020 be approved. *Defeated*
12. That the regular meeting be extended beyond three hours. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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